



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:18 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please, please, do not raise the rates to visit the outdoors. My family is scraping along as it is. We will be isolated from nature too?
Strongly DISAPPROVE.



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Just wondering if residents of Oregon will still get a discount. So far, we have stayed in 20 campgrounds and some more that once. Please take this into consideration for any increases.



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As a veteran, I enjoy the benefit of a free pass for use in National Parks. Why not have the state of Oregon do the same for veterans?



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Public comment:

I am in favor of increased fees if it results in better upkeep of our state parks. Please consider a more tiered approach to RV fees that consider the size and use of the vehicle. I have a small van camper with minimal electric use but am charged at the same rate as a large RV with full electrical and water hookups. Thank you. Sally Painter



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While I see the need for a park cost increase but there should be two exceptions to that increase.

The first one should be that anyone over 65 and on social security who has an income less than \$40,000 a year, (\$80,000 for couples) should be able to get a free park pass for a year by simply going online and asking for one. These people have worked their whole lives and need the ability to enjoy nature in their few remaining years. Those over 75 should be eligible if they make less than \$50,000 single, \$100,000 joint.

The second one is that anyone who has low income status and is disabled and NOT able to work BY MEDICAL LETTER should stay at the current rates. (We have neighbors who can work but choose not to because they can make more on assistance and those people should be disqualified from this). Also, people who are disabled should be eligible to keep the current rates.



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To Whom it May Concern,

Just

briefly, I recognize the cost of maintaining parks. It is not easy or cheap; however, as we continue to increase these fees for the public to use them, we make them less and less accessible to those who would most benefit from their use. Parks are a place for those who don't have the space to gather and celebrate. It's a lake on a hot day for those who don't have pools. It a local adventure for those who aren't able to book extravagant vacations. Parks are owned by the public- so why do we continue to make the public pay more to maintain their parks. We already pay taxes for that... Again, I recognize park maintenance is not easy or cheap- but with current inflation costs and power rate increases to say the least- is this really the right time to increase another thing?

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings, Emily



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Public comment:

Hello,

I am writing to encourage you to keep day use and annual fee passes as affordable as possible. While the rate hasn't changed since 2009, visitorship to Oregon State Parks appears to have increased based on my observation as a frequent visitor. Increasing the fees dramatically simply prices the poor out of visiting our state's wonderful natural resources. I am thinking \$7 for a day use pass and \$35 for an annual, maybe \$53 for a two year pass would provide you with increased revenue and not dramatically cut visitors. Enforcing Day Use entry fees would probably raise more money, I see many cars without an annual pass displayed drive by the fee booth at both Champoeg and Willamette Mission state parks.



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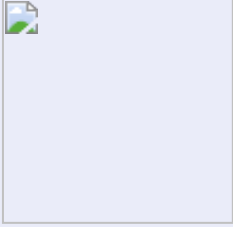
Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

We camp every couple of months at the wonderful parks on the coast and yes, they are a bargain. I understand you must staff them but there are volunteers that get to stay in their own rvs that do a lot of work.

I think an increase of 15% would be more appropriate to keep camping more affordable. We need to encourage people to come to our wonderful state; I appreciate that Oregonians could get a discount but keep it affordable for everyone. The deluxe yurts give you a wonderful stay but charging as much as a hotel? Its hard to get a reservation now for them.

I work as a park host in Eagle Point and encourage people to use the state parks as much as possible. I wish you could print the booklets again.I keep mine and check off where we have stayed!



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We have visited Montana twice. The first time we rented a car there. The second time, in 2017, we drove our own car from Oregon. On that first trip we were able to enter a state park with no charge and we had a very pleasant experience. On the next trip we stopped at the same park but were told there was a \$5 entrance fee. When we asked what the difference was we were told the out-of-state plates on our car triggered the fee.

I have no grand illusion that Oregon would allow Oregonians free access to our parks but why not charge out-of-staters a surcharge to park just like is done with the RV camping fees? It would take some of the sting out of entering parking lots and seeing so many out-of-state cars filling the prime spots.



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am writing in opposition to raising the rates for parking at Oregon Parks. As an Oregonian, born here, raised here, I feel enough is enough. Outdoor recreation has always been a way of life in Oregon. Even those without means are able to participate. For us, even \$30.00 for a yearly pass can be a lot, especially if we are only able to visit the parks a few months a year when the weather is nice. For our adult kids and grandkids, \$7-15 for a day pass would mean they wouldn't be able to go. They have already had to cut out so much just to survive here. Has anyone ever considered a lower priced parking pass for Oregon residents. Let the tourists who can afford to come from all over pay the higher amount. Changing the rates based on when it's busier is also a nightmare of work for everyone, and let's be honest, since Oregon does not have the nicest weather, it is busier when it's warm enough to go, so basically you would just be raising the rates. Oregon outdoor recreation shouldn't cost based on some computer algorithm telling you to charge more because there are more people using it. It's not supposed to be for profit, it's supposed to be for the good of Oregon families. We already have to pay for day-use parking, overnight camping fees, hunting fees, fishing fees, hiking and trail use fees, boating fees and this past year, a fee to use a paddle board on our river. If we want to camp, hike and go on our paddle board, it's like 4 different fees. It's too much. You are making it too difficult for those who just want to be in nature. The city of Bend just added a \$20.00 "transportation fee" to our monthly water bill. What does transportation have to do with our water usage? Nothing. Fees are just added and raised everywhere just because you can. All of our necessities such as food, housing, gas, insurance and utilities have all skyrocketed. Some of ours have doubled this year. There seems to be no end in sight. There are so many people who cannot afford to go to the movies, the theater, a concert or a fair. Their kids can't do soccer or take ballet lessons or they can't afford to rent an instrument or even go to the pumpkin patch...but they can still visit the ocean, take a hike in the mountains or visit the waterfalls. Please do not make it more difficult for people to have decent lives in Oregon. Please vote no on changing the fees and the structure at this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments,



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Public comment:

I'm opposed to the proposed Oregon State Park day use and camping fee increases. They will further limit access to the park for those of limited income. I suggest finding other means to cover increasing costs.

Increasing use fees is counter to the mission of public spaces being accessible to and usable by visitors from all walks of life. Instead find methods to generate additional Revenue that come from persons and businesses of high income and profit levels. This country already taxes and penalizes the poor, and struggling businesses, at a disproportional rate, and it protects and subsidizes the rich, and big businesses, which is not aligned with the progressive interests and public-centric values of Oregonians.



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Public comment:

No the rates should not go up. The parks aren't maintained enough. Half the time the sewer and bathrooms are out of order. People who go between parks pay almost as much as rent per month, and only get to stay a week at a time or limited to so many days a year. The honest people who pay get screwed out of a spot they reserve sometimes also.



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

If
the state triples the parking fee at state parks, there will be fewer
people visiting the parks because low income people will stay home.

If
you raise the fee to seven dollars, the state will probably still have
the same amount of visitors. Thus it makes sense to only raise the
entrance parking fee to two dollars. Our state parks should be open to
everyone just not those who can afford to pay.

I
grew up in Oregon. All the parks in Oregon use to be free!!!! I'd
like to know why the state could afford to pay for parks back in the old
days, but
not now. What is the reason for this huge increase? The public deserves to know!

It
seems to me, the tax revenue from population increase has far outpaced
the new purchase of park land. Please let the public know why our
government land which belongs to all of us is being run like a big
business'



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am strongly opposed to any parking fees or parking fee increases for using our parks. Make no mistake, they are our parks and we have always paid our taxes to maintain our parks. The fact that you are seeking increases means either our parks budget is being mismanaged or the state leadership has misaligned priorities. As a 5th generation Oregonian I am angry that I have to pay a fee to use a park that belongs to me. Get your priorities straight and turn this around by rescinding all parking fees!



