

Mountain Trike

Mountain Trike have designed some of the best all-terrain wheelchairs around. We focus on two of their products: the MT evo and new for this year, the MT push.



Mountain Trike MT evo

The MT evo is a new product from Mountain Trike, a company renowned for design and manufacture of high spec all-terrain wheelchairs. The most obvious starting point is to say that unlike conventional wheelchairs of any sort, Mountain Trike wheelchairs only have three wheels (strictly speaking they have two anti-tip wheels at the front as well). This means better handling and manoeuvrability over rough or uneven surfaces where conventional four wheeled wheelchairs might struggle.

The MT evo is specifically designed with riders with limited hand function in mind. Just like the original Mountain Trike it's still self-propelled but with a few adjustments to the functionality.

The essential difference is that with the direct steering system you can steer and drive the evo with one hand; simply pivoting to go either left or right. What might surprise you is just how much control you have and really how light such a chunky looking wheelchair is to handle. A simple pivoting handle operates the disc brakes by moving your arm inwards; the system requires no finger function to operate.

On a flat surface it really does seem to tip-toe and it's only when you take it over gravel, grass or other more challenging surfaces that it digs in and starts to chew its way over the terrain. It's this kind of versatility that makes it an excellent choice for leisure activities over hill and dale or just a ride to the corner shop.

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Price: **£4,550**

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Mountain Trike MT push

The MT push is great for disabled people that want to get out into the fresh air but that don't have the strength or dexterity to self propel. The MT push effectively means that their world doesn't need to shrink since it offers many of the advantages of the original Mountain Trike but with a push handle instead of a self propulsion mechanism. As you'd expect, given that the frame and wheels of the push are identical, it'll tackle the same variety of terrain with the same ease as the original.

At first glance the MT push looks stout and heavy but again the air suspension helps enormously over any terrain you're likely to face such as woodland trails, wet grass, sand or even snow. Far from being clumsy, it takes just a light touch to smoothly steer around (or more likely over) obstacles as your whim takes you and the hydraulic brakes are easy to use and provide real confidence. It's comfortable for both the person pushing and of course, the user sat in it.

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