



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Liz Kelly-Campanale

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 06:21 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I'd like to see a no-show penalty fee assessed on those who don't show up for their reservation, as well as a policy of canceling the remainder of reservations when someone doesn't show after 24 hours and releasing them back into the available pool. This would prevent people from booking sites they don't intend to use, as well as from reserving a weekend beginning midway through the previous week but not coming until Friday.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brian Casto

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 07:55 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

Thank you for inviting commentary.

As an Oregonian, I appreciate the beauty of our state tremendously. I want to get out more, but work hard instead, taking care of other Oregonians. When I have a chance to enjoy one day outside of a hospital, that chance is a treasure in life itself.

As an Oregonian, I realize the great inflation of recent years and I appreciate that we live in an outstandingly expensive state for the native residents! The expenses are immense, some of the highest taxes experienced in this country are seen right here. Affording the increasing tax on my own home is difficult, and I now take home fewer than 50 percent of my pay. My taxes must do something here, I do not receive most of my pay!

Please, please, tax the people who litter our interstates instead. The traffic that spoils these spots and the adventure experience. The outsiders that make noise, destroy willfully because they are here to "enjoy", **please make the outsiders pay double at least, they hurt us the most, I beg that you ease the way for Oregonians!**

We suffer enough of the California influence here, and newly suffering a wave from Texas and Mexico. Cultures that are NOT our own... destroying what is special here! Free access for Oregonians is a good answer... make the outside states pay to ruin our state bit by bit. Example: Fujikawaguchiko, Japan (screen installed over their view to remove unwanted people). The people here are hurting.

If it were up to me, we would **make it a lottery for out-of-state passes to access our natural treasures and the out-of-state visitors will pay the difference that remains.** Please, make Oregon uninviting so that Oregonians can enjoy their homes. Those people will come, regardless; take their vacation money away from richer states.

Thank you for reading and understanding this plea. We used to be Oregon Country, make this special again.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Scot Christy

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 08:45 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Stop raising the costs for us to use nature that is all of ours and should be free for all the enjoy. This is getting ridiculous. Oregon doing anything to make it more expensive to enjoy even the simplest of things.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bruce McCracken

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 09:09 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

1. Nobody wants to pay more for camping sites. However, the proposed rates are much lower than many private campgrounds that are not on the incredible sites that Oregon State Parks occupy.

2.

At the current price range online reservations for all RV sites and all days at my favorite parks are taken within seconds after they become available with the six-month reservation system. Yet many are vacant, especially mid-week, when the time to use them comes up. It doesn't really seem fair and really couldn't be financially beneficial to the parks. Higher rates may help, but could result in even more last-minute cancellations.

3.

Suggest going back to the nine-month reservation system that was in place prior to Covid. It was much easier to reserve a site, instead of being like trying to get concert tickets like it is now.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Cechovic

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 06:00 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Monmouth, OR

Public comment:

I think that the rates for out of state vehicles should be raised. It is so hard to get a reservation in our system right now and I feel that it is because of so many out of state vehicles that come in to our state. If they want to use our state camping facilities, then they should pay a lot more than they are now. I would propose an additional \$10 per vehicle added to what they are paying now. This is where the additional funds should come from instead of adding it to the state fees as being proposed.

Thanks

Mike Cechovic
Monmouth, OR



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Commenter name (if provided):

John Klement

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 06:48 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Support wholeheartedly. Even with these changes ,the product is undervalued. I think the greatest increases should be for rvs a/o campsites that have a lot of amenities. People frequenting those have the financial capability to handle the increases. The likely side effect is more people "boondocking" or camping at large , which will stress other areas of resources. This may necessitate more basic facilities on BLM/ forest service lands.I think that is an acceptable trade off



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rick LeBrun

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 07:54 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Springfield, OR

Public comment:

We use the state campgrounds for our travel trailer. We feel fortunate that Oregon has many campgrounds that are always clean and well-maintained. We have been to other states and their campgrounds are not managed as well as ours. We also hear that from other campers. We fully support any rate increases needed to continue maintaining them at a high level.