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am 200% against your proposal to increase rates of any type for government operated parks and related services as your budget should allow for maintaining and expanding these services without increasing rates to the public.

Especially in these hard economic times when people count on going to parks to, reduce stress levels, and increase in rates just pushes away the people most in need of stress reduction as they have the least amount of income and ability to pay extra to access such facilities.

As a third generation, Oregonian, I used to really enjoy being able to go to both county and state parks to hike, fish, swim, and camp with no fees. I have been doing these activities since the early 50s and due to increase in government regulations, I have curtail my activities in this regard in the last 10 years.

As an example, since the early 50s, we fished on the Metolius river, upstream from Billy Chinook Lake, which had a 3 mile trail that was created and used by Native Americans long before the white man arrived. We accessed this from Camp Sherman by driving north to bridge 99 and then down a 10 mile unimproved road that was kept open for fire Control access purposes as well as recreational access to the public. Some environmental group got the idea that this road was being torn up by four-wheel-drive vehicles, and managed to convince the powers to be to close this area. Other than to walking, bicycles, and horse access which totally destroyed our ability to use it , as at the time, my father was in his 80s and not use any of these methods and our only resource was to drive down that old road which in our perception look the same as it had when we first started going down there in the mid 50s. Numerous calls and letters to , senators, congressman and other representatives, we never received any response regarding our desire to have this access reopened to the public.

Introduction of fee systems to campgrounds

has further restricted our access and bowing us to utilize the multiple state and government plans in Oregon.

The Oregon

State government has wasted tremendous amounts of financial resources since the 1960s to implement policies and procedures that have not added value to the public. An example of this is continuing to rewrite the fishing and hunting regulations annually. I have been unsuccessful in asking how many staff are involved in this process but I'm sure it is, an amazing number, and if the rules were properly written, there's no reason why they would not stay in place for at least five years to keep this large population of state workers employed.

The

state of Oregon has become so woke in their approach that my wife and I who are both third generation Oregonians sold our property and moved to Idaho where things are better.

Please stop

Californicating Oregon with your policies, procedures, fees and taxes that only create more bureaucracy and add no value to the public you are sworn to serve.

Jim Green



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

good day,
after hearing about the proposed rate increases for the day use areas and cabin & yurts
i must tell you that for my wife and i it will change our habits,
we
frequently stay at cabins and yurts and if the rates go up we will just
stay in a hotel instead. for the rate change of day use areas we will
just stop somewhere else.
paul metzsch



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Why only charge out of state visitors for some fees and not the other fees you charge?

I visit parks to camp and they're not full.

Out if state fees are Freakn high. But that's one way to drive the visitors away. They're the ones that make camping affordable for Oregon state residents by the extra fees paid.

Lower the rates



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Public comment:

When state residents are subsidizing state parks through taxes, then they should pay less than those from out of state. Oregon state parks are not funded by taxes. As such ALL users of the parks should be charged equally. The existing 25% tariff paid by out of state campers should also be eliminated.

Gary Loeb



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Public comment:

Up to now, I have chosen Oregon state parks because they are beautiful, clean, mostly dog friendly, and more affordable than other options, even after paying the extra 25% out of state fee. But how are seniors on social security supposed to keep up with these fee increases? And why do you not offer senior or off-season discounts? Do you truly believe that Oregon residents will make up the slack?

Also,
if Oregon parks are supposed to be self supporting, why the extra 25% fee in the first place? Residents haven't paid extra to support the parks, so why do they get what amounts to a discount? When I travel in Oregon, I also purchase in Oregon, contributing to the overall economy. So please stop fueling the bias against non residents!! Not everyone who travels is wealthy!!

I
definitely support some kind of penalty for people who "no-show" instead of canceling their reservation so someone else can use the spot. Since so many parks already use online booking, opening up sites because of a last minute cancelation makes it possible to go somewhere spontaneously, rather than always having to plan months in advance. Not everyone's life CAN be planned! Does that mean they shouldn't be able to enjoy your parks?



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I don't mind paying a bit more for camping since everything else is costing more but please don't go more then a few dollars or I won't be able to go on a vacation any longer. I take care of mentally challenged people and I really need a cheaper get away close to home. Thank you for listening.



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Public comment:

I recall that the last time Oregon raised rates on out of state campers the Washington State Parks did the same to Oregonians. This solution doesn't sound wise to me.



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I have seen in the newspaper the amount of the rate hikes that may occur for Oregonians and even though they will be applied gradually they seem drastic to me. Please cut back on frills. Free hotdogs on holidays, ranger talks, visitor centers trail construction, and maintenance rather than the basis essentials of camping. I would even propose no more \$\$ for future parks and campgrounds. Let private organizations do that.



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to comment on the proposed Oregon State Parks plan to increase fees at state parks. I am a senior citizen, 75 yo and love to camp in the cabins and yurts in the state parks. It's already a stretch financially for me to afford to visit the cabins and yurts. I do like them very much since I can no longer physically set up a tent campsite. I am on a very limited Social Security income so affordability is very important to me. I am worried that the new pricing will no longer allow me to stay in the Parks.

It would be great if you could offer a reduced fee for seniors, disabled & perhaps veterans as well. This would allow people like me to continue to enjoy the state park system. It would be a shame if only people who have higher incomes can enjoy the parks.

Thanks for taking my concerns into consideration.

Best Regards,



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Fee increases make it more likely that poorer native oregonians like myself will no longer get to enjoy one of the few leisure activities available to me.

Please reconsider.



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Public comment:

I think the proposed increases are very reasonable and appropriate.
Angela Kargel



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Having just spent 4 nights at Lapine State Park you might try filling the spaces up before you raise rates. We were at the park 4 nights and every night there were from 8 to 10 spaces open every night even though the sign at the entrance said Campground Full. We were on N loop and never went to see how many empty spaces were on the other loops.

I will say Oregon has the best State Parks we have ever been in but I see no need to raise rates until you fill those parks up.

We were there July 14 thru 17



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Public comment:

1. Make the pass required at many more parks resulting in more money and increased respect for more parks (even if not enforced.)
2. Charge much more to non-Oregon-residents.
3. Clarify if it would still be free to park outside and walk or bike in.
4. Thank you for letting Touvelle State Park honor Jackson County park passes.

Thank you for allowing our input and I hope you will promote and streamline more park volunteerism.



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello

my name is Lee Gosnell and I hope to be able to continue renting cabins and yurts. I work as both a Paraeducator and a Caregiver in Washington and I need mental health breaks that can include exercise and I've found that at Oregon State Parks where I've camped for 12 times in the last three years. I go by myself so security is important and I often remind my family that Champoeg and LL Stub state parks where I go most often are very safe with great camp hosts and rangers that are very polite to me. I personally prefer that the day use would increase and I've seen most Saturdays and nights weekends that cabins and yurts are booked full so I think maybe you already are making some revenue from cabins and yurts when the campground is full. Maybe the state parks with large campgrounds are already making you revenue and it's the day use parks that are costing the most to operate. Maybe a teacher school staff discount would be nice. Thank you for letting people like me have a voice and looking into weather it's the day use areas that are costing the most to operate and people who use those should pay more.



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It's too much! The parking fees alone, I feel it's very biased and prejudicial to those lower income families, wanting to enjoy 'outdoors Oregon as well'....

Just sad the amount of taxation as well, Oregon sadly is looking more like California.... unaffordable for everyone and you wonder why there's a lot of many homeless too.....



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello—

Thanks for your invitation to comment on increased parking and camping fees. I grew up in Oregon, in a working class family, and our primary recreation was at state parks and campgrounds, because they were accessible, affordable and beautiful. As grownups, my wife and I have also spent a lot of time with our kids and grandkids at our parks. We have appreciated all the care that the state has put into keeping our parks family-friendly. So, we believe we should pay our fair share in support. We want to request the following: offer an annual camping pass for state parks, that includes priority for reserving camping spots in advance. We would take that option, over staying up until midnight, six months before a desired date, to get a campsite! And we would pay handsomely! And out-of-staters would happily pay more as well.

