



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Matthew Shahat

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 08:56 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

sw20matt@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Oregon City, OR

Public comment:

I oppose any rate hikes. The parks and forestry services already use the money they receive poorly and use their underperformance as an excuse to close parks, camp sites and amenities. No more money should be paid by people in Oregon until these closures and denial of access to public land end.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lissa Crider

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 09:27 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Bend, OR

Public comment:

I think it's a fair idea.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Judi Irving

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 09:34 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I agree with most of the changes and would support even higher rates. The only exception that I have is to the rule allowing each director to determine whether to charge day use parking fees which are currently set by rule. An individual director may not have the 'big picture' as to why fees are charged or not and if you have a 'bad apple' director, then it takes much longer to become aware of the problem and take corrective action.

Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

D Slinger

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 10:56 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

catmailing@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

As an Oregon resident and someone who regularly camps in Oregon state parks, I agree with an increase in out-of-state rates. Our parks should be primarily for residents. I wouldn't agree with an increase in resident rates, as there are many residents who rely on Oregon State Parks, especially since the increase in visitors since the pandemic and the rapid increase in rates in private parks throughout Oregon.

I would also agree with an assessment of current day use fees due to the increased pressure crowds of visitors put on natural areas. I would hope an increase in fees also means an increase in rangers, since the influx of visitors requires better supervision to protect natural areas.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Karen Klokkevold

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 11:14 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

karen.klokkevold@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Bellingham, WA

Public comment:

Dear Oregon Parks,

Although we appreciate the need to cover your costs and make parks more accessible to your state's own residents, we as Washington State residents appreciate being able to pay in-state fees for cabins, yurts, and primitive campsites. Honestly, we strongly prefer Oregon State Parks over Washington State Parks as your state parks are far and above much superior to Washington State Parks. We'll have no choice but to pay the higher fees if you implement them, but hope you'll consider leaving things as is.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jerome Price

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 11:24 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jkerm1948@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Ashland, OR

Public comment:

I am completely in favor of all the Rule changes. We must be able to keep our Parks in the best possible condition. Inflation impacts everything and everyone. Also I am very much in favor of the 25% surcharge for non-Oregonians. Jerome Price



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Commenter name (if provided):

Joanne Kittel

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 12:53 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Yachats, OR

Public comment:

I agree that fees need to be increased for the state parks and that the director has authority to adjust fees based on visitation patterns, increased costs, and seasonal fluctuations up to four times per year. WE are a fee-for-service state that is tourism dependent. Out of state campers need to pay 25% more to keep the increased costs of these services. Unlike so many other states, OPRD does not receive taxpayer dollars. OPRD receives a small percentage of lottery funds, RV license fees, and campsite fees. That's it. OPRD needs to access more dollars to keep up and maintain the parks and campsites they have so that we can all enjoy them. Giving the director the authority to determine which parks assess a day use parking permit fee gives the flexibility needed.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kirk Barnes

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 02:26 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

thereverendkirk@gmail.com

Location (if provided): BEND, OR

Public comment:

As a born and raised Oregonian resident I am admittedly opposed to raising fees at State Parks. Using the excuse of maintenance as a reason is beyond ridiculous, fees were raised a while back with this same excuse... yet no maintenance or upkeep ever gets done. The Oregon Lottery has had record profits yet the Oregon State Parks continue to squander and waste money on stupid programs while our parks continue to deteriorate.

I like most Oregonian will simply stop using Oregon State Parks if fees keep continually going up and the actual experience at Oregon State Parks continues to decline.

I know this decision has already been made and and gathering and the ignoring public comments are simply a formality of an inefficient wasteful State Government, and we all know out of State tourists dollars are vastly more important than actual residents using and enjoying our parks, so I for one will simply Stop using any Oregon State Parks.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donald Mowers

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 03:28 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

donaldmowers@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Hillsboro, OR

Public comment:

I wholeheartedly support the out-of-state fee and think that fees from out of state campers using any kind of space including tent, group and trailer RV, etc should be increased from the 25 to at least 35%



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Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Waller

Date comment received:

July 3, 2024 05:54 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mwallier468@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Redmond, OR

Public comment:

Within reason, I am not overly opposed to a rate increase for Oregon State Parks. However, saying that, there needs to be a medium of reason applied. That is, if the rates are going to increase, what types of real time improvements are we going to see at the state parks camp sites? Then, how much of a rate increase is being considered? I realize tat a \$7 number was being bounced around as an example o what could be done on tent campsites. I am an RV camper - and \$35 a night is extremely attractive for a campsite with full hook ups. Is a \$5 a nigh increase appropriate, or has there been a study that looks into requirement, not and future, versus what finances are currently available, as opposed to some step function of creates over time to a cap level of fees? Currently, non residents have a 25% adder to campground fees. This is in line with many other states, but I also believe that Oregon needs to stay competitive with what other states are charging as additional fees for non residents. Overall, a moderate resident increase is not out of reason, assuming there is added value for the increases imposed.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Cynthia D'Angiolillo

Date comment received:

July 4, 2024 05:48 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mscindyrella@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I agree with the proposed rate increases as this seems necessary to keep our parks clean and safe. The out-of-state fees are fair as well.

