



# Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

**Proposed rule change:**

**OPRD Exclusion rule update**

**Date comment received:**

October 3, 2023 09:58 PM

**Location (if provided):** La Pine, OR

**Public comment:**

I believe people should only be excluded from parks if they break the law. Not following park rules are not criminal and should not involve excluding people from parks. There are many unwritten rules or unposted rules that may get broken without knowing it. An example is some parks allow boats to be parked off pavement, some do not. Another example is moving picnic tables for a large group. I've actually been threatened with being banned if we didnt move them back. Removing people or excluding people for such small infractions especially when it is not posted would be ridiculous. These rules are not posted and differ from park to park.

In short, I believe exclusions should only be in effect for criminal offenses, not breaking park rules (especially when it is not posted), unless it is a criminal act.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Dana Brown

**Date comment received:**

October 4, 2023 12:41 AM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Location (if provided):** Beaverton , OR

**Public comment:**

We have been fortunate to camp in several Oregon Park campsites this past spring and summer.

One of the camphosts had to intervene when an individual was threatening some campers late at night. The next day, we were talking to the host and I asked him what he liked the most and the least about hosting.

Obviously, he enjoyed the outdoors and meeting wonderful campers. But what he disliked was his inability to do much of anything when someone causes trouble.

He said all he could do was to try and calm down the individual(s) and if the argument continued, he had to call the cops. Unfortunately, being so far from anywhere, it sometimes took hours for the police to arrive.

Sadly, everyone is so afraid to enforce good, decent behavior anymore that people obeying the rules are really penalized. Why does our society enforce bad behavior? We must get control of those who can't control themselves before it's too late.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Maureen Meade

**Location (if provided):** Redmond, OR

**Public comment:**

For the safety of children and families , I am in favor of the OPRD exclusion rule.

**Date comment received:**

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**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Daniel Feldt

**Date comment received:**

October 4, 2023 10:26 AM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

I am writing to comment on the new park rules.

I would like to see something added to ban people for public drug use, and for camping on State Park land outside of designated camping locations. I would appreciate if it was worded so that homeless people can be immediately removed when found and not left for 72 hours. Perhaps making camping trespassing so that they can be removed would be good.

I am homeless and see too many people damage local public lands and facilities, and do not want that for State Properties.

Thank  
you,

Daniel  
Feldt



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October 4, 2023 10:30 AM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Lorelei Vaughn

**Location (if provided):** Walton, OR

**Public comment:**

I don't know what would get people excluded from parks and campgrounds, but it is waaay past time you exclude people for letting dogs off leash. It is extremely dangerous for people and other dogs to have the constant stream of loose dogs. They attack others, people get bitten trying to break it up, huge vet bills happen, some dogs are killed, arguments between humans ensue, all because these lazy people REFUSE to follow the rules, and because rules are not enforced. Since the rules are there, it is beyond me why they are not enforced! It is so very easy to keep a dog on leash, but I have to be on my guard at ALL times to keep my dog safe. And they don't need to be barking non-stop.

Those ridiculous retractable leashes need to be banned. The dogs are out 20 feet while the owner babbles on his or her phone.

My dog ignores people, he also ignores dogs. Yet I have to carry a big stick to keep the loose dogs away. Sometimes, I have to whisk mine into the trailer when I see one coming.

Can you imagine what people would do if I hit their dog with my stick? They would go berserk, that's what. I tell them their dog needs to be on leash, and they look dumbfounded. People holler, oh don't worry, he's friendly. All that means is that the dog is out of control.

If there's anything worse than non-stop barking, it's non-stop kids screaming, playing ball and bouncing them off cars, kids riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards, against traffic, kids riding on trails, people traipsing into someone's site uninvited. If the children get run over, the parents will be screaming and filing lawsuits.

How about some rules or laws that mean something???  
Make the rules into laws. Do something! I've pretty much stopped using Oregon State Parks because people are just out of control. If I go to the beach, 100 pound dogs are running at me while some fool hollers they're friendly. Well, I'm not, and my dog on leash will do his best to protect me.

Never once have I heard anyone say why the dog needs to be off leash and out of control.

I've heard that thievery in state campgrounds is a problem, too.

Thank you.

Lorelei A. Vaughn





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October 4, 2023 10:32 AM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

J Nelson

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

Who

makes the decision to exclude? If it is the volunteer park hosts this could be problematic as they could possibly be considered biased. They could also use the rule as a threat to elevate or misconstrue a violation.

How

would the violation be enforced? The individual could be blocked from reserving spaces but how do you restrict them from day use or coming with someone else?

There

is a real issue with making rules that cannot be enforced. It makes enforcing all other rules all the more difficult.

J

Nelson.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Coryn Gauvain

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

I know it said you were only accepting statements until the 3rd but I have just now seen this.