Thanks so much,



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Public comment:

I'm getting weary of living in Oregon. The simplest pleasures here are enjoying the outdoors, and we're getting priced-out or permitted-out of these simple, used-to-be spontaneous pleasures. Now not only do we have to book MONTHS in advance, we have to pay more!!!

Rate

hikes for camp grounds on the table now, after having to put up with the USFS imposing trail permit requirements. Yet all the homeless live for free, cause fires, trash our natural resources and tax our first responders.

Here's my suggestion:

Please

impose these rate hikes on PEOPLE FROM OUT OF STATE. Those of us who are local, actually live here, and pay taxes here, should not be affected by these hikes. By all means, impose higher fees on out-of-staters but please, quit limiting access for people who LIVE AND WORK HERE. You're pricing us out of everything. Every time I turn around, I'm hearing about "access for all" when Parks and Forest Service are touting "inclusion" of races and economic levels.... yet here we are, looking at MORE rate hikes. PLEASE, feel free to raise rates for out-of-staters but QUIT talking about "inclusiveness" and "equity" out of one side of your mouths, and slamming us with increases out of the other. We're on a fixed income. It's getting extremely difficult to do anything but stay at home, if we can even continue to afford to have a home here.



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Why would you discourage people from out of state from visiting by increasing an additional 25%?
Greatest way to cut tourism and alienate people.

Susen Bryant



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Public comment:

I'm a concerned Oregonian voicing my opinion against increased pricing for Oregon parks usage for Oregonians.

While

I understand operating costs are not being met by current fees, it is frustrating to think that price structure increases (such as a \$129 nightly yurt fee and other proposed price hikes) will effectively cut or limit access to parks by our more economically challenged citizens. Camping has been one of the last vestiges of affordable recreation/travel for some. People need access to nature and affordable means of recreation for their holistic well being.

Thank you,
Nicole H.



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

I've been a resident of Oregon for 18 years. First out of necessity, but now by choice, I have lived in a conversion van for 5 of them. I am blessed to have a safe place to park as my residence, but I don't have a lot of disposable income.

Staying for a few nights at Cape Blanco or Sunset Bay State Parks is a little luxury, at the current rates. If you increase the rates as much as is being proposed, many lower income folks and families may have to forego even this opportunity to recreate in the great outdoors.

As things stand, many RV parks are excluding customers based on the age of their vehicles, making it more exclusive than ever. State Parks are still equal opportunity destinations, for which I am grateful.

Please keep these factors in mind as you make your decision.

Respectfully yours,

Sophi Fletcher
Canyonville, Oregon



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Public comment:

Yes there needs to be an increase but equal across the board. Not more for more popular. I would recommend \$7 for day across the board. And yearly is not a range. \$40 per year and \$70 for 2 yrs and 20% discount for seniors.

Why would there even be a range.

I object to any range

Now for out of state. If you go up that much people will think about going somewhere else.

Thank you

Susan Brewer

2 yr pass owner for years. Would reconsider since now on fixed income



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Proposed rules would make the following changes to day use parking permit rates:

Daily Motor Vehicle: Increase from \$5 to between \$7 and \$15.

12-month Permit: Increase from \$30 to between \$40 and \$60.

24-month Permit: Increase from \$50 to between \$60 and \$80.

Comment:

Visitor Parking Permits make no distinction between domestic and foreign visitors. For that reason there is no guarantee that citizens who pay taxes to support and maintain State and National Landmarks will have access. This makes no guarantee that the citizens or veterans (and their guests & families) who pay for the parks and landmarks will have any priority access to these resources. It's entirely possible that citizens or veterans (and their guests & families) may be excluded from the resources they pay for. Please advise what efforts are being made to address these issues and concerns.



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Public comment:

This should be voted on by the people. Because we all know that everyone is having a hard time paying bills, rent, electric, food, gas, we can't keep increasing the price of such things and I personally draw the line at tax-run state parks that already get money through taxes. We should not have to pay extra to enjoy what used to be a free experience as it should be, we live in a free country. I believe this government is always finding a way to suck more money out of the pockets of the people in whatever way possible. Now you're going to make camping and enjoying the parks we already pay for unaffordable in a time when everything is already too expensive. Please reconsider this proposal at a better time in the future. Oregon Families deserve to enjoy the outdoors without having to pay overly expensive prices for it. We already do our part. To whoever reads this please reconsider, We are all struggling to enjoy life as it is with how much the government takes and doesn't give to its people.



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I used to come to Oregon and Camp all the time but since you have raised the fees for out-of-state campers I refuse to come to the state I don't know what you have against out-of-state people we spend a lot of money just to get there. we're Americans just like you I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way you're losing a lot of Revenue and now you're talking about raising the price again. If I did come back I will stay at a private Campground



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

This seems to be a significant increase in price. How about adding "free" or reduced price for seniors on limited incomes?



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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

While no one, even me, likes the idea of fee increases, but these fees should be increased. Costs have been going up for your agency and no or little increase in state funding. Hopefully any increase of fees will go to the upkeep of the parks/camping sites. I do think the fees for out-of-state visitors should be double what Oregon residents pay. Although this will be easily avoided by the visitors having friends who are residents, make the payments of fees for the camping and cabins for them. Good luck.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:41 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Greetings,

.WE are opposed to the selective parking increases. We are living in troubled times and families need a way to escape the day to day even only if it is for a few hours. Families often have a hard time keeping up with expenses to live and to ask them to pay additional fees is troubling. Many times these families live within a few miles of some of the most used state parks and can not afford to drive hours away to enter a lower entry fee park, WE understand that OSP expenses have increased and at the same time the use of the parks have increased as well. The Oregon Lottery was supposed to help support the OSP system. WE feel that you should look closer at how those Lottery dollars are allocated and redistributed in support of OSP.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:42 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

The

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced Thursday that it is seeking public comment on a new proposal to increase parking fees, as well as camping fees. This is another shameless money grab. There is no mention of improved services for visitors. The OPRD have numerous issues to address before they ask for more money from the citizens.

These include: enforcing quiet hours, generator noise, and the reservation system which is poorly designed, open to abuse, not intuitive, and expensive.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:42 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To the OPRD,

This proposal to increase park fees from \$5-15 is outrageous. As a resident of Oregon for 40 years, we have enjoyed the beautiful travels and nature. What makes our space special is that it is accessible to all Oregon visitors and residents. This price will make the trails and beauty inaccessible to families and will hurt Oregon.

People move to Oregon to enjoy the beauty and our parks. If this change goes into effect, our public spaces will be reserved for the wealthy and affluent. We might as well make them private parks.

Budgets change and are challenging, but this is not the way forward. Go to the state and ask for budgeting to support our Oregon parks. If you can't make a case for increased support from our state, then your case must be very weak and money-focused.

If this goes into effect, you could sell off our parks to the private market, because that is what you will be doing with this increase. Making them inaccessible will not increase benefits or support.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:42 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I understand the need to increase camping rates at the State Parks. Life is costly these days. You guys do a great job with these campgrounds.

I am 73 on fixed income. Love to camp. You might consider lower rates for Seniors that are Residents of Oregon.

OUT of state campers should pay more. Sometimes it's costly to clean up after those that disrespect our State.

Thanks,

Ken

Aumsville



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:43 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am sorry to say that an increase in the RV camping fee to \$52 will mean Oregon State Parks are less competitive with other campgrounds such as county and privately owned. As an Oregonian I always look to my Oregon State campgrounds first when planning a getaway, but such a large increase will make me more likely to consider alternatives. All a large fee increase will do is discourage use, and will thus backfire and not deliver the expected revenue increase. A smaller increase would be understandable.

