

Peachtree City

Path Rules

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 play vehicle* means an electric scooter, electric skateboard, electric unicycle or other device that is self-propelled by an electric motor with a maximum speed of up to 20 miles per hour designed to carry one person at a time, equipped with one or two wheels.
- Registered electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs, like Segways).



NO!

- Motorized play vehicles (any motorized vehicle that is **not** listed above.)
- 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
- Gasoline powered scooters
- 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 should be given right of way** by all other path users.
- Trash must be put in designated receptacles or held for disposal later. Fines double for littering on the paths.
- **Helmets REQUIRED for ALL OPERATORS of electric play vehicles, regardless of age.**
- **An audible warning is required from all path users when approaching pedestrians from behind.**

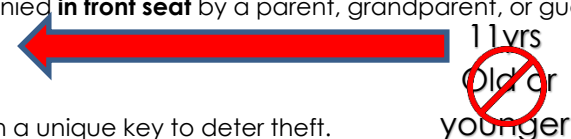
Golf Cart Rules



- **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. (This includes children)**
- **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- A driver **cannot** have a **phone in their hand or use any part of their body** to support their phone, while driving.

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 Tips

- It is highly encouraged to re-key your cart with a unique key to deter theft.
- If cart is left unsecured outside overnight or extended periods, then consider chaining the frame to a fixed point or utilize a steering wheel locking device.
- Insurance coverage, while not currently required, on carts is highly recommended as serious injury collisions do occur with golf carts and carts are targeted for theft.
- Take photos of your cart and its serial number for ease in future identification if it is reported stolen or needed later for an insurance claim.

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 no longer than 6 feet on 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**

IMPORTANT

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. 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
Pedestrians,
Cyclists, Pets and
10,000 golf carts...**

**Do YOU
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