

Mokelumne Trails ADA Access Designations

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In an effort to provide clear information for mobility impaired trail users and to comply with the Department of Justice regulation, ...28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services; Final Rules, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has completed an access assessment of its trails in the Mokelumne area for mobility devices, such as wheelchairs and Other Power-driven Mobility Devices (OPMDs) used by individuals covered under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

EBMUD is committed to safe access, and is providing information and ADA trail ratings so that trail users with disabilities who may rely on a variety of mobility devices have a better understanding of what to expect on different sections of its Sierra trails. To support safe, recognizable access options, the following rating system has been put into place.

ADA Access Rating System

- △ **ADA-1**...Allows all wheelchairs and OPMDs not greater than 65 inches in width.
- △ **ADA-2**...Allows all wheelchairs and OPMDs not greater than 30 inches in width.
- △ **ADA-3**...Allows all wheelchairs and OPMDs not greater than 30 inches in width; however, recommends against access for all wheelchairs and OPMDs due to obstacles including steps, water crossings, steep slopes, etc.
- △ **ADA-4**...Prohibits access for all OPMDs and recommends against the use of any wheeled mobility-aid device.

Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail (MCCT) ADA Access Ratings (west to east)

Western Terminus of the Trail to Camanche South Shore Staging Area (2.4 miles)

0.0-2.4 miles:

ADA-2...The trail winds through oak woodlands and grasslands with gentle grades and cross slopes. There are motorcycle barriers at the road crossing.

Camanche South Shore Staging Area to Campo Seco Staging Area (12.4 miles)

0.0-12.0 miles:

ADA-2...The trail winds through oak woodlands and grasslands with steep sections/cross slopes and narrow trail. Please note: The Lancha Plana Viaduct segment that branches off of and parallels the main trail at the 7.4-8.1 mile markers (along the Mokelumne Canyon, below Pardee Dam) is rated **ADA-4** due to access limitations, trail configuration, and edge exposure.

12.0-12.4 miles (below Vista Dos Lagos):

ADA-1...Once the trail leaves the ridge and oak woodlands, the terrain is open, gentle trail through grasslands.

Campo Seco Staging Area to Rich Gulch Trail Access Point (15 miles)

0.0-3.3 miles (to Lawry Flat Corrals):

ADA-1...This section is comprised primarily of all-weather gravel roads with mild to moderate slope.

3.3-10.4 miles:

ADA-3...This section is characterized by severe, steep trail with extensive steps. It also passes through a band of serpentine soil with potential for naturally occurring asbestos dust.

10.4-10.8 miles (to Gunsight Rock):

ADA-2...The trail narrows, with steeper grades and cross slopes.

10.8-11.0 miles:

ADA-2...There is a physical barrier (32" wide restriction) at trail head. This wide and open trail, with gentle grades and cross slopes, concludes at an overlook with a bench and an ADA chemical toilet.

Rich Gulch to Middle Bar Trail Access Points (2.3 miles)

0.0-2.3 miles:

ADA-2...Steep cross slopes with less severe trail grade changes. Physical barrier at Rich Gulch access gate may restrict unassisted wheelchair access.

Auxiliary Trails ADA Access Ratings

China Gulch Staging Area to trail end (5.1 miles)

ADA-1...The primary trail follows a fire road with moderate slopes.

China Gulch optional loop (3 miles)

ADA-2...This narrow gauge loop is more restrictive than the primary trail.

Trout Pond (at Camanche South Shore Recreation Area)

ADA-2...This short trail provides fishing access around the Trout Pond.

Mokelumne River Day Use Area (MRDUA)

ADA-1...The trail system in the day use area is a combination of gently sloped, open, gravel and paved trails.

Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve (CHHP)

ADA-1...The trail system in the preserve is a combination of gently sloped open gravel and paved trails.

Pardee Recreation Area Shoreline Trails

ADA-2...The trail provides fishing access along the shoreline.

ADA-3...This segment, from Woodpile Gulch parking lot to the trail, has prohibitively steep grades.

Note: This ADA trail access summary is subject to change. Trail users are encouraged to check back for future updates.