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:43 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

Yes, please. Increase the rates so services can be kept up. The price is too low right now.

Thank you,



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:45 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

strongly urge OR to reconsider parking permit increases. Many senior and low income residents enjoy the parks, and this increase with all the other inflationary increases will deprive many of us the opportunity to enjoy these facilities. This is too costly for us.

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:45 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I would like to submit a public comment regarding proposed rule changes that would result in day use permit rate increases.

Day use fees already exclude economically disadvantaged families from accessing Oregon's so called "public" state parks. Fee increases should target uses that demand extra attention for safety or maintenance reasons, such as when wealthy families have extra large toy trailers and massive trucks that block access points, use ATVs, jet skis, motor boats, etc. Increase fees charged for excessive noise, littering, not cleaning up after your dog, unattended camp fires, and obnoxious behavior instead.

All Oregonians should be able to enjoy Oregon's State Parks. Unfortunately poor kids aren't welcome in many parks most of the time, and it appears that it will become even more difficult for many Oregon families to afford access.

Thank you for accepting my comment.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:45 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Good morning,

I have a few notes I'd like to make regarding the fee increase. I am fine with that, I understand that costs are going up. No issues. Here is what I have an issue with. Getting into the parks to camp. Can this increase be used to increase park sizes - more spots, and develop new parks? It's defeating to get up and try to reserve, and find zero spots.

And, getting the new spots and new parks fast -tracked, so it does not take 15 years to get a new park.

Raise fees higher for out of state campers. It would help if the folks paying for the parks, got priority for the spots. Secondly, give Oregon residents 6 months, and out of staters 3 months.

The parks will still be full, whether it's Oregonians or other. If the ability to get into parks does not change soon, I won't be staying at State Parks anymore, and there are a number of other folks who feel the same.

Thank you for your time,
Mark Roberts
Albany, OR



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:45 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Katie,

Oregon is a beautiful state and our state parks are top notch so I understand why people from out of state want to come visit us and spend time in our parks and campgrounds.

Something

I would like to draw your attention to is the reservation process. For several years I tried to make reservation at several State Park campgrounds 4, 5, even 6 months in advance only to find "NO SITES AVAILABLE".

Some

out of state friends informed me of a process that guarantees a site at my favorite campsite no matter what month or week it is. But, this process makes it difficult for others that are looking for advanced reservations throughout the summer.

Our

friends said they make reservations for every week during the busy summer months, usually 2 weeks each month in their name and the other 2 weeks of the month in a traveling companion's name (May thru September). If they decide not to go they cancel their reservations and lose an \$8 cancellation fee. Small price to pay to have a guaranteed camping spot for the space of their choice.

Its

actually a pretty smart idea but it clogs up the reservation process for people that can only make reservation on a shorter notice (a few weeks or a couple of months) .

We actually tried this process one year and it worked really well except we had to cancel 4 weeks at a loss of \$32

I

would like to see cancelation fees raised. Perhaps the first cancellation raised to \$10 the 2nd, 3rd, etc. be raised to \$15. I dont know, perhaps that wouldnt solve any thing. Maybe requiring the RV license plate number and limiting the license plate holder to 2 weeks reservation per month, or a combination of both ideas.

I know something needs to be done to help Oregonians be able to stay in the states campgrounds and not be in such competition with out of states that feel a \$32 cancellation fee is a small price to pay.

Thank you
Mike Wallenburn
Grants Pass, Or.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:46 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I want the OPRD to operate as it is currently but not in any way to make a profit or store up reserves. IF the \$33 camp site plus its \$8 registration fee (or is it \$10) is approved such a site with the registration fee will cost \$61 or possibly \$63. That is more than I have paid at many private campgrounds this current year. I suspect you are raising \$\$ for future conditions and parks. Please reduce your plans to what is necessary now. Let future generations pay for future parks.



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

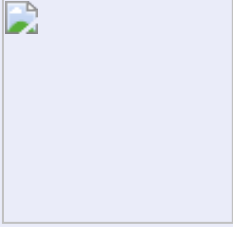
Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:46 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I understand there are budget needs, but increasing rates effects the ability of those without a lot of money to get out and camp. I have adequate income now but in some years past, I did not and if camping costs significant amount of money for a sight, I would not camp. Perhaps we should be paying more taxes to have things like this available to all.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:46 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello

The proposed increase for campsites is excessive, especially for residents, please consider a smaller bite as camping is the last affordable family recreation option left these days. I understand the increase in utilities etc. but this proposal goes way too far. Do better.

Dan Bonfield

Eugene Ore.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:46 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

I would like to see an annual expense and revenue breakdown for a year of state park fees and costs. Without seeing that it would be difficult to comment on your proposed fee increase request.

I enjoy camping in Oregon State Parks and other places and states.

Oregon charges a fair amount for camping. But I don't believe the increase you propose is justified.

I hope my request for your yearly income and expenses are forthcoming.

Then I and others can make an informed decision on this matter.

Without

the cost and income amounts there is no possible way for the public to decide on this matter. Please post the information on your website for all to see and then informed

Campers will reply with your request.

Thank You



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:47 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I can appreciate and understand the frustration with camping regulations with empty campsites. I really do believe that COVID-19 has shifted how people are choosing to interact with the outdoors and if privileged to do so, plan accordingly. Although it's amazing how more people appreciate the outdoors, I don't think the respect follows. It's really important to allow low income, families/individuals and traveling individuals/families access to campgrounds and nature. If you increase the prices that then limits the demographic of individual that get to share the experience of being in the wild. The now required six months prior reservation to get into most campgrounds only allows those individuals who can plan accordingly to their work schedule. I would suggest an automated online confirm confirmation the week(s) prior to a reservation to be implemented. There could be a automated online confirmation the week of two weeks before that then would have a fee attached if they don't confirm, allowing those of us who need , lower prices and schedule ahead of time to enjoy the outdoors with our families. Whilst also allowing campgrounds to not be empty.

I appreciate all that you do. Thank you for your time.

"Be the change you want to see in the world" Gandhi



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:47 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

I have no problem with the proposed rate increases. Our state parks are a treasure, and justifiably popular.

So popular that it is difficult to nab a reservation for more than one night in the summer, particularly on the coast.

I would like to see a seven day limit during the summer months, to allow more campers the opportunity to enjoy our state parks.

Let's

face it - RV camping exploded during Covid, and many of us baby boomers no longer enjoy tent camping. A seven day limit would allow more of us to locate a camp site.

Regards,



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:47 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

My name is Donavin McNabb,

I would like to weigh in on the camping charges, I can not speak for the whole of the state however where I live in Linn county I would like to see Quartzville be a charge to camp area.

This area has been free to camp for as long as I can remember, my wife and I use to enjoy going here on a Saturday to fly fish and be away from people, now it's homeless people in RVs that come leave piles of garbage, disturb nature, and they stay in one spot for months at a time. We are no longer able to enjoy a Saturday get away because people take advantage of the free camping and take these spots for the entire summer.

Please, consider getting rid of the free camping in this area and put a higher emphasis on enforcing the camping rules it is painful to see these places being ruined for everyone by people living there and trashing the place, even the local sheriff's who patrol this area have agreed the free camping has ruined the area.



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:49 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Not really a question about a specific park but please forward this comment to the specific department office. I just completed a survey about a fee increase at the parks for camping. I understand that fees need to be raised. The elephant in the room here is the \$8 reservation fee, for every single time that we make a reservation. This is outrageous and it modifies our plans constantly. We could spend one night here and one night there, ideally, but do we want to pay another \$8? We end up spending 2 nights somewhere to avoid another \$8 fee. If we could go online, make 10 reservations in 10 different parks and pay an \$8 fee for 1 transaction, that would be ideal. But no, we need to pay the \$8 for one camp and start over with the reservation of another camp, and so on for 10 reservations and pay $8 \times 10 = \$80$ in reservation fees. That is what really bothers us and forces us to modify plans all the time.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:49 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am not opposed to the increases for camping. But I do expect facility upgrades as a result, especially to the restrooms .

