



Policy on Trackchair Outings without Volunteers

Note: Trackchair users need to be cleared yearly to go on outings without a volunteer

A trained volunteer will join the Trackchair user's first outing to help ensure a safe experience. After the Trackchairs user's first outing, both the Trackchair user and the volunteer will fill out the following evaluation forms. The answers will inform Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's (PPC) staff decision as to whether a Trackchair user can go on future outings without a volunteer. It is at the discretion of PPC staff. PPC staff will keep record of who has been "cleared." Trackchair users are still required to bring a friend, family member, or support partner who can join for the entire length of the outing.

The Trackchair user must demonstrate proficiency with the Trackchair controls during and/or after the outing. The Trackchair user, accompanying volunteer, and, when applicable, a support partner (e.g., for users under 18, individuals over 18 who require decision-making support, or support partners who are operating the attendant control) must complete evaluation forms assessing the competence of the Trackchair user and/or support partner. A follow-up discussion with PPC staff will be held with all parties to determine if the user is cleared for future outings without a volunteer. A Trackchair user/support partner where applicable may be required to demonstrate to a PPC staff member their competence in operating the Trackchair and their understanding of required safety procedures.

When a Trackchair user participates without a volunteer, they must be accompanied by a support partner and, when applicable, a legal guardian or authorized decision-maker. The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC) will provide a backpack containing a first aid kit, water, and contact information for PPC staff and City of Pittsburgh Park Rangers.

QUESTIONS FOR TRACKCHAIR USER AND/OR SUPPORT PARTNER

1. Did you feel confident in control of the joystick when starting, stopping, and turning?

Yes No Somewhat

2. Were you aware of your surroundings (such as other visitors, dogs, terrain, or obstacles), and did you adjust your speed or direction as needed to navigate safely?

Yes No Somewhat

3. Did you use the seat tilt control correctly when ascending (tilting forward) or descending (tilting backward) when going up/down an incline?

Yes No Somewhat

4. Did you use a "zig zag" pattern on inclines to maintain stability?

Yes No Somewhat

5. Did the volunteer give you direction and/or verbal guidance on how to safely use the Trackchair?

Yes No Somewhat

6. Were you able to follow the designated trail?

Yes No Somewhat

QUESTIONS FOR TRACKCHAIR VOLUNTEERS

1. Did the user demonstrate control of the joystick when starting, stopping, and turning?

Yes No Somewhat

2. Was the user aware of their surroundings (i.e. other people, dogs, obstacles), and adjust their speed and/or direction appropriately?

Yes No Somewhat

3. Did the user correctly use the seat tilt control when ascending (tilting forward) or descending (tilting backward) when going up/down an incline?

Yes No Somewhat

4. Did the user use a “zig zag” pattern on steep inclines to maintain stability?

Yes No Somewhat

5. Did the user follow directions and/or verbal guidance?

Yes No Somewhat

6. Did the user stay on the designated trail?

Yes No Somewhat