Do we have an annual pass system for camping, similar to day-use passes? Or a discount pass for low income families? I would hope working people with low income are not priced out of taking their children camping.

Do we have programs that employ youth - either paid or volunteer- to work in parks during summer? Do we have work-release programs to employ adults or youth in custody to work in our parks? This seems like a potentially cost saving measure, but also a therapeutic experience.

I greatly appreciate our beautiful parks and the work involved to keep them that way. Thank you!



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Commenter name (if provided):

melissa muncrief

Date comment received:

July 4, 2024 11:47 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mmuncrief@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Coos bay , OR

Public comment:

I'm really concerned about the pricing you're purposing...how are families supposed to afford these rates? With gas so high and now the Oregon parks wants to increase the cheapest form of a vacation.

Please don't increase rates



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Commenter name (if provided):

Gregory Shimanovsky

Date comment received:

July 4, 2024 07:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

shkbz0246@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I try and buy the two year parking pass and always plan ahead in advance when I go camping for a week or more at any one time. I really like those few and far between sites along the back river hwys with vault toilets, I still pay the fee if there are envelopes available. All to say Im okay with raising the fees for busier locations to encourage those willing to drive that much further to explore what Oregon has to offer. An easier way to buy the NW Forest Pass would be helpful.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Tom M

Date comment received:

July 4, 2024 08:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

xisled@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Hillsboro , OR

Public comment:

Just don't price out the lower-middle classes who probably need to get outdoors more the people who can afford to pay higher fees. The ski are syndrome of less higher paying users than too many lower paying users priced out a lot of families. Having said that, less & higher paying users should allow deferred maintenance to catch up but at what overall cost if the goal is to get more people outdoors. Also, fee raises at this time may well be premature if (please!) the gross overuse due to covid pandemic shutdowns should go back down to near normal pre-covid times tho that may also help wiyh deferred maintenance and new parks projects.

Fee raises sooner than later may also shore up enforcement & daily maintenance of existing parks.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment!

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Commenter name (if provided):

Martha Radford

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 09:24 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

3mileanne@gmail.com

Location (if provided): The Dalles, OR

Public comment:

Being a lifelong Oregonian, I fully appreciate our State Parks. I understand the need for raising the rates and yes, for all users of the parks. Yearly I purchase a parks pass along with belonging to Friends of Shore Acres State Park. Gowing up in Coos Bay, I remember being able to walk barefoot across the sunken garden... and my feet stayed dry. Living in The Dalles forever now it seems, I appreciate both sides of the Cascade Mts.

As residents of Oregon, we all are so fortunate to have access to our parks and the land will stay as such, rather than being broken up into housing. Keep up the good work.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kaitlyn Innes

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 09:59 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

innes.kaitlyn@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Beaverton , OR

Public comment:

Hello Public Officials,

I am against raising the costs of camp sites across Oregon. While I respect that utility and other costs have increased, I feel it is the duty of Oregon to make the outdoors accessible to everyone. By raising the rates you continue to make Oregon State parks out of reach for lower income across Oregon. It is important to offer low income families the opportunity to afford the benefits of the outdoors. Also the proposed amount raised is 25% which is greater than the current rate of inflation. This appears to be a money grab operation by Oregon state parks, gise of inflation, which is unethical.

Please considering at least lowering the cap of the proposed changes to match inflation or no increase at all. It is our duty as community members to look out for those less fortunate that us, and consider the impact to the everyday family who want to enjoy our great state.

Is there a way to charge at least out of state members more since they don't pay taxes that support the parks. Oregon citizens already fund the Parks at a high rate and this request to raise rates seems greedy to me.

Sincerely,
Kat Innes
Beaverton, Or



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Commenter name (if provided):

Martin Clark

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 11:07 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

martinclr@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Donald, OR

Public comment:

Rates are too high now. No veterans discount like other states have. Oregon is gouging money from working people so they can throw it at homeless. Oregon has very unfair rates for a family trying to enjoy the wonders of Oregon



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ron Benz

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 11:46 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Gladstone, OR

Public comment:

Raising rates for out of state campers should be done. I believe the rates are too high now, all you get is a un level area and a out house with water spickets. And your reservations systems is terrible, people take up spots and don't use them, should be first come first serve. You charge money for the reservations, use that money for your so called inflation. Everyone is feeling the inflation but we can't just raise prices to help. Start using the money you get for the camp grounds instead of putting it in a general fund. If you do raise the rates it is just going into the states pocket to be used for your benefit.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jom Doe

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 12:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jaylow55555@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Molalla, OR

Public comment:

Um, no one wants rates to increase, but, does the government in Oregon care? Why are you even asking for our input when you're gonna do whatever you want to do anyways?



