

G M & O Rails to Trails Recreational District of North Mississippi
% Three Rivers Planning and Development District
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Tanglefoot Trail[®] Golf Cart/Electric Cart Permit Application

(Please Print) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County _____ State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

The above-named party, (hereinafter referred to as "APPLICANT"), who makes application to the G M & O RAILS-TO-TRAILS RECREATIONAL DISTRICT of NORTH MS, (hereinafter called "DISTRICT"), for a special use permit for the operation of a golf cart/electric cart on the Tanglefoot Trail[®], a recreational facility of the DISTRICT. The applicant requests permission to operate a golf cart/electric cart in consideration of a permit being granted to the applicant for such special use, and does hereby agree to operate said golf cart/electric cart defined herein below and with the full understanding of the terms, general conditions, special conditions, and penalties thereof as follows:

I. Definition

An eligible golf cart/electric cart shall be defined as, “An open, battery-powered vehicle with four (4) wheels, none of which shall have a diameter of more than twenty (20) inches when the tire thereon is fully inflated, of an overall width of no more than forty-eight (48) inches and which is designed strictly for recreational purposes and not for industrial or work purposes.”

II. Terms

- a. The DISTRICT does not purport to grant to said applicant any right, title, or claim in, along, or on the Tanglefoot Trail operated by the DISTRICT.
- b. It is agreed and understood that this permit is issued on a **calendar year basis (January 1-December 31)** and that this permit may be renewed annually, for an additional 12 months/1 year with the purchase of an annual decal addition to be made a part of the permit decal displayed on the permitted golf cart/electric cart.
- c. The applicant hereby expressly agrees for himself, his heirs, assigns, or successors that upon demand of the DISTRICT, the applicant will without delay discontinue the use of the golf cart/electric cart permitted herein on the Tanglefoot Trail. It is distinctly understood that any further operation of the golf cart/electric cart shall be with the approval of the DISTRICT.
- d. It is agreed and understood that this permit is null and void if the golf cart/electric cart is modified in design to exceed the definition provided herein.
- e. A copy of this permit along with a permit decal to be prominently placed and displayed on the golf/electric cart shall be kept with the golf cart/electric cart at all times. The decal must be visible at all times during the operation of the golf cart/electric cart on the Tanglefoot Trail.
- f. Any permit issued by the DISTRICT for the use of a golf cart/electric cart shall be subject to the general conditions, special conditions, and violation penalties set forth herein.

III. General Conditions

- a. The applicant hereby agrees that a copy of the general rules and regulations of the Tanglefoot Trail has been received and further that the applicant fully understands the penalties provided for by state law for any violation of the general rules and regulations, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

IV. Special Conditions

- a. The applicant hereby agrees that the golf cart/electric cart permitted herein will be operated by the applicant or by others and in full compliance with the special rules and regulations for use of a golf cart/electric cart on the Tanglefoot Trail, detailed below.
- b. The applicant hereby agrees that the permitted golf cart/electric cart shall be in good working order and shall be maintained in a reasonable state of repair and appearance at all times.

V. Violation Penalties

- a. The Trail Manager for the Tanglefoot Trail and law enforcement officers shall have full authority to implement and carry out the terms, general conditions, and special conditions of the approved permit to include the penalties provided herein for violation of the definitions, terms, general conditions, and special conditions of this permit.
- b. The Trail Manager and law enforcement officers shall have the discretion to issue a written warning for the first violation of any part of this permit.
- c. The Trail Manager for the Tanglefoot Trail and law enforcement officers shall have the full authority to terminate this permit following the second offense for violation of any part of this permit.
- d. The applicant hereby understands and agrees that a replacement permit shall not be issued for a period of time of more than the remaining life of the permit, or six (6) months, whichever is greater.

VI. Grievance Procedures

- a. The applicant hereby agrees that should the permit application not be approved for any reason, a written grievance may be made to the Board of Directors of the G M & O Rails-to-Trails Recreational District of North MS describing fully and in detail the grievance and further agrees to comply with the board’s ruling.
- b. The applicant hereby agrees that should the applicant disagree with a violation decision made by the Trail Manager of the Tanglefoot Trail, a grievance may be made in writing to the Board of Directors of the G M & O Rails-to-Trails Recreational District of North MS describing fully and in detail the grievance and further agrees to comply with the Board’s ruling.

VII. GM&O Rails to Trails District Rules & Regulations Acknowledgement

By signing and dating in the space provided below, I hereby acknowledge as owner of the golf cart associated with this golf cart permit application that I have received, read and agree to abide by the GM&O Rails to Trails District Rules & Regulations enclosed with this application.

