



Thomaston Dam: 2023 Trail Bike Information

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The Thomaston Dam is a federal flood risk management dam constructed, maintained, and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 1975 the Corps designated a trail bike area on the west side of the Naugatuck River, north of the dam, permitting 2-wheeled trail bikes.

- The Trail Bike Area season runs **May 1st-Oct 14th**, conditions permitting.
- Be aware that periodic closures can occur. **Check the trail status before each visit!** Call (860) 283-5540, or look for us on FB @Facebook.com/ThomastonDam
- Vehicle parking is limited to 30 vehicles at a time.
- Daily Trail hours are: **Gates open: 8:00am - Gates closed: 6:30pm.** (hours subject to change)
- All CT state laws apply. **The State of CT requires registration of trail bikes.** Refer to CT DMV for registration info. Out-of-state all-terrain registrations honored: CT, NY, VT, FL, & PA. Street registered trail bikes from any state are permitted.
- Registration plates must be displayed & attached to the bike. Please have paperwork ready for inspection.
- All bikes in the vehicle/trailer must be registered, or the entire vehicle will be turned away.
- Three & four wheeled vehicles are not permitted.
- Bikes must be equipped with a legal muffler & spark arrester.
- Please observe one way direction of travel on trails and in the parking lot. Northbound on trails west of the main paved/gravel road, and southbound on trails east of the main paved/gravel road.
- Please stay on marked trails ONLY. DO NOT ride off trail through the Woods, Wetlands or Wildlife Management Areas. Please do not ride in areas that are taped/fenced off, or otherwise marked as closed.
- Title 36 CFR regulations are strictly enforced. Title 36 brochures are located at the top of the dam and at the Project Office.
- Follow posted speed limit of 20 MPH on main paved/dirt road, & be courteous of other riders & the public.
- Parking is available at the trailhead. Riders are encouraged to park in lower parking lots.
- The paved road on top of dam is a public roadway for street legal and licensed motor vehicles only.
- Protective gear including an approved helmet, eye protection, gloves, boots, long sleeved shirt/jacket, & over the ankle boots are highly recommended. "Doubles" riding is not permitted, one person per bike at a time.
- Trail repairs and maintenance are performed by Park Rangers and volunteers.
- Trail bike usage is highest on weekends.
- Dial 911 in the case of an emergency. Please call the office, or contact a Park Ranger, for other comments and concerns.
- Camping is not permitted onsite, however, Black Rock State Park in Watertown, CT offers camping.
- Most importantly, enjoy your experience and ride safely!

Helpful Links/Phone Numbers

- CT Department of Motor Vehicles: <http://www.ct.gov/dmv> phone: [1-800-842-8222](tel:1-800-842-8222) Outside of CT: [860-263-5700](tel:860-263-5700)
<http://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=810&q=285500> for all terrain off highway motorcycles.
- Pathfinders Motorcycle Club: <http://www.pathfindersmc.org>
- Thomaston Police Department: phone: [860-283-4343](tel:860-283-4343)
- Black Rock State Park (camping): <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2716&Q=325034> phone: [860-283-8088](tel:860-283-8088)

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