

**Heckrodt Wetland Reserve  
OPDMD Policies**

In order to accommodate the Revised Final Title II Regulation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (*42 U.S. C. 12131*), related to Other Power-driven Mobility Devices (OPMD), Heckrodt Wetland Reserve (HWR) has developed the following policies effective March 15, 2011. (Note: HWR has two wheelchairs available for visitors to borrow at no cost during regular operating hours.)

- Prior to accessing HWR’s trail system with any OPDMD, the user must contact the Reserve Executive Director or designated staff to identify their need and obtain a copy of HWR’s OPDMD policies.
- Refer to HWR Trail Map for Emergency Location Numbers (ELN).
- Consult with Reserve Executive Director or designated staff to determine when education programs or turtle nesting/hatching restrict OPDMD access to trails.
- Consult with Reserve Executive Director or designated staff for winter access to determine safety limitations currently in effect.

**Boardwalk Trail Systems**

These trails include the following sections:

Orange Trail	The entire trail
Blue Trail	From the trailhead to ELN 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
Green Trail	From ELN 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18

**OPDMD Policies on Boardwalk Trails**

1. An OPDMD shall be no wider than 36” to permit safe passage of oncoming foot traffic.
2. OPDMD + passenger weight shall not exceed 750 pounds
3. An OPMD shall observe a five (5) miles per hour speed limit on all Reserve trails.
4. OPDMD’s shall be used only on trails – no off trail usage permitted.
5. OPDMD’s shall not be used on the orange, blue, and designated of the green trail when programs are in progress.
6. OPDMD’s shall not be used on trails during turtle nesting and hatching season. Nesting typically occurs in June and hatching occurs in May and September, but Reserve Naturalists will determine if turtles are nesting.

**Gravel Trails**

These trails include the following sections:

Blue Trail	From the trailhead to ELN 1,2,7
Green Trail	From the trailhead to ELN 21, 20, 18, 19, and the service road
Red Trail	All sections of the Red Trail

**OPDMD Policies on Gravel Trails**

1. An OPDMD shall be no wider than 48" to permit safe passage of oncoming foot traffic.
2. An OPMD shall observe a five (5) miles per hour speed limit on all Reserve trails.
3. OPDMD's shall be used only on trails – no off trail usage permitted.
4. OPDMD's are not permitted on The World Beneath Your Feet children's play area.
5. OPDMD's shall not be used on the gravel trails when large-group programs are in progress.
6. OPDMD's shall not be used on trails during turtle nesting and hatching season. Nesting typically occurs in June and hatching occurs in May and September, but Reserve Naturalists will determine if turtles are nesting.

**Winter Policies**

1. Snowmobiles are not permitted on boardwalk trails or on the pedestrian bridge leading to the red trail.
2. For safety reasons, OPDMD's may not be used when edges of the boardwalk are not evident due to snow accumulation or when the trails are covered with crusted ice.
3. Snowmobiles as OPDMD's may be used on gravel trails that have been cleared.