My husband and I and our 2 boys help the homeless. We were kicked out by North Bend PD of all the parks. We didn't do anything wrong. I was helping the female clean up what she was going thru to downsize. My husband, 2 boys and the Male were down at the water playing with a raft we had just found. I understand the couple has had many run ins with the PD but we had done nothing wrong and right in front of my boys they banned us from all parks. I don't think it's fair for all individuals to be banned because someone has a power trip



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Donald Backman

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Location (if provided):** Bay City, OR

**Public comment:**

This is very important, and needs to be updated. State Parks needs to have the teeth to remove people who attempt to squat on state park properties and those who are abusing the properties through an inordinate amount of trash and other materials that are not part of the camping experience.

The state parks need to be open to everyone but they also need to be able to maintain the integrity of the environment and the park itself.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Jamie Wallace

**Location (if provided):** Grants Pass, OR

**Public comment:**

Links to details are not working?

**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 05:19 AM

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**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 08:46 AM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

J B

**Location (if provided):** , OR

**Public comment:**

Yes, please! I camp alone and as a single female it's hard to feel safe but I usually do in State campgrounds because there are staff and hosts and usually plenty of people around.

But I had an incident last spring at Bullards State Park, where I've stayed before and had no issues. I arrived to find someone parked in the driveway of the yurt I had reserved. I drove to the campsite who then drove over and talked to the woman who was there. I had followed and was parked in the "road" and heard a lot of their conversation. She clearly had a strange rationale and mindset and didn't understand the reservation process, especially that I was to stay there. The host vaguely asked her to find a different spot. He left, and she didn't. She started acting very strange, going around to the side of her van and watching me and came back videotaping me sitting my car waiting for her to move. I waited for a while then I gestured for her to leave, in which she approached closer and told me she wasn't leaving, continuing to videotape me. I told her I was getting the camp host. The camp host didn't know what to do with her and contacted the Ranger. The Ranger asked her to move and she pulled out, begrudgingly, and he left. I pulled into the yurt and she then immediately parked in the camp spot right across me (there were TONS of other options), backed in and sat in her car videotaping me more as I attempted to unload my belongings into the yurt. She then came out and was slowly walking around her van looking at me the entire time. I had to leave for an appointment in Bandon and felt very unsafe and harassed. I contacted the Ranger who defended her "because she had a kid" and was not accommodating to my feelings of being unsafe and having her continuously watch me. There was no way I could sleep there with her across me like that. By her demeanor, behavior and conversations overheard and what she said to me, she clearly had mental health issues. She was not in her right mind, so to speak. They let her stay there, in that spot across me, and my trip was ruined. I was moved to the only available yurt left which was noisy and a long way to carry things. She walked down the road past me unloading into the different yurt later with her child in a stroller and watched me. I left then despite losing money on reservations I had for several days. I've never felt unsafe like that and it was hard to defend to hosts and the Ranger because we were both female, they were male. How did I know if she did or did not have a weapon? How did I know things would not get even worse?

Even though this incident was not extreme, it was frustrating and has made me reconsider staying there in the future.





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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Cindy Rock

**Location (if provided):** Milwaukie, OR

**Public comment:**

I hope the Parks will be able to remove individuals who are a danger or threatening the park and law abiding park visitors.

**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 10:01 AM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 11:32 AM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Susan Gundlach

**Commenter email (if provided):**

ladyxsuebee@yahoo.com

**Location (if provided):** Tualatin, OR

**Public comment:**

YES! Too often we see people disrespectful of the habitat by going off trail, bringing animals in places that specifically says you can't, and when you try to remind them of the rules they display unwarranted, unsafe behavior towards staff and other park guests. There should definitely be an exclusion rule for people that violate these tenets.





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**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 03:43 PM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Ryan Ogan

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Location (if provided):** Oregon City, OR

**Public comment:**

As a person who has a disability, will I need to go through the appeals process every time an uneducated, self righteous idiot wants to exclude me because they think I'm inebriated or homeless? You might think this is paranoia, but I'm already on trial for surviving in Clackamas County, and had to file a lawsuit against Newport Cafe when I was assaulted and the police didn't do anything. If you think the public doesn't act this way, please consider the 14th amendment was ratified in 1868 and wasn't recognized until a hundred years later. Discrimination exists everywhere.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Joseph Jones

**Location (if provided):** Medford, OR

**Public comment:**

Questions in my mind are:

1. Who enforces this? Extra burden on ranger with possible violent people.
2. Difficult to get backup when needed.

**Date comment received:**

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**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 07:08 PM

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

I'd like to know what offences they want to exclude people for?

What behaviors exactly constitute a danger?

Are these "drug users" just smoking some weed, or are they shooting heroin?

Were kids playing a little too loud?

Did someone step on a plant

Did someone ride around with no seat belt?

