

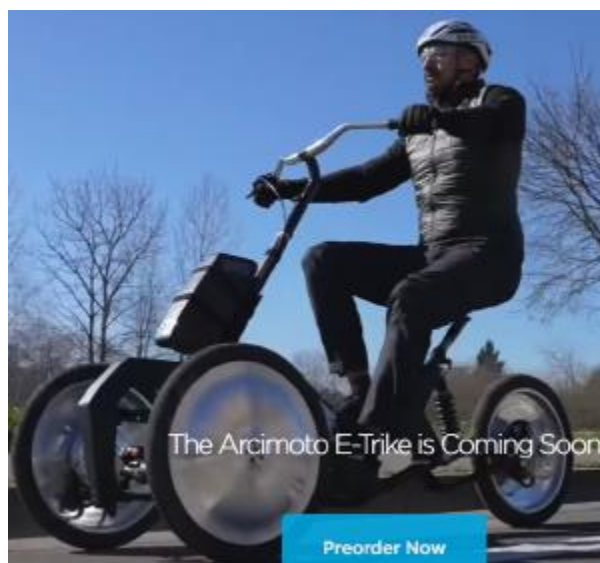
Anywhere Electric Tricycle for Seniors Review

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I used to ride an electric bike until I had to stop because of balance problems while mounting and dismounting. I used to hike the many forested trails in southwest Virginia, but had to quit most of it because of leg pains. After a knee replacement and much physical therapy to recover knee flexion, I got a stationary bicycle to help keep the knee flexion high. Yes, I am old, an octogenarian.

Recently, I decided I needed to quit “biking in the bedroom” and get an electric tricycle (etrike) to ride on the beautiful and long local [Huckleberry Trail](#) in the lovely town of Blacksburg, the massive campus of Virginia Tech and out into the New River Valley of Virginia.

In my rummaging around the Internet, I got very interested in the [Mean Lean Machine Etrike of Arcimoto](#), mainly because of the leaning mechanism in turns. I put in a refundable preorder of \$100, although I expect it will be priced higher than I will want to pay.



Then my eye was caught by many obvious desirable features in a picture of the [Anywhere-Bikes Rugged-Edition Fat-Tire Electric Tricycle](#):

- Back rest on the seat.
- Step-through for easy mounting and dismounting.
- 4” wide “Fat” tires for easier travel on different terrains.
- Sturdy baskets front and back.



Anywhere Bikes has some [excellent accessories](#), including an [all-weather trike cover](#).

Accessories I ordered with the trike:

- Helmet
- Mirror
- Cup holder
- Smartphone holder
- All-weather zippered storage for the front and back baskets



Specifications

This led to more detailed study that revealed more features:

- Reasonable price
- 5-speed pedal assist and thumb-throttle modes
- “Walk mode”: 3.7-mph
- 749-kWh lithium battery
- 500-watts 48-volts motor
- 3-wheel discs & parking brakes
- Front and rear LED lights
- Multifunction LCD screen (power usage, battery capacity, speed, pedal assist, odometer, trip time & distance, maximum speed)
- Bell to warn hikers of etrike approach
- 3 fenders, wheel reflectors
- Range with pedal assist: summer > 40-miles; winter > 25-miles
- Range with motor only: < 20-miles
- 14.5 mph maximum level speed
- 83-lbs weight
- 2 baskets, 44-lbs weight limit each
- 400-lbs maximum weight
- Rear tires widest point 31.5”; length 67”
- 120-volts (2 Amps) smart charger for 6-8 hours empty to full charging
- 24-months warranty on frame, lithium battery, motor, charger and controller

Anywhere Bikes (AB) has some interesting shipping options:

- Mostly assembled in large box, except for front tire with motor, handlebar, front basket, front LED light, pedals and seat.
- Free shipping to residence.
- \$95 to ship to a local bike shop for assembly completion.
- \$150 for shipping and assembly completion by an Anywhere technician, if one is available locally.

I arranged with a local excellent bike shop, [East Coasters Bike Shop](#), to have the etrike shipped there for assembly completion at \$150 assembly cost. My etrike arrived on 13 July 2022, a week after I ordered it. The box conveniently included several accessories I had ordered from AB, which East Coasters installed. The support service with AB was excellent; they answered several of my questions before I ordered the etrike and East Coasters did an excellent job finishing the assembly of the etrike and charged it so I could ride 5-miles home.

AB has another smaller and less expensive etrike, the 50-lbs [Breezy Edition-Electric Adult Tricycle](#), which may be better for some seniors than the Rugged Edition etrike.

References

- http://roperld.com/science/Anywhere_etrrike.pdf contains much more information about my purchase and continuing experience riding the Anywhere Rugged Edition etrike.
- [Anywhere Etrikes for seniors.](#)
- [Step-Through Etrikes for seniors.](#)
- [Anywhere Etrike Rugged Edition Assembly Manual; Assembly Video.](#)
- [Anywhere Etrike Rugged Edition Owner’s Manual.](#)
- support@anywherebikes.com

Riding Experiences

1. Before my etrike arrived, I met an etrike owner across town from me. He kindly asked me if I would like to try out his [Addmotor Semi-Recumbent etrike](#) in preparation for getting mine; it is more difficult to mount and dismount than a step-through etrike. I drove it around his neighborhood. We agreed to ride together in the future on the 15.5-miles [Huckleberry Trail](#) in Blacksburg and Christiansburg.
2. My first careful ride was from the bike shop to our house, about 5 miles, mostly on the [Huckleberry Trail](#) and our subdivision trail. I used the motor for propulsion, instead of pedaling with pedal assist.
3. My second ride was driving around our subdivision for about 2 miles, learning how to use pedal assist.
4. My third ride was to [Warm Hearth Village](#), an excellent beautiful geriatric village, where many of my friends live, about 8 miles round trip on the Huckleberry Trail.

Some future planned rides

1. [Heritage Community Park and Natural Area](#): 8 miles round trip to the park with many additional trails in the park
2. [Blacksburg Public Library](#): 7.5 miles round trip
3. [Blacksburg Recreation and Aquatic Center](#): 9.5 miles round trip
4. [Christiansburg Recreation Center and Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#): 16.5 miles round trip

Conclusion

Electric tricycles (etrikes) with fat tires are safe and healthy ways for seniors to exercise while enjoying the countryside. A senior has to have reasonably healthy legs to handle an etrike as heavy (83-lbs) as the Anywhere Rugged Edition etrike described in this document. The 50-lbs [Anywhere Breezy Edition-Electric Adult Tricycle](#) may be better for some seniors.

If the etrike is never going to be on unpaved surfaces, slim tires would be fine, but be sure it has step-through for easy mounting and dismounting.

Excellent features of the Anywhere etrikes are excellent design, sturdy construction and quick consumer support.

I am pleased to add riding the Anywhere Rugged Edition etrike to my 2018 Tesla Model 3 Long Range BEV, to increase my capability for more efficient electric mobility. Now I ride the etrike to the grocery store one mile away and to locations a few miles away, instead of driving the Tesla, when the weather allows.

Here are some good sources of information about other etrikes:

- [Best Adult Electric Tricycles for Seniors Reviews 2022](#)

