



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Gina Porto

Date comment received:

October 1, 2024 09:39 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

octogirl63@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I think the State of Oregon should charge a day use fee for every Oregon State park. In Washington the fee is ten dollars a day or you can buy an annual pass.

People should pay to use our beautiful state parks even just for the day. I live in Depoe Bay where we are lucky to have so many state park areas. They are

so crowded at least 4 months of the year and all those people leave their trash behind . In my opinion people should pay for the privilege of using these facilities.

So institute a day fee at EVERY Oregon state park.

Sincerely, Gina Porto



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Commenter name (if provided):

Judi Irving

Date comment received:

October 1, 2024 02:26 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

3334judi@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Seal Rock, OR

Public comment:

I fully support the proposed fee increases.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kirk Barnes

Date comment received:

October 1, 2024 04:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

thereverendkirk@gmail.com

Location (if provided): BEND, OR

Public comment:

Not that it matters as the decision was obviously made before "public comments" were even accepted. When you continuously raise prices for maintenance and never do any actual maintenance is only going to make the problem worse. People are not going to pay \$10 (or more) for day use anywhere in the state of Oregon and revenue is simply going to go down requiring another fee raise for maintenance no one is ever going to do. Oregon State parks is also not going to enforce any of this without gates and fences (automated entry) and then Oregon State Parks will want to raise prices again to pay for this eye sore that the State parks are sure to approve.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Yoleen Faerber

Date comment received:

October 1, 2024 04:34 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

yoleenthepetsitter@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Bend, OR

Public comment:

I quit going to state parks years ago because I can't afford it. Your users are all in a higher tax bracket than me.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donald Mowers

Date comment received:

October 2, 2024 06:19 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mowiekai@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Newberg , OR

Public comment:

As a born and raised Oregonian Now at 70 years old I have used Oregon parks most or all of my life.

I would approve the rule change and also encourage the 25% fee for out of state to be expanded for all uses.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Tyler Bowling

Date comment received:

October 2, 2024 01:11 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

tbowling@bakercountyor.gov

Location (if provided): Baker City, OR

Public comment:

Tax revenue should be used to manage all public lands. The exception of improved, overnight camping (which should be kept to as small as possible) all other fees should be removed. There are many individuals with minimal resources that should have equal access to the benefits our State public lands have to offer. The costs associated from managing these locations will require additional tax dollars. Those tax dollars can be offset by the additional business driven by visitors.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Don Miller

Date comment received:

October 3, 2024 05:59 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

dkm254032@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Falls city , OR

Public comment:

No do not do this. Me and my family are barely scraping by and making ends meet with all the other fees and inflation. Yes 5 dollar parking pass will make a difference in our budget. This is one of the only things we have left that doesn't cost anything for us to do. Your keeping us out of blm lands and have restricted a ton of other stuffs. Quit trying to make a quick buck off of all of us. You realize oregon is one of the most regulated and quickly becoming one of the most expensive states to live in stop your greed now or we are going to look like California before the end of the decade



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Commenter name (if provided):

Hotel Whiskeys

Date comment received:

October 3, 2024 06:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

heather.rose.williams@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

<https://ktvz.com/news/government-politics/2024/10/01/oregon-parks-and-recreation-department-seeks-comments-on-proposed-rule-changes-to-parking-permits-group-facilities/>

I don't agree with the 25% surcharge for out-of-state vehicles. As someone who has been homeless on and off since 2010, and has slept in a vehicle overnight in Forest Service Ranger Station parking lots, most recently during the 2020-2024 COVID-19 global pandemic (March 2024 CDC lifted restrictions), this is not okay. I've stayed in places like Kink River Public Use Area in Alaska for the allotted 14 days before moving, or other places there like Hatcher's Pass, and camper and learned to build a fire in a wet environment with fallen brush at Resurrection Bay. I've gone to hot springs in Oregon and still make sure to pay even when the Park Services supplies no envelopes and write how many people and vehicle make and tag. In my observation, people who feel like they have to pay extortionate fees to enjoy the wilds, make sure they "earn it" by littering.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Teresa Sabo

Date comment received:

October 3, 2024 07:28 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

tlsabo@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Medford, OR

Public comment:

Why do we have to pay more money to see our parks, don't we pay for all that in our taxes? No, I do not want to see more fees when we already pay through the nose for everything else



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jess Tarrant

Date comment received:

October 3, 2024 07:40 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jessietarrant72@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Eugene , OR

Public comment:

I do not think this should happen at all. I am completely against this. Leave things as they are.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Anned

Date comment received:

October 3, 2024 09:54 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mike.annes@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Sandy, OR

Public comment:

So is this parking fee going to be an additional charge from the yearly pass I purchase every year ?j



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jim Korecky

Date comment received:

October 3, 2024 05:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jim.korecky@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Meacham, OR

Public comment:

I am opposed to this rule as I am opposed to any additional fees or taxes. This state gets more than enough money from me. Use it more wisely.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Shafer

Date comment received:

October 4, 2024 01:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

shaferman@aol.com

Location (if provided): Eagle Point, OR

Public comment:

I am in favor of giving the director flexibility to manage park fees including waiving them if he deems that appropriate.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mark & Robin Severson

Date comment received:

October 7, 2024 11:24 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mdocs2011@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hi,
As a retired couple and life long Oregonian's on a fixed income my wife and I like to camp. It is really difficult to reserve a spot in Oregon parks. My wife gets up at 5am 6 months in advance to reserve and all reservations typically are taken up. When we do get a spot we will walk through the campground and all the better spots are taken up by out of state campers. I believe being a 66 year Oregonian we should some how have a way to reserve before out of state campers. I doubt the rate increase is going to have much (and we do believe they should pay more) effect since we have such nice campgrounds. A suggestion could be to all Oregonians the ability to reserve 6 months in advance and all others 5 months. Please take care of the people that have paid Oregon taxes and live in Oregon over out of state campers.

Thank you

Mark and Robin Severson