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Commenter name (if provided):

Travis G

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 01:20 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

tank198155@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Eagle Creek, OR

Public comment:

I would like for the free camping pass that's given to our military members and foster or foster adoptive parents to be expanded to current and retired first responders. Enjoying the outdoors is a great way for first responders to escape the stress of the job, which is only getting harder. This is another opportunity for the state of Oregon to show it's appreciation for first responders and could add incentive to recruitment.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Robert Murakami

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 02:00 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

3drocktees@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Milwaukie, OR

Public comment:

I understand rate increases and there should be, especially for out of State visitors. However, there should be minimal to no increase for individuals with fixed income or low income, and all veterans.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kimberly Cooper

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 03:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kimi0324@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I understand that utility prices have increased, but many of us who camp are on fixed incomes. Our personal utilities have increased without additional income. Camping is the only way I can affordably take a vacation. Years of paying income taxes and lottery funds should be used for Oregonians to be able to use the campgrounds affordably. I am against increasing the fees for the campgrounds...at least for those of us who live in the state.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Franz Schoening

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 06:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

franz.schoening@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I would support raising the rates for out of state RV's even more, or giving Oregon residents the ability to reserve camp spots before out of state residents.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Abigail Ratliff

Date comment received:

July 5, 2024 07:40 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

abigailratliff16@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I am a low income individual who doesn't have a regular income, but I love camping. Camping allows me to disconnect from the stress of life, however having to pay and reserve puts more stress on me. It also prevents me from camping as often as I would like. I can only afford to go camping a max of two times during a year doing the cheapest sites available. The fees really add up when I do two nights, since there are the taxes. I don't support increasing the fees, doing that would prevent low income individuals to go camping and disconnect from the stress. Thank you for considering this issue.



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Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

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Commenter name (if provided):

Katherine Smith

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 02:26 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

smithkatiec@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Medford, OR

Public comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed adjustments to camping rates and related fees in Oregon state parks. Camping has long been a cherished, affordable way for families to connect with nature, create lasting memories, and experience the beauty of our state. However, the proposed rate increases threaten to undermine this accessibility, particularly for low- and middle-income families.

In a time when the cost of living is already soaring, increasing camping rates will only exacerbate the financial strain on families who are struggling to make ends meet. For many, camping is one of the few affordable vacation options available. Raising the cost of this essential recreational activity will push it out of reach for those who need it most, denying them the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and the mental and physical health benefits it provides.

Additionally, expanding the 25% surcharge for out-of-state campers to all types of campsites is a step in the wrong direction. While it may generate additional revenue, it also sends a message that our parks are less welcoming to visitors from other states. This could potentially reduce tourism and the economic benefits it brings to our local communities.

I urge you to consider the broader implications of these proposed changes. Instead of making camping more exclusive, let's find ways to keep it affordable and accessible for everyone. Nature should be a refuge and a joy for all people, not a privilege reserved for those who can afford higher fees.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lindsey Rask

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 07:00 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

Lindsey.rask@live.com

Location (if provided): Redmond, OR

Public comment:

First, thank you for allowing the public to comment on this. In a time where many activities are becoming unaffordable, I don't believe hiking up camping rates is beneficial to our communities. Being able to camp in our beautiful state is such a gift and my hope is that we want to encourage everyone to respectfully explore and have memorable experiences on our landscape. Although the rate hikes are not significant and may not happen at all locations, it will undoubtedly make camping and nature less accessible in our state.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Daniel Ward

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 07:28 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

trailers.sbt.71@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Medford, OR

Public comment:

I don't mind rate increases if they come with better services. My experience over the last 30 years of camping has been, that I get charged more with less services. Which means, the directors or people in charge get more of the money instead of the people who actually work. No more increase please.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Linda Smith

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 08:42 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

dlnjmsmith@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Sisters, OR

Public comment:

Charge all out-of-state campers more than in-state campers like other states do



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Commenter name (if provided):

Teresa McCabe

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 08:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

teresa.mccabe@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Growing up in Eugene, Oregon, my family didn't have money for movie theaters, let alone vacations in hotels and airline tickets. Family vacations were an annual drive to California to visit grandparents, and summer camping weekends in Oregon. Every summer, at least every other weekend was spent in a campground in some part of the state because it was something we could afford to do. Our family had no disposable income, and yet my childhood summers were packed with adventure thanks to the accessibility of our beautiful state's many public campgrounds.

We are living in a time when the price of participation in society has skyrocketed. At every turn we are reminded of what has slipped out of reach thanks to the siloing of services in this country. Every industry in this country has divided their services into price point levels because they've figured out that it's extremely profitable to charge everyone a premium...there are enough people who can afford a premium price to offset the lower consumer tiers who will be priced out of the market place. Everyone knows what the airline industry has done to humans over the past 20 years, but these strategies have been implemented everywhere. Streaming services. Education. Groceries (organic versus...?). Health care. Utilities. The indignity of the human experience if you are part of the 80% of the population who can't afford the the cost of "upgrading" your very existence in this country to a barely endurable baseline level is cruel, and quite literally, inhumane.

Please don't raise campground rates because you can or because everyone else is doing it. Given taxes and fees, and the cost of food and gas, camping has already slipped out of reach for many families. Many of these campgrounds were built during another period in history when the gap between the haves and the have nots had grown extreme. But the campgrounds afforded everyone in society an opportunity to develop a relationship with nature and their homeland, while getting to exist as the animals we are. They were meant to be borderline free, and they were meant to offer dignity to those who built the campgrounds as well as those who used them. I didn't know my family was poor in the 80s thanks to my summer camping adventures and thanks to the accessibility of public spaces, I got to belong. Please don't further raise the price of admission to a rich life in Oregon any higher.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Andy Jamsky

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 08:47 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

andrew@flowingsolutions.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Please implement a penalty and eventual ban on people who habitually no show as that bad habit it prevents other with less financial means from visiting our parks. This system is used in some other states already.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Desire Visser

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 09:28 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

visserdesire@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

To whom it may concern ,

Please don't raise the camping rates.