Thank you for allowing our input.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joan Globus

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 08:01 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Eugene , OR

Public comment:

I strongly disagree with increases for Oregonians. Especially the increase up to \$52.00. This amount is excessive for a camping fee. I believe parks and recreation will loose campers which will lead to a lose of revenue overall. Certainly not the goal.
What are these increases based on? Could small increases be applied across the board (ie no more than 35 max) spreading the cost over many?
As a regular camper, this will impact my ability to go camping. An activity I do because it is affordable. I see myself looking for "free" camping options. I am a clean camper but what of those people who do not pick up there trash.
I think raising rates will have a negative impact.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Trudy Herbert

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 08:21 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Monmouth , OR

Public comment:

I think the rate increases are fine and necessary. Please increase the rates on all campsites for out of state visitors. Our campsites for RVs are so economical that we get a lot of out of state guests who stay as long as they can. We have a trailer and PERS pensions and Social Security. I'm willing to pay my share for sites, but feel very frustrated when so many sites go to out of state residents.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Michelle Overall

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 08:31 AM

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Location (if provided): Springfield , OR

Public comment:

These are not just small rate changes! They should not increase that much seeing as how most of the campgrounds are always full and near impossible to get a reservation! The state has to be making a lot off these and need to look at other ways to meet any shortfalls. How about decreasing the number of hosts? Seems like there are so many host sites that could be decreased and made available to campers. I don't agree with these major rate hikes. Camping is supposed to be affordable for all!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lisa Barger-Fox

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 09:09 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

Having been a parent grandparent and foster parent We found camping within state parks to be the most affordable family activity that gets kids out of the house and families to spend quality time together. Increasing the rates at this time when we're already paying more for utilities and food gas and staples is a horrible time to raise the rates at this point. Please hold off until other costs for families can stabilize. Surely there are other means of raising money to offset utility costs for the parks.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Barbara Schmale

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 09:29 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Junction City , OR

Public comment:

I am 74 yrs old. Growing up my family was poor but we enjoyed being able to camp. Our "vacations" were camping. As time has gone on camping has become a luxury. It is a healthy way for families to enjoy being TOGETHER and enjoy nature, learn to respect nature all while bonding with family and friends. The price of campsites has already become prohibitive for many including my retired husband and myself. We all pay taxes and should not then have to pay for enjoying the nature we live in.

If you feel you need to charge charge only out of states!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Tyson Loewen

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 10:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Stayton, OR

Public comment:

I think the state can come up with a better way than rate increases to pay for it. They take enough taxes to pay for it many times over otherwise we wouldn't get kick backs. I've also noticed the state putting campgrounds in places I have camped for years and now they want me to pay. I already pay a lot in taxes and also participate in buying hunting tags and license. Come on Oregon get it together.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Sherrie HECKENDORN

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 12:58 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): SALEM, OR

Public comment:

Please keep in mind those of us in Oregon who are poverty level or like myself a senior with fixed income. Camping is an affordable way to enjoy Oregon's many campgrounds. Perhaps you could have a discount for those on EBT or seniors like myself.
Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Peter Fasolino

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 03:52 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

Hello,

I am against raising the range of rates for campsites in the state parks system. In a world of rising costs for everything, camping in the outdoors is for the moment a safe space. Camping in state parks can be a way for a family to vacation without spending a fortune. With these new rates a family would be spending much more on a week vacation in one of our many parks in this beautiful state. Please find a new way to provide funding for the state parks system rather than increasing rates to the point that even more people are barred from camping due to cost.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Diane Fowler

Date comment received:

July 23, 2024 08:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

Our family has been camping in our travel trailer for four years now and look forward to our outings. With the rising costs on traveling, camping has stayed within many people's budget whereas hotels can be unaffordable. Raising prices to this degree could take this option away. We have seen and learned much about our state and been able to enjoy the outdoors that you can't get any other way. Children get less and less opportunities to be out learning and enjoying the outdoors. If they can't see it in person they will not be as likely to want to preserve our wonderful wilderness. I would like to see a smaller increase for instate users and if necessary increase out of state users more.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ronda Carmer