I am also in favor of more day use fees at heavily used locations ONLY. That money should also be used for upgrades.

Sincerely,



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

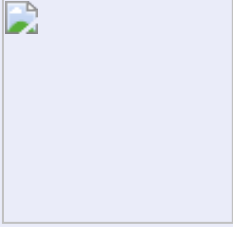
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August 7, 2024 10:49 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

i, I saw an article saying you are looking for comment about possibly increasing rates. I would like to state that I would be so sad to see that. Everything else has gone up. I get it, everything does. So please raise it as minimal as possible so us working class can still afford to go friggin camping lol.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:50 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Increase the out of state campers only.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:50 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

My wife and I are on a fixed \$\$ and we are older we have paid taxes for many years and we would like to see a reduction \$\$ for Oregon residents that are older we have lived in Oregon combined 130 years thank you for your help 👍



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:50 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

July 15, 2024

Only thing I don't agree with is Cabins, especially the deluxe cabin. That's what I use, because I'm handicapped.

I think Disabled, Seniors, Should be able to use the Deluxe cabins at a much less rate like 25 to 30 a night. I think that's way too much for low-income. Seniors. And they're the ones that need to get out when they get a chance to do it. And I just think it's only fair. Especially for seniors, if they have a family member that's willing to take them someplace that they pay a lesser rate so they can go. And so I'm proposing just a no higher than \$30 for all the cabins. Especially at Deluxe, cause they need more. Seniors need more for the night. And I think you would call that special circumstances for the disabled and seniors.

Thank you. I understand you need the fees. Some of the parks are absolutely beautiful and clean. And we appreciate you guys so much. Thank you very much.

Rhonda Young



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:50 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

No new rates, parks are spendy enough just to visit. Partly I deter from visiting them because of the fees for entry.

Camping used yo be fun now it's more expensive to pitch a tent than it is to rent a motel room.....

I'm on fixed income and cost is something that hinders me from enjoying freedoms....

Please consider those with little to no income when raising costs. It's easy to deter unwanted vagrants by increasing the cost, but there is no humanity or life if we cannot enjoy the outdoors and the health benefits it offers to all.

Living has become too expensive.....

Thx

Toby Gue



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:51 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Sent from my iPhone

I do not want to see this happen. Families are still struggling from the inflation that happened during and after the pandemic. Housing costs are through the roof. Utilities keep getting raised. Insurance rates keep going up Wages have not go up nearly enough yet to make up for it all. People need affordable and healthy outlets when it comes to recreation. These are public lands and turning them into something only the middle class and up can enjoy does not honor that fact. If you need to raise rates, raise them for out of state campers only.

Sincerely,



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:51 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

We camp hosted for many years and really love our state parks. We also camped in then for close to 40 years. We love our parks, however we feel 7 dollar increase is a bit excessive. A 22 dollar top does need an increase, maybe to 25 dollars, then in a couple years bump it up again.

Don and Lorri Hoffmann



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:51 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hi, I love to use many Oregon parks and camping spots. I think your timing for raising prices is very poor. With inflation so high and the cost of living the way it is, it's making it difficult for many families to even live. To raise the rate on camping the one thing people may be able to afford to do for a night or two with their children is awful right now.

I understand the desire and the need to raise prices so that you can continue to pay people and keep the parks clean. And I can appreciate the need for that, however I believe now is not the right time.

Oregon is in the middle of the pack for per capita income-before-taxes, but Oregon's taxes and relatively high cost of living reduce its ranking for individual prosperity to the third poorest among the 50 states, as shown in the above graph.
Jan 8, 2024

I would highly suggest that you wait until the economy returns to the state, and people feel like they're making ends meet a little bit. Even the middle class is suffering greatly right now in Oregon.

Sincerely,



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

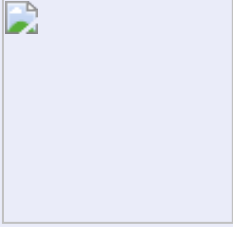
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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I agree with increasing out of state user's park fees, and also think state residents should be able to reserve their sites in advance of out of state visitors.



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:51 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As a resident in Oregon we pay taxes to help fund public parks and we don't have a sales tax. So our many visitors don't bear as much of the financial responsibility to enjoy our public parks although widely used by them. In the state of Hawaii to go to many state parks, residents pay a lower fee and a higher fee in is in place for out of state visitors, this seems like a good way to increase revenue without impacting our residents.



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:51 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As a camper from Washington I wanted to write to your office regarding these fee increases. I feel these are excessive and punishes in state and out of state campers.

I

am a retired person who enjoys the Oregon coast, especially Ft Stevens, this would make it impossible for me to justify camping in Oregon. This would also have an economic impact on the surrounding areas with less money coming to the areas around State Parks.

Please reconsider these excessive fees and keep Oregon affordable to all, not just the most wealthy.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:52 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I would support the proposed rate changes ONLY if Oregonians are given a reservation window BEFORE opening it up to out of state campers.

As Oregonians we should be able to reserve spots at our state campgrounds earlier so we have a chance to get sites without competing against people from out of state. Even a month or 2 weeks would help Oregonians reserve and enjoy our state's camping sites.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:52 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I don't agree with this ridiculous rate hike, this is unnecessary and unacceptable. I wouldn't be able to afford to go camping with my family with this proposed rate increase, along with so many more of families.

Angela



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:52 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

It's tragic that the opportunities for Oregonians to enjoy our great natural resources has been taken over by revenueers and empire builders. People who camp in tents

do so because they can't afford the luxury of motels on wheels. It's often the only kind of vacation they can afford. Unfortunately the people who use these resources are a minority and have had little to no voice. So here's my two cents worth because that is all the value that will be put on our opinions. It's not right to raise these rates.

Sincerely,

Ron Havnear



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:52 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I oppose such an increase all it will do is force more people into disbursed camping areas and trash and filth. If you keep the parks affordable families can enjoy a safe location.

Thank you,
Linda Gay



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:52 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To Oregon State Parks, My family is 7 generations oregonians.

I

love my parks for camping mostly. We use the beach ones mostly. Our family favorite has always been Beverly Beach. Many years ago they added a tax to our registration of RV to pay for state parks. They also since have gone to a reservation system only via web. There is no preference given to the folks forced to pay for the parks through license fees. Now that we are retired we somehow don't have the right AI program to get us a spot at BBSP. The day it comes up at midnight, the spots are already gone in the first 20 seconds. My suggested fix for this is to only allow out of state driver's license holders to register 3 months in advance while residents can do the 6-9 months early. That would be fair. It would make some of the less desirable parks fill with out of staters.

The next real sore issue is that the people from wealth reserve a bunch of sites, in park or in multiple parks, and pick when they get there forfeiting the small reservation free. Out of staters should pay the full amount of all sites they reserve and lose their money if they show up in one site and don't use the other. They do the same in the federal parks in Oregon. If it is required for them to reserve with their DL number and their tow vehicle plate, then at check in and out they couldn't easily cheat the system. Also this offense could make them be not allowed to reserve for two years in Oregon parks.

We are tired of paying our Oregon license tax for parks I can't get to.

Thank you for high consideration on this topic,

Mark Dotson

Catherine Dotson



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:53 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed camping fee increases for Oregon state parks. I am absolutely opposed to these fee hikes. We camp in a fifthwheel toyhauler. Inflation, over the past couple of years, has caused fuel prices to increase to unbelievable highs, thus causing everything else, groceries, etc., to increase. It's very hard to manage all of these cost of living increases and still try and afford to go camping. These fee increases for state park camping seem excessive and unwarranted. Camping is supposed to be a family event. I feel that these fee increases will cause undue hardship on families and discourage out of state campers, who will not be able to include camping fee increases into their already tight budgets.