It used to be the only affordable thing to do as a family. It is hard enough to pay rent and bills and we barely get by. The thing that makes it all worth it is spending the little bit of time that is actually my own, away from the stress of life , with the people I love.

For my family, camping , fishing and reconnecting with nature is a necessity.

Everything is so expensive and costs keeps going up. The rates are going up on everything but my income isn't. Without the camping, fishing, forest and water, what good would it be to live in oregon? Keep oregon accessible to families. Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Eff Yomum

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 10:10 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

galedrithg@aol.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Oregon is only increasing it's camping costs because Oregon gave too much land to tribal territories. Now we have to increase costs because Oregon didn't take lands into account. So now they own less land which makes us pay more to camp there. Good job Oregon because Tina can't do her job make the community pay for it literally. Good job failures of a government we voted for good job you failed us yet again.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Katie Mersinger

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 11:08 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mersingerkatie@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Wilsonville, OR

Public comment:

The proposed increase for the yurts and cabins are prohibitive in my opinion. We have used state parks yurts, cabins, and tent sites as a cheaper alternative to a hotel. I'm okay with the tent site cost increase as that is still affordable. With the increase cost for cabins and yurts I am not planning on utilizing these park amenities as the price is too steep. If I was a non camper, the proposed increased cost is steep but would probably pay it. The cost of a shower at a truck stop is around \$10 in comparison, though truckers are able to utilize reward points earning a free shower with every 50 gallons of fuel purchased.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Devin Richman

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 11:31 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

Axeandhammerllc@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

No. This is just a way to slowly increase the rates from the top down.

Maybe these people should learn how to manage the funds they already have. What a thought. Instead of a bunch of suits writing emails and getting raises, the parks and lands could actually be improved.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bruce Hall

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 04:22 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bacihall@frontier.com

Location (if provided): Tualatin, OR

Public comment:

Yes. Charge out of state campers substantially more. In addition, give Oregon residents priority in reserving campsites. For example, don't allow out of state reservations until later. Oregon residents reserve beginning at 6:00 AM, and out of state reservations not until 6:30 or 7:00 AM. I'm tired of seeing our campgrounds filled by Washington residents.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Celeste Carico

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 04:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

celestecarico@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Bend, OR

Public comment:

It has become increasingly difficult to enjoy a campsite with the current system. Getting reservations is like ordering something on Black Friday! The spots fill up quickly, and many times people reserve, and don't even show up, leaving usable sites empty.

There needs to be some sort of system that holds people accountable for this practice. The wealthy don't mind paying the rate and losing it if they decide not to show up! Steep fines, or losing the right to make reservations (or both!) would be solutions that may curb this unfair practice. There needs to be more first come first serve sites as well, so folks who don't have flexible schedules can enjoy camping.

The restrooms have also been very disappointing in the past few years (since they gave the contract to a California business?). They are often dirty, and have no tp or sanitizer.

I don't mind paying a higher rate if there was a fairer system to support the locals who have a difficult time enjoying our forests as we have in the past.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Edward Torres

Date comment received:

July 6, 2024 11:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

eat3795@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Hillsboro , OR

Public comment:

We don't need more increase. Amount should be kept as is or even lower so it stays affordable for all.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Xavior Nunez

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 12:40 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

Slivnfree@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Honesty I am surprised it hasn't gone up already. I don't think it is a bad idea. If you look at the bigger picture of it. The maintenance of buildings, having park host, firewood, trail maintenance, swim areas, ranger cost, waste removal, trash removal, usable boat launches, and everything else people might not think about that comes with the cost of great camping experience in my option is worth a extra \$5 a day.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Torry Storment

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 07:16 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

torry.storment@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

The cost of camping in this state has already gone up insane he last decade. If you guys keep raising prices it will only be a rich person and out of state activity. Camping should be cheap, u greedy fucks.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Matt Shannon

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 07:55 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

cptnmatt@sisqtel.net

Location (if provided): Greenview, CA

Public comment:

Oregon state parks are so much better than California's and cheaper too. If rates are changed, they are still hundreds of dollars less than a motel. The only downside I see will be to make the rates closer to the KOA prices.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Trevor Bradford

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 07:56 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

trevor.bradford@trailkeepersoforegon.org

Location (if provided): Gold Beach, OR

Public comment:

Do not increase fees, it limits public access and shifts the burden to the poor.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Glen Olson

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 08:56 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

rufunit@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Chiloquin, OR

Public comment:

State Park fees have got way out of hand. If you live in Oregon, you pay taxes, and all public land and state parks should be free. They were this way for many years. Everything the state has control over has a fee these days only to line the pockets of the crooked officials. Have you seen DMV costs lately.

Property taxes are crazy everything you do either has a fee or a license all at a crazy cost. Hunting fishing licenses out of control.