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 07:40 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Culver , OR

Public comment:

Meh. 50/50. Fees are pricing out lower income people. If it doesn't already exist, I recommend a sliding fee for people who have Snap benefits and opportunities for working poor to apply for lower fee. Judging by the state of places in the ochocos, need fee increases to offset the cost of having hired people to pick up other people's trash. Having fee ranges discourages overuse of parks during peak season. Negative: high fees in designated campsites encourages dispersed camping into fragile wilderness areas. Personally, I dislike camping in overdeveloped organized campsites but do occasionally on long road trips traveling to multiple areas. I would not use these campsites ever at this fee range. BLM camping for me from here on out but will need a better solar shower.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kristen F

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 08:01 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Hello.

Camping is one of the only affordable vacation options for many folks. The nightly rates are already fairly expensive and raising rates would exclude low income folks from being able to enjoy the beautiful outdoors that make Oregon such a wonderful place to live.

If you are looking to increase your revenue I suggest other routes that do not penalize low income folks.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dawn Finberg

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 10:09 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Lebanon, OR

Public comment:

As retirees, we object to another increase in campground fees at Oregon State Parks. This affects all Oregonians. All this will do is decrease state park usage and your revenue. Due to the current pricing, we already avoid State Parks unless absolutely necessary, increased fees will rule them out entirely.

Lower income residents will have decreased access to budget friendly vacation options.

We love our state parks, however we cannot take another rate hike.

Thank You



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Commenter name (if provided):

WAYNE MASONER

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 10:24 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

First, I would like to thank the Oregon State Parks department for the opportunity to comment on rate increases to camp in our state parks. As frequent users and retired on a fixed incomes it is of interest to my wife and me. Since COVID private parks have taken advantage of RV campers raising their rates, some as competitive as motels and placing infeasible age restrictions on RVs. We have been RVing for over thirty years and have an investment in our RV and will continue as it is a great way to explore our wonderful state.

I hope you keep in mind with your rate changes that camping should be made affordable to all who wish to enjoy it. As Oregon taxpayers we should be able to enjoy the benefit where taxes are going. So many activities are out of the reach of lower to middle class families, camping should not be one of them. Look at the price of taking a family of four out to dinner, even fast food or sporting events. Camping has many benefits for family bonding. Exploring and respecting nature, spending vacations together and staying in a safe environment.

As well as rate changes, I would like you to address the policy of reserving sites six months in advance. Many users reserve for weeks prior to their desired dates blocking out large blocks of time and then canceling once their six-month prior

date has arrived. They then cancel with no severe penalty and receive a refund. This blocks out anyone, especially Oregonians, who would like to reserve a site during those blocked out times. I have spoken with on-site parks staff; they also feel this is an unfair practice, but it happens all too often. Many private parks do not give cash refunds but give you credit to use the unused time within the next six months. This may detour anyone from this practice as they would not be able to use the remainder of the credit. It would also allow others, many would be Oregonians, the opportunity to reserve the site. Many don't plan a camping vacations six months in advance, getting a camping spot on the spur of the moment is nearly impossible in Oregon. Since many state parks are often full there shouldn't be a reduction in revenue not allowing this practice but an increase in revenue since the site is being used and not held for people taking advantage of the system. We all know that life happens and that there are legitimate reasons to cancel a reservation but maybe not without penalty to make them think twice.

I realize the need for increases as long as the money is spent efficiently. I also know that tourism is a main source of revenue for the state so there also must be balance and fairness to all, especially those of us that pay for the parks. The cost of operating parks has gone up and many of the parks need to replace aging infrastructure thus requiring additional revenue. But let's not make it out of reach for our taxpayers.