It's the OUTDOORS! Let people live a little!



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**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 07:17 PM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Dave Farmer

**Commenter email (if provided):**

Davefarmer15362@gmail.com

**Location (if provided):** West linn, OR

**Public comment:**

Please exclude people who break the rules. My most important issues are--

Poaching animals or other wildlife and wasting the meat. Example

"Crater Lake Poacher" a Federal Park but his sentence was way too light.

Just the repeat "felon in possession of a firearm " should be 15 to 20 years.

Causing fires.

Needles left around.

Drunks and Stoners.

Illegal camping.

Property crimes & vandalism,

drilling gas tanks for the fuel is so expensive to repair.

Illegal shooting & fireworks.

Thanks



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**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 08:04 PM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Michael Zak

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Location (if provided):** Fairview, OR

**Public comment:**

As a Oregon citizen, and a many time.park employee which I use to work in public parks like Yellowstone, and Zion, I think that anyone who.endangers the lives or threatens citizen, park rangers, employees, and staff should not.be allowed to.enter the parks again. Even damaging park property or harassing animals. Spraying.grafiti , or carving their name.into.park.property , should be reasons for being banned from state and.federal parks. Their should absolutely be no eapons allowed in parks, such as guns, knives, home made weapons and so.on. Unless your camping or having a.picnic, then yes, I understand knives can be allowed for.cutting food , not cutting.people.or animals unless you feel your lives were in grave danger. Park rules are made to keep people safe, and to respect nature and the property on it, not damage it.or.ruin it for.everyone else. Therefore,.. .if your one.who likes to.harrass people, cause problems,..damage. park.properry, and disrespect nature and park.rules, then yes, I feel you should.be band from the parks.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

Nicole Necas

**Date comment received:**

October 5, 2023 09:10 PM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

nicole.necas@gmail.com

**Location (if provided):** MCMINNVILLE, OR

**Public comment:**

Yes, I agree with this proposal. All parks including state parks should be a safe space for individuals and families to enjoy.



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October 5, 2023 11:08 PM

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

I find the Oregon laws and rules on exclusion for Oregon State Parks to be hindering constitutional rights due to the state being unable to prove harm to either staff, visitors, or resources.

Notably, Washington park, which is connected to Oregon zoo, is sufficiently large that even a sizable group of people smoking marijuana or partaking in drugs are unlikely to endanger anyone (staff or visitors) by the act of these actions. Even if these substances alter a person's behavior, that behavior is what is illegal and not the substance.

Oregon State Parks provide ample privacy and opportunity for individuals to avoid one another if that is their desire, the choice to involve oneself with these activities or individuals does not represent a harm to others, nor is anyone required to interact or pursue these individuals.

Claims that these activities and others disrupt the parks or endanger the public are an attempt to disrupt the Constitutional right to public lands. These right don't just include walking and talking but, like Burning Man, parties or events or even dangerous (but legal) activities may be held on public land.

In conclusion I would present one final note. Oregon is not required to upkeep it's public land and parks in the manner they are, while they are required to allow individuals free access to public lands. Any claim that persons or activities need to be diminished based on cost concerns are only plausible when illegal destruction construction, littering, ECT. are taking place. Activity based exclusion is based on illegal commerce, smuggling, soliciting, or altering the environment beyond ordinary wear and tear while partaking in public lands.

I trust that while you may be attempting to navigate these truths to create more restrictive lands, that the clarity I convey here convinces you to the detrimental cost that will come with avoiding these truths. Nearly every law created is fought in court, I hope to assist Portland in avoiding a costly court battle over baselessly expanding definitions to include constitutionally protected activities.



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**Date comment received:**

October 6, 2023 09:48 AM

**Location (if provided):** ,

**Public comment:**

Any person who endangers others should be excluded from the park. We as the public want to know we are safe when attending our state parks.





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**Date comment received:**

October 6, 2023 12:33 PM

**Commenter name (if provided):**

Gwyndolyn Robert

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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**Location (if provided):** Springfield, OR

**Public comment:**

As someone who used State Parkes for 31 years. Personally I have seen changes in the types of people who utilize the parks. I am all for inclusion. That being said I use to never have to worry about an unleashed animal coming after my 9 month pregnant sister while camping. I use to never worry about the translates littering free camp sites with dangerous drug paraphernalia or body waste.

Is there is going to be exclusion then there better be enough to enforce it. People also change and it should not be a lifetime ban either. Everything in balance. So we can all enjoy the outdoors.



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**Commenter name (if provided):**

John Pelonio

**Location (if provided):** Hillsboro, OR

**Public comment:**

This appears to be a reasonable regulation with limitations and an appeal process to prevent misuse.

**Date comment received:**

October 6, 2023 03:29 PM

**Commenter email (if provided):**

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