

Peachtree City Path & Golf Cart Rules

This brochure contains a synopsis of the rules for paths and golf carts in Peachtree City. Other laws apply (Georgia Code Title 40; Peachtree City Code, Chapters 70 and 78). Other jurisdictions (including Fayette County and Tyrone) have different rules. Cart owners and operators should be familiar with all laws governing motor vehicles.

Allowed on the paths?

YES!

Only the following may use Peachtree City paths:

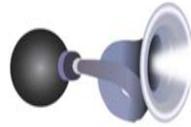
- Pedestrians
- Non-motorized vehicles
- Roller skates, roller blades & skateboards (daylight only)
- Registered golf carts (cannot exceed 20 mph)
- Registered LSMVs in mode restricting vehicle speed to 20 mph or less (An LSMV is a four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is between 20 mph and 25 mph and complies with federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles).
- Emergency and authorized maintenance vehicles
- Bicycles (traditional and electric)
- Wheelchairs (conventional and electric)
- Electric vehicles designed to carry one person at a 20 mph or less, except as prohibited below.
- Registered electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs, like Segways).

NO!

- Automobiles or trucks (except authorized maintenance and emergency vehicles)
- Motorcycles, motorized street/trail bikes, mini-bikes, or mopeds
- Horses
- Go-carts
- Unregistered golf carts, LSMVs, or EPAMDs
- Electric or gasoline powered scooters
- Motorized play vehicles (any motorized vehicle that is **not** a golf cart, LSMV, EPAMD, electric bicycle, or motorized wheelchair).
- Any vehicle **designed or modified** by anyone to exceed 20 mph (except as permitted above).

Rules for all Path Users

- **No racing** of any form, except for special events approved by the city.
- No blocking public access, except for special events approved by the city.
- **No loitering** on bridges or in underpasses.
- Normal rules of the road apply to the paths. When approaching oncoming path users, each user shall move to his right side of the path, passing on the left side of the path. **Pedestrians may walk on the left.**
- **Pedestrians should be given right of way** by all other path users.
- An **audible warning** is required from cart drivers and cyclists when approaching pedestrians from behind.
- Trash must be put in designated receptacles or held for disposal later. Fines double for littering on the paths.
- **Helmets REQUIRED for cyclists 16 years of age and under.**



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REQUIRED!**

Golf Cart Rules

- **Cart Registration Required** - All carts must be registered with Peachtree City within 10 days of purchase (change in address/contact information required within 60 days of move).
- **No one may sit in the driver's lap** while cart is in motion.
- **No standing** while cart is in motion or hanging on to cart in motion.
- **Keep hands and feet inside cart while the cart is in motion** – serious injuries can occur.
- **HORN** or other **audible signal REQUIRED** when approaching pedestrians from behind.
- Paths must be used instead of parallel city streets (excluding private golf course paths). No carts on or across Hwy 54, Hwy 74, Peachtree Pkwy, or Crosstown Rd except via bridges, tunnels, authorized crossings. There is only one authorized State Hwy Crossing for carts – at Steinmart in the traffic lane (not the crosswalk).
- Carts driven at night must be equipped with functional headlights and tail lights.
- All laws and ordinances that apply to traffic on roadways, including **distracted driving/hands free** requirements, **open container laws**, and **driving under the influence** (DUI), also apply to the paths and will be strictly enforced.

Golf Carts may ONLY be driven by:

- Those 16 or older, with or without driver's license (unless license has been suspended or revoked)
- 15-years-olds with a valid learners permit (unless suspended or revoked) **in their possession**. If unaccompanied by a parent, grandparent, or person 18 or older, they may drive accompanied by one other person at least 15 years old, or may be accompanied by up to 3 immediate family members.
- 15-years-olds with NO learner's permit must be accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or a person age 18 or older with a valid driver's license.
- Those 12, 13 & 14 years old must be accompanied **in front seat** by a parent, grandparent, or guardian.
- **No one under 12 years old may drive a cart.**