Wayne
Masoner



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Commenter name (if provided):

Virginia Rojas

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 11:44 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please don't raise the rates. Camping is supposed to be a inexpensive way to get out and explore Oregon. With inflation it's already hard enough to get out and enjoy things. This would be a burden to families who already live pay check to pay check. I understand that fees need to be increased but not for Oregon residents, increase the out of state fees. It's already hard enough to get a site for camping and maybe increasing fees for out of state of campers will help. Thank you



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jacob Aichlmayr

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 01:24 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Due to inflation and the current economy it is already hard enough for families to go camping. This rate increase will make it even harder for the average person to go camping. Something that was once a inexpensive way for people to have a vacation would be even harder than what it currently is. Half of the time places my family and I camp already seem overpriced when you get there and half of the facilities aren't in operation such as showers, toilets and things of that nature. Many times I've gone camping and had to deal with only one working toilet, showers that are disgusting and unkept. Increasing the nightly rate will make it seem like less and less of a vacation when we would surely still have to deal with the facilities in bad condition. Many people go camping because they cannot afford to go stay in hotels or airbnbs, this is just making it worse. I highly oppose the rate increase and hope it doesn't pass.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jonathan Edmonds

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 03:12 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I would support paying more to camp -IF- you also banned smoking pot. The stink of having to camp next to morons smoking weed next to you is unbearable. Our whole campsite smelled like a hippie commune whenever our neighbors decided it was time to escape reality for a while. It was awful for my whole family.

So sure, I'll pay more, if my family is able to actually enjoy the campsite.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Keenan

Date comment received:

July 24, 2024 09:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I support reasonable fee and increases. I feel Oregon residents should pay less than out of state. In fact out of state should pay the actual costs. Also Oregon residents should get at least one week to sign up before out of state people can register. Most times I see the primo spots filled with out of state plates especially at the coast.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Maria Eileen

Date comment received:

July 25, 2024 04:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Bozeman, OR

Public comment:

I camp multiple times per year at Oregon State Parks. In my opinion, the best campgrounds are the sites with less facilities. Not everyone wants to recreate among 100 generators and screaming children. The amount of resources/facilities needed for an RV with 12 people including kids is very different from 2 people in single tent. Rather than raise the overall rate for camping, the state should consider extra fees depending on group size. Larger groups need more resources/facilities, so large groups should pay more.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Neal and Teri Dunbar

Date comment received:

July 26, 2024 03:53 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Bend, OR

Public comment:

The park director is in a much better position to adjust rates than the general public. We need quality camp sites.

I've often seen "old" people camping for up to two weeks in their expensive rvs hogging sites at a reduced rate to the exclusion of younger working people, often with children, who can only camp on weekends! We have had a Golden Age Passport for 20 years and always try to avoid camping on weekends for that reason. If anyone needs a reduced rate it's families with kids. We also think young families should be given some priority on weekends and seniors gently discouraged.

Thank You,

Neal and Teri Dunbar



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ben Millikan

Date comment received:

July 27, 2024 06:50 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please do not increase rates for Oregonian for campsites. The price is already prohibitive. Instead only increase for those who live out of state. This will help increase revenue and curb the flood of Californian users, whos purchasing power is much higher, and help open up more sites for Oregonians.



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Commenter name (if provided):

William RUECKER

Date comment received:

July 27, 2024 12:11 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Portland , OR

Public comment:

That a more money then a motel. What are you thinking. Lower the rates. Too high already.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Desmond

Date comment received:

July 28, 2024 12:57 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

I am OPPOSED to increasing the fees to use our state parks. Doing so basically prices out many lower and middle-income families from a camping trip/vacation. And as Econ 101 aptly explains, higher fees generally mean fewer visitors and less revenue, an outcome that helps no one. As a state and nation, we need our children and youth to experience the great outdoors and the benefits nature experiences add to life. Increased fees will only deprive a significant portion of our citizens of that opportunity and experience. If the park service is truly so desperate for funds that they would willingly hurt the citizens they are serving, then I suggest working with the state legislators and seek ongoing help in the state budget.