



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Afuola

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 10:56 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

Allisonvw02@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

Please do not raise the camping rates for Oregonians some families in Oregon can't afford to pay more than they are already and that why we tent camp with our children during the summer instead of staying in RVs or fancy hotels. It's even harder now with the cost of food and wood and everything else rising as well. If you want more money figure out how to keep more of the reservation fees because that is a substantial portion of the booking costs and sometimes when we have to book one spot for one night and another spot the next night we end up paying two reservation fees.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Barbara Gibson

Date comment received:

July 16, 2024 07:19 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

parishcabin@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): John Day, OR

Public comment:

What a bunch of crap to raise prices again . people just want to go and enjoy something that does not cost a lot of money and now Oregon want to raise the prices. do you not understand that people are at their limit



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Commenter name (if provided):

PETER E

Date comment received:

July 19, 2024 09:57 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): MCMINNVILLE, OR

Public comment:

Increase fees for out of state campers at popular campgrounds. We were charged double at a campsite in Idaho!

Charge RVs by the foot for power sites. 50' land yachts with 3 AC units, two TVs, a micro etc. etc. pay the same as r

Limit days at popular campgrounds to 10 consecutive in one visit and 20 total in one season.

It's nearly impossible to get a hookup site at popular campgrounds.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Carol Robbins

Date comment received:

July 19, 2024 12:47 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Medford, OR

Public comment:

My husband and I love to camp and have enjoyed staying at Oregon State Parks. It will be shameful to not be able to afford it if the proposed rate hikes are approved. The proposal could raise campground fees up to 58% for Oregon residence based upon proposed OPRD starting in 2025. This truly will make camping unaffordable for families and create an issue of camping anywhere except the state campgrounds. Camping in areas where a forest fire could start is a reality.

Please DO NOT raise the fees on our wonderful Oregon State Parks!!

Sincerely,

Carol Robbins



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Commenter name (if provided):

Roger Viets

Date comment received:

July 20, 2024 10:24 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Medford , OR

Public comment:

I generally don't mind the fee increases but I have several concerns. First, the out of state camping fee should be increased much more substantially than in state fee. Any revenue shortfalls should be made by increasing out of state fees. I get tired of going through a campground and seeing 30% or more out of state plates and then hear how hard it is for in state residents to get camp sites. I like the fact that people want to come visit Oregon but our residents should come first. After all we pay taxes which helps support the park system and should have preference on campsites. Maybe a two week window for Oregon residents only. Also the reservation system is terrible. Just talk to your park rangers. People make two week reservations but only come for a week and cancel with only an \$8 cancellation fee. Mean while, others are scrambling to find sites. Don't know how many times I have driven through campgrounds with multiple sites empty and never camped in but the campground says full. Maybe some first come, first serve sites.

My final thoughts are concerns for low income families. Many families cannot plan 6 months in advance when their income maybe limited. You're making it even harder for them. Camping is a great family activity but your current pricing (and proposed) and reservation system seems to forgotten this. There is room for improvement.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Marilynn Blacketer

Date comment received:

July 21, 2024 02:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

marilynnblacketer@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

7-21-24

Thank you for recommending people submit public comments before August 30, 2024

I'd like to submit my comment. Please require the Oregon State Park day-use parking permits at all State Park parking lots. Here is a quote from your web-site: "Of the hundreds of day-use parks in the Oregon state park system, 25 parks charge a day-use parking fee." I submit, a required day-use fee at all parks would be an easy and excellent source of additional revenue. I am just familiar with the north coast parks. Fort Stevens requires the parking permit at Coffenbury Lake and the Historical Area while the other lots have free access. Free parking at Saddle Mountain Natural Area. Oswald West State Park (Short Sands) does not require a parking permit, and it is over run with people. The required parking permit might reduce the crowds, and would certainly provide the additional revenue for park maintenance.

Oregon's day-use parking fees are very reasonably priced. \$5 per day per vehicle, \$30 annual, or \$50 24 months. We purchase two 24month permits to keep one available in each car. Please, require the day-use parking permit at all Oregon State Park parking lots. Thank you, Marilynn Blacketer



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jonathan Hornung

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 02:46 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hornungjon@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

I think that the proposed cost increases for tent only and primitive sites misses the mark. If the justification for rate increases is an increase in utility costs, then why would a site that does not connect to utilities see an increase in the rate? The sites with electrical hookups take the most maintenance so let them shoulder the burden of increased rates and continue to provide affordable camping options for people who only have tents.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Connor Toth

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 03:59 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): PORTLAND, OR

Public comment:

I recently stayed at Ainsworth State Park at the hiker-biker area. The camping area is fine except that the charging ports have been removed from the locker area. This is so important for bike touring and needs to be rectified as access to power is a safety issue (phone, bike lights).

If we can raise the minimum standard at the parks to do things like this, I would certainly be willing to pay more, particularly for the hiker biker spots.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Mccoy

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:13 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Reservation system is pathetic, inefficient and Ineffective...that's just for starters. Oregon residents should have precedence over out of staters in length of stay requirements, fee structure and reservation priority. Fees should be at least double for out of state, (they will come anyway), out of state should have maximum of 7 day stay. For both in and out of state reservations they should lose the right to reserve anything in state if they fail to show for scheduled reservation...this is heinous incompetence when you go to a campground and half the sites are reserved and no one is in them and you aren't allowed to access them.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Zac Smith

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:41 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

zacthesmith@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , Unknown

Public comment:

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



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Commenter name (if provided):

Bryce Leppek

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:42 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Canby, OR

Public comment:

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

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

Sincerely,

Bryce
S. Leppek

Canby,
Oregon



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donna Houghton

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:43 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Florence , OR

Public comment:

Double or triple out of state traffic. Leave oregon residents a lone please.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Maria Carmen Gonzales

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:48 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , Unknown

Public comment:

Not really a question about a specific park but please forward this comment to the specific department office. I just completed a survey about a fee increase at the parks for camping. I understand that fees need to be raised. The elephant in the room here is the \$8 reservation fee, for every single time that we make a reservation. This is outrageous and it modifies our plans constantly. We could spend one night here and one night there, ideally, but do we want to pay another \$8? We end up spending 2 nights somewhere to avoid another \$8 fee. If we could go online, make 10 reservations in 10 different parks and pay an \$8 fee for 1 transaction, that would be ideal. But no, we need to pay the \$8 for one camp and start over with the reservation of another camp, and so on for 10 reservations and pay 8x10,=\$80 in reservation fees. That is what really bothers us and forces us to modify plans all the time.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donavin McNabb

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , Unknown

Public comment:

My
name is Donavin McNabb,

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

This
area has been free to camp for as long as I can remember, my wife and I use to

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

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

Thank you for your time.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Penny Belyeu

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:50 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

pennygirl2424@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

If you are going to raise rates, it will make camping unaffordable to a lot of people. You will need to allow more dispersed camping with vault toilets, garbage service, and fire rings. So that people who can't afford a park can still camp safely and legally.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Northrop

Date comment received:

July 22, 2024 04:51 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

stenor@aol.com

Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

Hello,

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

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

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

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

Regards,

Steve
Northrop

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Oregonian