I love Oregon but long for the Oregon back in the day not this liberal bull crap. If you are going to do anything cut the outrageous wages and benefits, we pay our state workers and if anything cut the state park fees. Oh, and do you know why gas is so high TAXES.

Long and short of this I am sick and tired of having to pay for anything I have helped build or create already with taxes.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Chris Greb

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 09:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

cginvestigate@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Eagle Point, OR

Public comment:

I do not support this rule change. It is already becoming more and more expensive to recreate in the parks and campgrounds that we already pay heavy taxes to support. Any more increases will force me to reduce or eliminate altogether visiting any park/campground.

I know that my comment and any other's that don't support increasing fees will be disregarded, as this state government insists on more and more money grabs.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Ted Remillard

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 10:22 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

ted.remillard84@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Tigard, OR

Public comment:

Camping at Oregon State Parks is already too expensive and favors those who can afford the high fees. Camping should be a recreation affordable to all not just the well-to-do. For myself, it's getting to the point where I have to consider no longer camping for these fees. Imagine the impact on low income or retired people no longer able to afford a simple camping trip at our state parks.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Nathan Barker

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 10:29 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

anonymouseagle12342.nb@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Redmond, OR

Public comment:

I think that the dates are high enough. Stop trying to charge more for camping. It makes it harder for people to go out and enjoy the outdoors.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Hazel Gross

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 11:13 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hazypictures@protonmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I am opposed to the increase in hiker/biker fees. These are already per person instead of per site and with a group of 4 or more it's more than a full camp site.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Lucretia Smith

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 12:20 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

fireinside65@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Coos bay, OR

Public comment:

To whom it may concern,
As a person who loves to camp and on SSI, I'm not ok with price hikes! As it stands, I can only go camping 4 times a year!! Now, if there were discounts for the disabled(non veterans) and for Oregon State parks yearky pass, I could spend more time outdoors doing what I love...camping!!
Thank you for reading this.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Matt S

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 01:09 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

imatt243@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

All of these rate changes are too high, in particular the primitive camping and boat moorage fees. In general I don't think any rates should be increased as I have not seen any noticeable or marked improvements anywhere. The deluxe yurts rate change also seems disproportionate. There also needs to be more deluxe yurts. I do agree with higher rates for out of state visitors though. You also need to fix the issue where people make reservations then cancel a portion to get the dates they want. It's not fair to the rest of us who only have limited time and funds available and can't cheat the system like others can do



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Eileen Williams

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 03:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

twoblackaces.cc@gmail.com

Location (if provided): LA PINE, OR

Public comment:

I believe that rate changes are necessary, not only for the maintenance of parks but also for adequate staffing. With that being said, I also feel a tiered rate system should be instituted. Oregonians, anyone with a valid oregon ID, should not have to pay the same rates as those from out of state to enjoy our beautiful recreation areas that our taxes already help fund. By instituting a tiered system OPRD can ensure that out of state visitors to our outdoor spaces are helping to adequately and fairly fund the areas they are also using. This extra funding can be funneled into education initiatives as well as maintenance and staffing to help visitors better enjoy our spaces and ensure they are respectful and aware of things like fire danger, campsite clean up and native wildlife in the area. The extra funds can also help in repairing habitat if needed.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Rodney Graham

Date comment received:

July 7, 2024 04:18 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

rgraham541@charter.net

Location (if provided): Grants Pass, OR

Public comment:

I am against any increase in fees. As a senior Living on a fixed income, your proposed increase would mean I could not afford to go camping.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Cory mead

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 06:11 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

spacing13@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

It's bad enough you've let the state parks be taken over by parks and rec,so now the veterans can not use their state passes, you want to charge more for camping,you should all be fired



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Cliff Mead

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 07:00 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

madmead57@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Shady Cove , OR

Public comment:

Not sure why the need to raise the rates, can't possibly cost that much to run the parks considering most of the help is volunteer. You turned over control of Stewart State park to Jackson County, now they won't honor the veterans pass and charge way to much for camping with no sewer hook ups. Maybe what you should do is try to expand your volunteer base and stop running the campers over the coals!



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kelli Lawson

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 07:19 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

kellixlawson@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

To whom it may concern,
Please do not allow for the flexibility of raising the rates of camping. Frankly, we are all tired of inflation. One of the many reasons we choose to go camping is to escape the rising costs of basic goods. Camping should be a chance to escape from the politics and all the chaos of our modern world. Please do everything you can to keep the rates where they're at.