Respectfully,
Jill Stiffler



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:54 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

I just was the proposal for an increase in state park fees. As a mom of 5 kids this is so disappointing. We are a low income family and camping is just about the only "big" vacation we can afford. If prices go up by the amount is being proposed then that will most liking out lots of people out of opportunities to explore and get out in nature. Although I do understand financial wise it may be called for to help up keep and keep up with cost, I strongly suggest thinking about consumers and travelers of the lower income brackets.

Thanks.

Kaylin



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:54 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am a native Oregonion and the rates have climbed just like everything else. But the lack of maintenance from the volunteers and the employees is not acceptable. I presently am staying in a sight for the week and someone shaved their dog in the sight and it was not cleaned up. The fire pit had garbage in it! The last week I stayed at a different campground that was privatly operated and was in tip top shape, no complaints. I had checked out Fish lake and the fish cleaning station has been inoperable for the last three years. I checked into the matter and it was because the \$450 that it would cost to fix it was not wanted to be spent...

Like Parker Meadows campground was closed permanent because the did not want to fix the concrete leak in one of the out houses. Families had camped in that for years, sad desicion.

So

what do I think of you raising the rates again? For what? You are not puting the money toward restoring or maintaining. So obviously I am against it. To properly operate you must put money back into the operation. Otherwise you will have complaints of the wear and tear of piping that is 50 or years old, the fire pits that are barely useable, toilets that are always backed up, heaters in restrooms that are not finctional. Always out of toilet paper. Cannot wash your hands. I would really like to read your response to this email and also read a list of what you need to raise the rates when so many families cannot even think of spending \$25 a night for a campsite. So they take their families to some wide spot in the road in the wilderness so their family can enjoy being out in our beautiful country.

Thank you for your time and I hope you make a right decision.

Henry Beals



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:54 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I
vote no.i am 67,have lived in Oregon all my life. I am on social
security ,limited income.i can't afford the fees as they are now!



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:55 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please don't raise prices. We camp alot and the rates now are too high. If you raise them more we won't be able to go as often as we have been. As it is with inflation it cost 500 to 600 per 4 day camping trip! If you raise prices there is no way I will be able to utilize state parks. I will have to use free dispersed camping. Most of us aren't camping like we use to in 2019 because of inflation and cost of fuel and food. Please keep the prices so we can all enjoy camping for years to come.



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

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Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please

don't make it more difficult and more expensive for seniors and families to get away and have family time I'm ok with a small out of state charge



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:55 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please dont raise the rates for instate residents.
Its already hard to fit one night of camping into my budget.

Sincerely,
Christine Isabell



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:55 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

It's barely affordable now for families. Raising rates just makes it all the worse. We already struggle at the grocery store. Now one of the few things many look forward to will also be unaffordable.

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:55 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please stop making public lands inaccessible to low income families who live in Oregon. Tax the RVers who can afford it and the out-of-state folks who have the money to travel. Leave the tent sites alone.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:55 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Give us a break! Please! Make your money off the RV people.

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:56 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please don't increase the rate. It's hard enough for us lower income people and people who are on disability to take our kids and or family to go camping or enjoy the amenities at state parks. With the rate increase every dollar counts as it makes it harder for us to go out and enjoy camping or fishing or anything like that. Everything else in the world is increasing. Gas, food, utilities ECT. This would just be one more thing that can become not affordable to many or just make it that much harder to go and make memories with our families. Wish there was a way for people who are on snap benefits or are lower income to get a better rate. So you could increase this for people who can afford to pay the amount you would like. Please do keep in consideration the thousands of families that love to go camping or use the day use ect the effects it can have on us. It may only be a small amount to the ones that can afford it. But it's a lot more taken out of our pocket for the ones who are already struggling in today's society. There are some parks that accept the disability pass and some places don't and then there's nothing to help single parent households or lower income people. Every dollar taken away makes it so much harder. We all just want to make memories and enjoy our state. Please don't increase anything.

Sincerely a lifetime Oregonian

Kirsty Scott



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:56 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I think raising the rates for out of state campers is definitely a good idea. Having been born and raised in Oregon and lived here my whole life we camp every year. However last year while out looking for a campground with any openings, it was near impossible to find any. The campgrounds were packed full of people from out of state and hardly any campers from Oregon. The issue is that a lot of locals don't know if they will get the time off to camp until the week before and by then all the camp spots are taken, and if you make a Reservation beforehand and have to cancel it, you lose half of your money anyway, making it very expensive for us in the big picture. Also a lot of the people making reservations from out of state don't show up anyway leaving the campgrounds empty but inaccessible for us to pay the fee and camp. I think a good solution would be raise the prices but make the campgrounds half reservations and half first come first serve.

Latysha Nash



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:56 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Charge out of staters more camping should be a cheap thing to do. It's a sad day when people can't even afford to take their family camping!!!

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:56 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hey ,

I hope you don't mind me reaching out.

My name is

Ruby Collins. I recently started working at a window cleaning company as a content writer, and I'm trying to build my name in the industry.

Guest

posting has been a great way for us to build authority in this area, so I thought I'd email to see if you are looking for contributors?

If so, I'd love the chance to write for your site! If interested, please let me know the next steps.

Kind Regards,

Ruby



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:56 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Please increase out of state campers only. Oregonian taxpayers, bonds, and lotto funds pay for maintenance and improvements.

Sincerely,
Suz Montemayor



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:57 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I've seen so many rates over the years be changed and raised to the point only the rich can do anything. Camping rates at overly domesticated sites, hunting tags and lice, DMV rates and registrations. Let's do something smarter . Lower the rates so more people will do them and ultimately amount to more money and tax to rich to pay for some of these expensive rates. I can go all week on how to improve and what needs to be done to get it done but I'll just leave at this. For now.

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:57 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Sirs,

Many people who have traditionally used Forest Service campgrounds have done so because of the historically low/moderate prices.

You are well on your way to ruining that. So,carry on. Squeeze every last nickle you can from the camping public.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:57 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello!

I saw you are seeking public comments and feedback on rate changes.

I know the cost of everything is going up, and I want park staff to be well compensated and for parks to be nicely maintained, but ask that a rate change be smaller and spread over time, like \$3-\$5 a year, rather than a big jump.

And as a tent camper, definitely hope you will add that out of state surcharge to tents, and ask that it be increased to 30%. It is disheartening as an Oregonian, to not be able to get reservations, and when you do, it's mainly Californians and out of state people.

I would even propose, that Oregonians have an earlier window to reserve sites in state.

Thank you,

Zahara Solomon



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:57 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

The proposed rate change for camping is pretty ridiculous if you ask me. Here's why

1. What's does the cost even cover? Campers provide themselves everything except firewood and that's at an additional cost. Plus most sites the camp hosts don't even clean sites or even empty the fire pits.
2. Taxes for camping? What a joke!!! Tax us more please.
3. Raising prices even higher will just push people to camp outside of campgrounds causing more Forest fires.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:57 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I am writing in regard to proposed rate hikes for camping in Oregon State campgrounds. I understand the need for increased fees for sites with power and water, which are used by RVs, however, tent sites are relatively unimproved and used by individuals on a budget. It seems unfair that people with the least resources will be denied the opportunity to affordably camp. People with expensive RVs that utilize electricity, water, dump stations, and generators may be able to assume the added costs, but most tent campers cannot. I fear that raising the rates will encourage people to camp illegally, which raises the risk of wildfire as well as leaving litter in our forests.

Thank you,



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:58 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Think the increase for full hookups seems a bit excessive, but just my opinion from a retired guy on a fixed income. Maybe a discount for seniors? Also be nice if Oregon residents could make reservations before non-residents, an earlier window?



