



POLICY ON E-BIKES*

The Cycle Touring Association of Western Australia (CTAWA) welcomes e-bike riders to join us on our rides.

Limitations

CTAWA conducts rides and tours over varying distances, for durations from a few hours to several weeks and over various types of terrain. Some of these rides and tours will be unsuitable for using an e-bike. For this reason entry will first require the e-bike rider to obtain the permission of the ride or tour leader.

It is unlikely permission can be given on rides of more than half a day's duration. The reasons for this are:

- Most people these days possess mobile phones or GPS devices and lights which all require recharging at the end of each day's ride. Access to power points are at a premium on tour and in some circumstances cannot meet the demand
- Should an e-bike breakdown at an isolated location the CTAWA may not have the means to transport the e-bike

Steps to take

- Ensure your bike is in sound working order and conforms to the Road Traffic Act and regulations
- Ensure the bike's battery is fully charged
- Contact the ride leader or tour leader at least a day before the ride to establish that the ride is suitable for an e-bike
- Check that the battery will have sufficient power for the full duration of the ride as well as your return journey home
- The ride leader or tour leader may query your experience/ competency on your e-bike. Please respect the ride leader's decision on bringing your e-bike on a particular ride

***Definition:** An electric bicycle also known as an e-bike is a bicycle with an integrated electric motor which can be used for propulsion (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_bicycle). Under the Road Traffic Code and Regulations e-bikes are variously termed as a power assisted pedal cycle, electric personal transporter (EPT), pedelec, or electrically power assisted cycles (EPAC).