Sincerely,
Kelli Lawson



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Josh Hopkins

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 08:08 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

josh-21@live.com

Location (if provided): Grants Pass, OR

Public comment:

The local and state tourism and lodging taxes already make even basic campsites unaffordable to many of the key demographics listed in the SCORP. Rasing these fees will only hinder the ability for disadvantaged groups to participate outdoors. I support increasing or expanding fees on out of state campers. With the States push as tourism being our only economy over the last decade, our out of state campers have created a barrier for local residents as well. Another option for consideration is to have the state give a portion of all the tourism dollars to OPRD. Travel Oregon and all the many subsidiary groups receiving those funds have more than they can spend.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Richard Cranium

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 08:57 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

dicknixon69@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Absolutely no rate increases. You continuously demand more and more while providing less and less. Outdated vault toilets, cracked broken and potholed surface roads, essentially free labor from camp hosts, more and more parking permit requirements every year. You act like the exorbitant taxes we already pay in this state arent enough! You do little to nothing about cleaning up the homeless trash and dumping sites on our public lands to the point that private citezens in the form of the gambler 500 do more to protect our wilderness areas than the state does. You want more funding, do what the rest of us do and produce result that warrant more funding.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Seth Miller

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 09:42 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

seth@orparksforever.org

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

The "surcharge" for out of state campers has been a source of major negative emails to us, but a more marketing friendly approach would be to have a standard rate for "everyone" and a discount for In-state campers (local address or license plate). This would still meet the legislatures direction to charge more to out of state campers.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Mitch Mora

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 10:27 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mitchmora@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Central Point, OR

Public comment:

Please do not increase park fees. You will only keep those who can't afford it out of the parks and camping will only become a luxury or glamping for those with RVs.

This day in age of trying to make everything about DEI, why are you increasing rates

STOP raising taxes and fees on everything.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Brian Westerhout

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 11:10 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

brian@gwearch.com

Location (if provided): Medford, OR

Public comment:

Please do not increase the campsite or user fees for the state parks.

User Fees are already expensive.

Our families income has decreased over the past 3+ years, not increased while simultaneously being stressed by higher housing/insurance costs, electricity and gasoline costs, food costs and recreation costs. And we are not talking about minor cost increases, we are talking about cost increases in the ballpark of 30% over the same period. If costs for operating the state parks dept are increasing please look elsewhere for the money, such as reducing administrative costs by reducing upper and mid level management positions.

The State Parks and other Public Lands are meant to be managed for the benefit of the people. When you impose user fees you restrict use of our public resources to those who can afford the fees, and to lawless individuals who will use them without paying. The number of individuals who can afford the fees is decreasing, while the number of those who are lawless is increasing!

Once again, please do not increase the user fees for State Parks.

Thank You,
Brian Westerhout (father of a family of 5)



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Haley Lehman

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 12:12 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hnproctor@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

Please don't raise standard camping rates or cabin/yurt rates. They are already high enough. I'm totally good with raising rates for out of state campers, since they don't pay taxes. Maybe consider renting out canoes or kayaks, or other equipment, if more income is needed. I'd love to do something like that and would be willing to pay. But please keep the basics accessible for all.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Hatch Ingwerson

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 12:18 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

Ingwerson@live.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I'd like to ask OPRD to take a different rout. Rates of \$30 a night will put camping out of reach for most of our families. With Oregon ranking 3rd in the nation for homeless families and one of the highest for suicides, the loss of access to green spaces or this pay to play feature, will be devastating on mental health. Camping is, was, one of the few affordable options for families in our region. Already it is far too difficult for local Oregonians to access the campgrounds and parks that our tax dollars fund, with many being booked out since DECEMBER. Gone are the days of just get in the car, drive, visit a lovely Oregon region and find an affordable campground and I believe that these changes will drive tourist dollars away from the small economies that depend on them. Big RVs shop and buy only at big box stores and truck stops, not local mom and pops. It's the weekenders and road warriors and explorers and dreamers our state was built on. Exploration, pioneering, we come from a strong stock of local legends and woodmen and women and these rates are like handcuffs. Our own people cannot access their own parks. I was excited about the Oregon park pass, until I learned that there would only be one park on our area where we could use it. Everywhere else charges a day, entry, or parking fee. This needs to be consolidated. Local families and children MUST have access to green spaces, forests, rivers and lakes to swim and recreate and be with everyone else together, from all walks of life and all economic classes. We should be making camping cheaper and easier to access. We should have a park day pass that works in county and state parks, a one time fee so that local people can get some relief from valley smoke and heat. This higher cost is the opposite of what is needed and I believe will do more harm than good, will lead to more unsanctioned campgrounds and will drive people to violate rules out of basic necessity. Please consider making all tent sites an easy and predictable \$15 a night, \$18 with electric and water, and only reserve the \$30 rates for very extraordinary places and out ofstaters. Out of towners should pay \$45, like California does. I also believe rates for local people in their own counties should be less or there should be an option for a season pass like Wildlife Safari and Crater Lake offer, with local county sites added so that people who live near these natural wonders can access them without selling of their first born.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

John Zumbro

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 05:35 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dustyzumbro@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Ashland, OR

Public comment:

I am disabled and would like to see Oregon acknowledge that like California does. California charges handicapped persons half for camping at all state parks. This would drastically increase our chances to camp in Oregon



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Robin Eppler

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 06:06 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

rgrimm86@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

As long as the rate increase is going towards the park I'm fine with an increase. I agree with the RV surcharge for out of state campers as I think this is reasonable.