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:58 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Long overdue with this proposal. I'm also not myopic when it comes to balancing tourism with the locals.

As a veteran with a disabled daughter, I still find it hard during peak season to find availability in the state in which I was born and raised.

The rate changes for out of state folks is a start, but giving priority to the people who reside in Oregon—especially those born here—would be a win-win situation.

In addition to the rate change for out of state folks, shortening their reservation period down to 3 months in advance (same ID on reservation as when arriving at park) would help Oregonians significantly!

I don't camp in other states, only Oregon.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:58 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

As

an Oregon resident/camper I think we should have a chance to book sites a month before any out of state campers. It is getting more difficult for us Oregonians to secure a site in our own campgrounds due to the out of state campers booking them. The increased 25% charge does nothing to deter them because even with that increase, our prices are lower than most of their own campsites in their state.

Valerie Rasmusson



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 10:58 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Charging any fees for the use of our state parks is unreasonable for residents since we have to pay income taxes. Out of state usage fees are fine.

Thank you.

Ed



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:00 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Charging any fees for the use of our state parks is unreasonable for residents since we have to pay income taxes. Out of state usage fees are fine.

Thank you.

Ed



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:00 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

This is absurd in my personal opinion. State parks are already funded through lottery and we had a mutli million dollar winner in the state. The funding should be coming from the sin taxes implemented in the state not from its hard working citizens and the people traveling into our state.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:00 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

How about starting an entire state wide park pass like Washington's Pass.
This would eliminate do many of those who hi into the parks to do drugs, drink and vandalize.

There already was a gun shooting at Fort Stevens where I live. Supposedly accidental.

Why are we bringing guns into fort Stevens?

Why are 18 wheelers going on the beach?

Something radical needs to be done and soon.

Fort Stevens is already chaotic and ill managed.

Please make it stop

Thank you

Cathy Moore



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:01 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

To whom it may concern,

We are Oregonians and have been camping at our state parks for 40 years. We would like to propose that you charge out of staters a 50% surcharge at our parks. We have been unable to reserve our own campgrounds because at least half or more of the campers are from out of state. Now we understand that tourism is essential for the economy, but Oregonians should have access to camping before others. I also propose a 60 day window of time ahead of out of staters to reserve our campsites. Other states have done this for their citizens and it has been a great success. Please consider siding with Oregonians so we can use our own campsites.

Side note-We need to keep Oregon for Oregonians. Several times over the last few years people have tried to head over to the coast to escape terrible smoke and fires because of climate change and we have been unable to get a campsite. Please help Oregonians first.

Thank you so much. 😊

Sent from my iPhone



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:01 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

ello OPRD Team,

I am writing in firm opposition of the 2025 rate hikes proposed by OPRD. OPRD needs to prioritize equity and accessibility for family recreation in times marked by price gouging and gentrification. Raising rates across the board is not the way to do this.

Oregonians are getting hit hard. Between skyrocketing housing costs, grocery costs, and utilities, Oregon is nearly unlivable for a population whose wages are not adapting to the high cost of living.

The current rates are one of the best things about Oregon State Parks. As a former ranger assistant and volunteer for multiple Oregon State Parks, a former park ranger for Jackson County Parks, an active conservationist working in an generationally impoverished corner of the state, as well as a father, I encourage OPRD to stem the tide and to continue to be a pioneer of equitable access to recreation in these trying times.

I encourage OPRD restructure its capacity building strategy. Please do not raise the rates at Oregon State Parks across the board and contribute to pricing out working class Oregonians.

Best regards,

John



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

If raising prices for camping, please increase low cost camping options. Please make camping available to people of all income levels. Perhaps make some zero amenities campgrounds that are reservable at low costs.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Raise rate for out of state people only. \$15-\$20.

LEAVE IT FOR INSTATE PEOPLE.

Thank you
R. Young



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

All well and good wanting to increase the nightly rates but people especially seniors are getting spread to thin with their money. All the rate hikes with utilities, food, gas, and everything else makes it impossible for us to go camping, especially if the rates go up.

Thank you for listening
Deena Hobb



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Sent from my iPhone

Please do not raise the day use rate, as this is one of the things that is affordable to many people who are already taxed with how prices have soared just in their everyday living.

Thank you much for your attention



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

After reading about camping rate changes for Oregon State Parks at our local news site, I wanted to say that I think rates for outside Oregon residents should go up, but the rate ranges for yurts and cabins seem a bit high. Over the years our family has camped many times using yurts/cabins. Please keep those prices affordable and if you need to raise those rates, please do not raise them too high.

G Pitcairn
Medford, Oregon



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

No more taxes



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:03 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Yes, raise rates and keep our parks maintained and start charging more areas day use fees, especially along the coast where so many out of state people visit. Personally, I think \$29.00 per night is not enough.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:03 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

If you change the rates a lot of seniors would not be able to go camp. And you would lose a lot of our seniors. Everything else has already been raised. We go to Diamond Lake at least 3 times a summer. So we're not going that anymore. Please don't raise.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:03 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

It is already so expensive to camp. I do not think rate increases are necessary for in state campers. I do think the rate increase for out of states is warranted. As an Oregonian you can't even get your self camp spots because they are book out 9 months in advance and in my personal experience by out of staters.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:03 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Yeah in no way shape or form should these costs go up. Absolutely ridiculous. Ask the government that runs these programs not the people that pay to keep them going to supplement costs.

Not to

mention, the capacity of these parks are always at maximum. There was a time before covid that a last minute camp site could be available somewhere. Since covid, that has all changed to making reservations a year in advance. So I'm sure the revenue has increased significantly since then.

Join the club with inflation, stop sucking us dry for every little thing



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:04 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Stop raising rates! They are already to high. Raising rates makes it harder for low income families to enjoy the resources.

Yvonne Meza



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:04 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Oregon State Parks overall are some of the nicest parks to visit.

The proposed rates are not out of the questions, as camping rates go in other parks and resorts.

I one thing we would like to see is a discount for seniors. As we are both retired and living on fixed income and love to camp, stretching our money is an important issue to us. We try to camp at least once a month and it would help our camping budget to see some discount for seniors.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:04 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

This is my 2 cents worth. I have camped every year since 1994. I have stayed in state parks, but normally stick with county parks. Why? Overpriced and over regulated State Parks. For example, Sunset Bay. One year due to hot weather there were no campfires allowed. Just one mile away, Bastendorff county park, campfires allowed. Sunset Bay is tucked into a moist shady cove, not only that most of the sites have water. There was no need for this. I have lived in Coos County 65 years, no forest fire has ever been started by a campfire within a developed campground in a dedicated fire pit.

Raising prices on tent sites will only squeeze the little guy. I think a better rate change would be on the sites for RV's. Charge by the foot. If you can afford a 40 foot 250k motorhome, you can pay more. Leave the rates as is for 20 foot and under, charge a dollar more for every foot.

Yes, out of state campers should pay more, I think that is standard. Make all sites equal for out of staters.

JoAnne Beck



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:04 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Charge more on weekends

Charge more on holidays

Penalty fee for making reservation then not showing up

*****Off season fees are cheaper*****

Increase fees for non residents

Oregon coast campgrounds have higher reservation fee then Inland parks

Raise day use fees

Raise extra vehicle fees



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:04 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

A 60% increase in standard electric sites is way too high. Instead consider changing the reservation policy and eliminate the current situation where people over reserve sites and then cancel. Impose a higher penalty that would fix this situation and provide higher paid occupancy, increasing revenue and allowing more people to actually visit our state parks.

Thanks,

John



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:05 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

rates

for RVs, of any type, should be significantly increased over those proposed. They cause the most damage to the campgrounds through road use, driving over plants and non paved areas, excess emissions, noise keeping wildlife away, and impact on other campers, including larger vehicles to tow them and thus increasing all that listed above. RVs significantly degrade parks, wildlife, ecosystems and enjoyment for all.