Golf Cart/Electric Cart

Wheel Size: (Fully Inflated) inches: _____ Cart Width (overall) Feet-Inches: _____

Length (overall) Feet-Inches _____ Make/Manufacturer _____

Model (if any) _____ Serial NO. _____

Other distinguishing features

Permit Applied for (date) _____ Annual fee (\$5.00) paid (date) _____

Applicant’s Name (Please Print)

Applicant’s Signature

Official Use Only Below This Line

PERMIT APPROVED/DISAPPROVED

Permit Renewal Date(s) _____

Trail Manager _____

Date _____

Variances approved (if any)

Permit No. Assigned _____

Date Installed _____

Date of first offense _____

Date of second offense and permit termination _____

Special Rules & Regulations For Use Of a Golf Cart/Electric Cart

1. Cart must be open and battery powered only.
2. Cart must possess a special use permit approved by the District's Trail Manager and a current permit decal must be prominently displayed on the cart, which may be purchased for an annual fee to be established by the District.
3. Cart operations must possess a valid state driver's license and must be accompanied by a person of or be 25 years of age or older, except for physically and visibly handicapped individuals who must demonstrate his/her ability to safely operate the permitted cart, in lieu of a license.
4. Permitted carts shall also comply with the general rules and regulations of the G M & O Rails to Trails Recreational District of North Mississippi and any and all posted signs, regulations, or warnings.
5. The permitted cart will be operated in a mature and safe manner at all times and in compliance with any and all posted regulations and at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour.
6. The permitted cart will be operated with full respect of other users and will operate at all times on the right side of the Trail except when passing, and shall not pass other users who are being assisted by a mechanical devise (i.e., bicycles, roller blades, wheelchairs, maintenance vehicles, etc.) unless invited to do so.
7. The permitted car shall yield the right of way to all other users of the Trail who are assisted by mechanical devices (i.e., bicycles, roller blades, wheelchairs, maintenance vehicles, etc.) approaching from either the front or rear, by pulling to the right, off the asphalt surface where reasonably possible, and at least 150 feet in advance, and coming to a complete stop.
8. Any violation of the general rules and regulations or these special rules and regulations for use of golf/electric carts on the Tanglefoot Trail shall be punishable as provided by state law.

Exhibit "A"

GM&O RAILS TO TRAILS DISTRICT – RULES & REGULATIONS

Effective August 12, 2021

- Unless otherwise posted, the Trail and other District property shall open daily thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise and close thirty (30) minutes after sunset each day.
- Entrance to the Trail is authorized only at public roads, whistlestops and other points of entrance designated by the District. Trail users shall not leave District property and access private property along the Trail without the consent of the private property owner.
- Parking facilities are provided at whistlestops and other points of entrance designated by the District. Parking facilities shall be designated by appropriate signage posted by the District.
- Trail users shall obey all Federal, State and Local laws and trail signage.
- Trail users shall not access streams, ponds or lakes along or beneath the Trail for any purpose.
- No person under 12 years of age shall be allowed on District property unless accompanied by an adult.
- Petroleum-propelled vehicles (cars, trucks, ATV's, motorcycles, etc.) are not permitted on the Trail except those emergency, maintenance and patrol vehicles authorized by the District.
- Electric "golf-type" carts are permitted on the Trail only after application & receipt of a "special-use permit & decal" issued annually by the Trail Administrator.
- Class 1 and Class 2 Electric Bikes (E-Bikes) are permitted on the Trail only after application & receipt of a "special-use permit and identification tag" issued annually by the Trail Administrator. (With some exceptions for District approved group events.)
- Class 3 Electric Bikes are prohibited.
- No dog(s) shall be allowed on District property unless confined by a leash and accompanied by the owner. Waste deposited by dog(s) on District property shall be immediately removed by the owner of the dog(s).
- Horses or equestrian riders shall not be allowed on District property.
- Camping on District property is prohibited.

- Fires are prohibited on District property.
- Pedestrians should keep to the left side of the Trail. Cyclists must keep right except when passing.
- No person shall dispose of litter on District property except in waste containers provided by the District.
- Vandalism of any building, structure, plant, sign or other District property is prohibited.
- Moving, removing or re-arranging of any District sign, marker or other District property is prohibited.
- Disturbing vegetation and the handling or feeding of wildlife on/along the Trail or other District property is prohibited.
- No glass containers shall be permitted on District property.
- Explosives or fireworks shall be prohibited on District property.
- Possession of firearms on District property is controlled by state and local law. Please consult appropriate law enforcement if you have questions.
- Shooting a firearm on, over, across or down the Trail or other District property is prohibited.
- Hunting or fishing is prohibited on or from District property.
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on District property is prohibited.
- Disorderly conduct, including but not limited to abusive language, intoxication, disturbance of other persons and breach of peace, are prohibited on District property.
- Any and all Trail advertising, exhibitions, solicitations and contributions are prohibited except by special permit authorized and issued by the District.
- Violations of these Rules & Regulations shall be punishable as provided by state law. Individuals guilty of multiple violations of these Rules & Regulations may be banned from use or access of the Trail or other District property.