However allowing an individual access to determine which parks assess a day use fee seems ridiculous. I think a stated rule, as is current, should be enforced. It makes it easier as the patron to determine which pass to buy as there are already far too many different passes or if the need for a single day use pass is needed.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Mikayla Jenkins

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 06:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kylataymay@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Myrtle creek, OR

Public comment:

We should keep camping affordable. Do not raise the rates. The state parks should be for everyone to enjoy. If you really want to raise rates, then raise them only for out-of-state campers.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Richard Brown

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 07:03 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

richardacebrown@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Though parks communicate no vacancy, there are still several empty spots. Loosing revenue.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Chris Bodewig

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 08:39 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cjb.ford56@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Pilot Rock , OR

Public comment:

If you raise the rates too high in twenty nine dollars a night is too high.. More people will be camping outside the campgrounds long rivers waterways and polluting them. Keep the rates low enough but still enough that we can maintain the parks. Don't raise a race just because people nearest in pay



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Latysha Nash

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 08:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lrn161992@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Roseburg, OR

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. I will gladly pay extra if it means getting the ability to actually find a local campground that has openings that are first come first serve.

Latysha Nash



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Larry Mauer

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 09:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

larrymauer@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Coos Bay, OR

Public comment:

A small increase might be warranted but not the rates you have proposed. Cut the proposed rates in half. Also, about 1/4 of all campsites should not be reservable, open to drive-ins. A lot of people cannot plan their trips months in advance to reserve camping spots. Also any reserved spots that are not occupied by a certain hour should be opened up people driving in looking for spots.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jennifer Jackson

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 10:04 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jennyfur_007@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Grants Pass, OR

Public comment:

Stop making public parks inaccessible to the poor. It is literally one of the only things they can still do. Raising fees makes parks only available and accessible to the well off who have money to spare.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Robin Clark

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 10:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

robintheboywonder02@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Medford , OR

Public comment:

I think this proposal is ridiculous and ignorant of the fact that camping is meant to be cheap! Why should people have to pay \$30 to camp at some sites? I understand wanted to pay workers better but for the most part camp sites are just lots. What about revenue from selling ice and firewood at sites? Increasing the shower cost to \$5 is also crazy, especially if the showers themselves are just standard camp showers. Don't let classism into camping. I also don't think the 25% surcharge should be expanded, don't we want to encourage getting outdoors and seeing our beautiful state?



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Debbie Alba

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 10:27 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dalba@peak.org

Location (if provided): Philomath, OR

Public comment:

Raising rates in what is supposed to be public space is an equity issue. It creates barriers to people that are impoverished to be able to access and utilize public space. I urge you find other sources to pay for management of these spaces rather than charging the citizen we must keep public lands accessible to all of our citizens.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Bruce Justis

Date comment received:

July 8, 2024 10:32 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bjustissr@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Winston , OR

Public comment:

If you're raising the rates, why don't you also look at giving orgonians a chance getting spaces before other states. You currently require at least 6 months before you can make a reservation. Why don't you make out-of-staters wait 7 months. Which will give orgonians a chance to get their spots first. I have heard from many people that they seem to be in competition and not able to get spots. It's not fair that we pay state taxes year round for this and do not get an edge on getting a spot



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Sandra Baker

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 02:26 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

smbaker22@icloud.com

Location (if provided): Cave Junction , OR

Public comment:

Of all the things my state taxes pay for, the one I mind the least is the one for state parks. It is critically important that access to them be available to everyone regardless of economic situation. The proposed rate changes put access to camping and even day use (let alone a cabin or yurt) out of reach for too many.

I could understand an increase of 10 or even 15%' but these proposed rate increases are 30% or more! The rate changes are prohibitively high.

I implore you to keep our public parks available to the public.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jared Hamilton

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 06:32 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

handcraftdesignllc@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

You keep raising park prices but shutting down parks because you aren't taking care of them. This is getting out of hand. Stop raising the price if you aren't going to keep the parks open and maintained.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Andrea Witham

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 08:03 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

awitham17@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Roseburg , OR

Public comment:

I will be happy to pay an increased fee for camping if they make it easier for people who live in OR to actually get a campsite. Change reservations to 3 months in advance not six. Allow residents to book two weeks before out of state. Increase out of state surcharge. I love OR state parks and wish we could utilize them more.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Geht Lost

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 08:08 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

NiceTryNot@outlook.com

Location (if provided): Medford , OR

Public comment:

Keep it up. I mean you're making my case that if you keep raising your rates private owners will just rent out portions of their property like TentRR group does. It is getting so ridiculous in light of gas and grocery expense. We can't seem to get a break.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Barbara Goodrich

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 08:36 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

bagoodrich@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Medford, OR

Public comment:

It's not bad enough that it's almost impossible to get a spot in our state parks and already expensive , but now you want to charge more. Being a senior on a fixed income about the only thing we can enjoy is our beautiful Oregon parks and now we will not even be able to do that. With inflation the way it is how do you expect families and seniors to be able to enjoy our outdoors. This rate change is really outrageous.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Lori Recio

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 08:49 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

lorirrecio@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Cave Junction, OR

Public comment:

It used to be that the average low income person went camping with their family. Now Oregon's fees have gone so ridiculously high that they cant!! This really should be considered when evaluating fee increases.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Gale Preciado

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 02:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

preciadog@pacbell.net

Location (if provided): Montara, CA

Public comment:

The price increase will likely cause me to spend less time in a given campsite since it adds up and the increase definitely will be felt for me, being a retired, out-of-state, RV traveler who frequently visits to see my kids and grandkids living in Oregon. I use the campsites for showers, electricity where available, tank disposals and security when staying in some areas. I just won't be able to stay an extra day or two and explore the way I usually do at those prices. But the BIG comment I want to leave is to please, please, please provide sewer disposal sites for FREE wherever you can! More and more I have been coming across raw sewage at my secret spots where I used to overnight in my van while on the road just passing through. I am responsible and will pay to empty my tanks, but I have found it hard to even find places in Oregon to dump. It's gross but apparently people will dump their tank into a ditch rather than have it overflow if they have little money for disposal fees or simply can't find a site near them. This needs to be a no excuses scenario in my book, so make dump sites easy to find and make them free! BTW Washington state has dump sites located at almost all the roadside rest stops, which is really very convenient and effective. Thanks for hearing my comments.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jerilyn Boyd

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jerilynboyd511@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Oakland , OR

Public comment:

Please consider giving Oregon residents a reduced rate at \$15 for overnight use or a day in campsite and out of state users a fee of \$35 a night. We rightfully deserve a break being Oregon State tax payers.



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Karen Cooper

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:05 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cooperkaren832@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please
send us the following information: Your first name:

Your last name:

Which rule you are commenting on:

Your public comment:

Karen Cooper

Raising
camping rates

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Tina Thompson

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:06 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lyvwire71@msn.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Larry Conner

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:07 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

larrymodee@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Christine Isabell

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:07 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

christineisabell@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

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[Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Sherry Sheldon

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

charmingtica@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

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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

Commenter name (if provided):

Brandy Davies

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bdavies2388@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Laurie Heuston

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:09 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

heuston.laurie@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Kristy Scott

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kristydawnsmith88@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Thank
you



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Latysha Nash

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lrn161992@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jason Meyers

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:11 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jaycolby2@icloud.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Absolutely not

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Suz Montemayor

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:12 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

Suz.Montemayor@bbsi.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

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

Sincerely,

Suz
Montemayor

541.261-1164

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from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Paul Weston

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

penguin86.pw@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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.

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Cindy DeBoer

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:14 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jrkckd1999@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Zahara Solomon

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

zaharasolomon@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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 tenters, 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

Commenter name (if provided):

Aaron Decker

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:15 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

aaron_decker11@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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.

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Kathleen Kinzie-Rowland

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:16 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

kathleenkinzie@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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,

Kathleen Kinzie-Rowland

1030 Clay Street

Ashland, OR 97520



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jim Hubbard

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jimmiemh@msn.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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?

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

JW JW

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:17 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

woodduck28@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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.

jw



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Valeri Rasmusson

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:18 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

RVingGrandma@outlook.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Ed Rollins

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:19 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

erollins@beobank.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Corey Pickard

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:20 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

cpickard725@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Cathy Moore

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:21 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

psalm27cathy@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

M Ball

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:22 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mcbpeacock@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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. 😊

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

John Bellville

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:23 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

john.bellville@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Hello 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

Commenter name (if provided):

Bryan Freed

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:24 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

befreedwinefarm@aol.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Rhonda Young

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:24 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bornOnthebeach@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

July
7, 2024

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

LEAVE
IT FOR INSTATE PEOPLE.

Thank
you

R. Young

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Deena Hobb

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:25 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hobbsdeena@bendbroadband.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

hobbsdeena@bendbroadband.com



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Bob -

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:25 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

noisymoon7@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

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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



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

G Pitcairn

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:26 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

tablerocktrekker@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Medford, OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Val Bradshaw

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:27 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

val.bradshaw1@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

No more taxes

Val Bradshaw

(541) 261-5477



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Dan Bylsma

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:28 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

bylsmadan@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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.

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Diane Walker

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:28 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

drwgma10@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

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



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

M Holte

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:29 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mtmbholte@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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 staters 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

Commenter name (if provided):

Carey A

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:29 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

aubuchon27@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Yvonne Meza

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:30 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

dy-meza4@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

Marsha Dixon

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

mmslover51@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

JoAnne Beck

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:31 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

911.joanne@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Coquille, OR

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

56685
Beck Rd

Coquille
OR 97423

541-297-4023



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Ken G

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:32 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

twostroke350twin@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

Commenter name (if provided):

John Hudspeth

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:33 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

john@jhudspeth.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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

John
Hudspeth



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jade Sharpe

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:33 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

jadealexsharpe@protonmail.com

Location (if provided): Bend, OR

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

Bend,
OR



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

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Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:34 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

chellerella5150@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

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.....

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Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Ila Fetterly

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 03:35 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

ilafetterly@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Rainier, OR

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,

Ila Fetterly, Rainier Oregon



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Hunter Bancroft

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 04:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hbancroft40@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

Camping is one of the best hobbies for low-income families. Raising rates for tent camping forces even more poor people out of camping. If rate hikes need to happen, raise the rates on RV sites. It is a good assumption that RV'ers can afford the increase whereas tent campers cannot.

State parks these days almost seem inaccessible, being reserved months and months out. This coupled with the recent shut down of dispersed camping sites seems to be a catalyst for disaster. I believe this will contribute to the crowding and littering currently going on in what's left of the dispersed camping areas; not to mention the raised risk of forest fires because of this.

Make our state parks accessible again.