All other rates, tents, out of state, etc. appear reasonable.

Jade Sharpe



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:05 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Oregon state parks are double the national park rates as is and not maintained nearly as well as national park services. Plus you want to add a bed tax on top of the rates? I'm not in a hotel I'm sleeping in a tent on the ground in a sleeping bag.

As an Oregonian I will discontinue camping in any state park. I will use the national parks. they are cleaner, safer, cheaper, and better maintained. The rangers are courteous and helpful and I don't pay an extra bed tax or parking fee. Soon enough you'll add on a resort fee.....



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 7, 2024 11:05 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Dear Sir or Madam:

One of my most enjoyable activities is visiting and camping in Oregon

State Parks. I encourage my friends and relatives to join me in these

varied and interesting places in Oregon.

However, most of my friends and relatives are currently unable to find a

park or campsite they can afford, and I have had to curtail my visits as

well due to cost. If you raise the fees even fewer of us will be able to

enjoy the State Park system, meaning many out of state people will miss

out on Oregon's incredible beauty and history.

If the idea is to have fewer visitors to the State Parks, then raising

the fees will help. If, however you want more people to enjoy Oregon's

beauty and outdoor activities, don't raise the rates.

Sincerely,



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 22, 2024 08:30 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I live in the Columbia River Gorge near several Oregon State Parks that I use regularly, most with no fee required. I have been happy to purchase an annual day use pass for many years.

It is my observation that Oregon State Parks are understaffed particularly in regard to landscape maintenance and rule enforcement. Grass grows knee high before mowing, invasive species are common, and views at viewpoints are obstructed due to lack of vegetation management. Park rules are not regularly enforced. The day use area nearest my home is used 24 hours a day, with fireworks, gunfire, road racers, and overnight recreational campers all occurring throughout the year.

I support a day use fee increase provided it will go directly to staffing who can provide consistent landscape maintenance and park oversight for all parks, not only those with fees attached.

I am concerned that a camping fee increase will only create more camper vans, RVs, and occasionally tent campers to use day use areas and road side pullouts as no fee camping spots while creating litter, sanitation, and traffic hazard problems.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Jennifer O'Donnell
Corbett, Oregon



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 22, 2024 08:32 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

The following are my comments on the proposed rules for increasing camping and day use fees at Oregon State Parks. My name is Karen Sjogren, address 521 Taybin Road, Salem, Oregon, phone number 6194900593. I have been a day use visitor of Oregon State parks for over 40 years. I worked at Silver Falls from 2007 to 2015 as a seasonal employee, doing janitorial duties, operating the day use booth, and working in the reservation booth. I am therefore familiar with maintenance costs and the demographics of campers and day use visitors.

(para) The proposed fee increases for tents, RVs, and cabins/yrurts are fine. The nightly fees would still be a deal at their highest, considering the free showers and flush toilets. I also agree with extending the 25% surcharge for out of state visitors to all types of facilities, since they get the same amenities. Be sure to distinguish cabins with toilets from rustic toilets without in price increases.

(para) The main issue with camping is lack of availability, and part of this is due to no shows on the first night of a reservation. Please penalize this practice more heavily. (para) The increase in Annual Passes should be more modest, starting at \$35. That makes the increase \$5 a year for both types of passes. (para) The day use fee should be extended to other parks where there is sufficient usage, staff, and security to make it feasible and profitable before the fee is raised at all where it is already charged. This rule allows that, so that is a positive feature. It is really unfair to charge Silver Falls users increasingly higher day use fees, for example, which services do not warrant, and not charge users at other parks that also have restrooms, trails, etc. And please do not charge more at parks that are more "popular"! Their users are no wealthier than visitors to parks that are more remote. One possible variance is to change the day use fee seasonally, as was done with campsites. I would like to see the day use fee remain at \$5 as that more than covers maintenance costs at parks with reasonable visitation. Every time it is raised lower income families will be excluded and others will be tempted to enter without paying. (para) With or without a day use fee increase, the Canyon Trail

at Silver Falls needs to be better maintained. (para) This concludes my comments. Please acknowledge receipt thereof.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 22, 2024 08:32 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

I have been camping at Oregon State Parks for 14 years, I live in Alabama and am on a fixed income, Social Security, your out of state surcharge will make it very difficult for me to continue to enjoy your state. Out of State visitors bring extra money to your local merchants and businesses.

Having

been coming and camping in your parks for many years, I have noticed that most of your out of state campers are from Washington and California. In fact, in Cape Lookout campers from Washington out number Oregon campers and at Harris Beach, California campers out number Oregon campers. These two states have camping rates that I can't support already. That's why they are at your campgrounds. You would be better served to add the surcharge to just these two states, all the other states I am sure much better support your business interest.

Marvin Colwell



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 22, 2024 08:32 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

While I don't favor one park over another -and use many- I cannot, as a fixed income senior, afford increase to rates.

Thank you

Linda M



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 22, 2024 08:32 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

My name is Sandra Mickel and I'm contacting you today to say that the proposed fee increases for everything from campsites to day use would be cost prohibitive for a lot of Oregonions.

If you need revenue increase campsites with full hookups 10%. Or campgrounds with cabins or yurts, increase those 10%.

Most

people are struggling to pay their power bills and feed their families.

Not a lot of low cost options for entertainment anymore. We need to not price people out on what's left.

Thank you for your time,

Sandra Mickel



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 22, 2024 08:33 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

The Oregon Park Service seems to be saying, "we don't want older folks in our parks and particularly older folks from out of state".

There is no consideration for your own states Social Security recipients and less for us out of state recipients who love your parks.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 28, 2024 07:02 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

The Park Commission has set an unlikely goal of raising fees to cover costs.

The reality is that 70-80% of the budget is personnel salaries and as such no fee increase will cover costs.

Why have a fee then...the simple answer is to raise revenue but the real value is the investment and pride Oregonians have in their park system! So why Jack up out-of-state fees? If the out-of-state fee were reciprocal then an argument might be made for penalizing out of state users who support the park system of their state.

What is the data driven approach to fees and why no criteria. The park Commission has given the department a blank check.... What is the projected need for increased revenue? What are the current operating costs? What will the fee increase be used for department support staff and administrative services? How does the fee increase compare with other entities. In- state and out-of-state ? What is the distribution of fees and how determined?How much of the fee collection and accounting (increased costs)are covered by fees?

The whole increase in fees seems out of scale and not data driven!

Thx.

Jack Wiles



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Date comment received:

August 28, 2024 07:04 AM

Location (if provided): {city}, {state}

Public comment:

Hello,

I would like to see an annual expense and revenue breakdown for a year of state park fees and costs. Without seeing that it would be difficult to comment on your proposed fee increase request.

I enjoy camping in Oregon State Parks and other places and states.

Oregon charges a fair amount for camping. But I don't believe the increase you propose is justified.

I hope my request for your yearly income and expenses are forthcoming.

Then I and others can make an informed decision on this matter.

Without the cost and income amounts there is no possible way for the public to decide on this matter.

Please post the information on your website for all to see and then informed

Campers will reply with your request.

Thank You



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To the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department:

Please find attached comments from the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition with regard to the day use fee (and camping fee) rulemaking process.

Thank you for accepting and considering these comments.

Regards, Phillip Johnson, Shoreline and Land Use Manger
Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition
(503) 754-9303

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I am very much against the purposed rate increases for camping in Oregon parks. My husband and I are on Social security and the purposed rate increases would take away our ability to go camping. That means we can no longer camp with our grand kids, an activity we looked forward to each summer. With the cost of everything else increasing-groceries,electricity, water,you get the idea that the camping fees purposed are way too expensive.

Please think twice or three times and do not raise the camping fees. Sincerely. Dianne K. Yamhill, Oregon