Golf Cart Safety: *Golf carts are not toys. Golf cart collisions with cyclists or pedestrians can be deadly. **Golf carts DO NOT have the right-of-way on paths, on roads, or in crosswalks.** Cart operators should use caution at all times. **No texting (or cell phone use) while driving.** **STOP** before crossing roadways or driveways. **YIELD** to motor vehicles on roadway. **SLOW DOWN** when approaching other path users, curves, and intersections. **Keep hands, feet, and body parts INSIDE the cart** while moving. **ALWAYS provide an audible signal** (bell, horn, etc.) when approaching pedestrians from behind to alert them to your presence.*

Safely Charge Electric Carts

When charging, only use a GFI receptacle or surge protection, never an extension cord. Overheated cart batteries emit harmful gasses and even explode – charge cart outside or in a well-ventilated area. *Read & follow manufacturer's charging instructions.*

Motorized Play Vehicles

- Prohibited on all public property (streets, sidewalks, parks, parking lots, paths, etc.).
- Permitted on private residential property with property owner's permission. HOAs may regulate on common property. NOTE: Cannot cause excessive or offensive noise, disturb the peace, or cause annoyance.
- Permitted on private commercial/ industrial property if inaccessible to normal pedestrian or vehicle traffic (warehouse, fenced parking lot with locked gate, etc.), with written permission of the owner/agent.

LSMV Rules

- All LSMVs must be registered with the Fayette County Tag Office.
- All LSMVs must be insured per state law.
- Only those with a valid driver's license may operate an LSMV.
- To operate on the paths, an LSMV must have a setting limiting speed to under 20 mph and operate in that mode at all times on the paths.
- No LSMVs on streets with a speed limit over 35 mph. Except as prohibited above, LSMVs may cross streets with a limit greater than 35 mph.
- State Seatbelt Laws apply to LSMVs.

EPAMD Rules

- Only those with a valid driver's license or 18+ may operate EPAMDs on City paths.
- Registration/decal required (like golf cart)
- EPAMDs must have reflectors and, if used at night, a headlight.
- EPAMDs may not be operated at a speed greater than 7 mph on any path or sidewalk, or 15 mph on any other city right-of-way.
- EPAMDs cannot be operated with more than a single user at any time.

Pets & Paths

- Pets must be ON LEASH on Peachtree City paths
- Make sure pets on extendable leashes do not block the path for other users. If walking a pet on a cart, put pet on the right side of cart.
- Clean up after pets. Do not let pets go into private yards adjacent to paths.
- Pet owners can be held legally and civilly liable for any injuries caused by their pet.

Golf Cart Insurance

Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover golf carts off the homeowner's property. This can be a significant liability to golf cart owners involved in accidents. Golf cart insurance is inexpensive and offered by local insurance companies. Golf cart owners can be held both civilly and criminally liable for damages or injuries caused by their carts and should immediately obtain liability insurance.

Violations

- Base fines (before court fees and state charges) for *cart owners* who allow underage drivers are: \$250 for the 1st offense, \$500 for the 2nd offense, and \$1,000 plus loss of cart registration for the 3rd offense.
- All other violations subject to fines up to \$1,000 or 180 days in jail per violation.
- Violations including reckless driving, underage operation, and dangerous situations should be reported immediately by dialing 911. The non-emergency number for the Police Department is 770-487-8866 (Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM).
- Violations on a golf cart can affect a teen's ability to obtain a driver's license.
- Persons with no driver's license convicted of a DUI on a golf cart will be prohibited from operating a golf cart.

If you see a violation of ordinance or law, call 911 for emergencies or 770-461-HELP for non-emergencies to have a Police Officer dispatched to the location.

Try to obtain the cart decal number whenever possible.

Numbered yellow location markers are affixed to many paths in Peachtree City. The four-digit number indicates the PATH. The number after the decimal indicates distance (1/10 mile). These markers can help emergency response locate callers.

**100 miles of paths
10,000 golf carts**

**Do YOU
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