



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

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The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is proposing updates to rules governing reservations, Special Access Passes, rate ranges, and fee waivers in response to significant financial and operational challenges. These changes are essential to ensure the long-term sustainability, accessibility and quality of Oregon's state park system. The rule changes are necessary to:

Address a Structural Budget Shortfall

Oregon State Parks faces a projected budget shortfall, driven by rising operational costs, increased visitation, and a projected reduction in lottery funding. Unlike many public services, Oregon State Parks do not receive general fund tax revenue for operations and current visitor fees are insufficient to cover the full cost of maintaining and operating the park system. These financial pressures threaten the department's ability to provide safe, clean and enjoyable park experiences for all Oregonians.

Improve Access and Efficiency Through Reservation Policy Updates

The proposed changes to the reservation and cancellation policies are designed to reduce the number of unused campsites due to late cancellations or no-shows. By incentivizing early cancellations and eliminating refunds for last-

minute cancellations or no-shows, OPRD can maximize campsite availability for other visitors and improve operational efficiency. These changes also discourage visitors from booking multiple sites and then cancelling at the last minute which limits access for others.

Refining Special Access Pass (SAP) Eligibility to Prioritize Oregonians

To better manage demand and reduce program costs, OPRD proposes limiting SAP eligibility to Oregon residents and capping free camping nights at 10 per year. Currently, 80% of pass holders do not camp more than 10 nights per year. These adjustments maintain support for service-connected disabled veterans and foster families, while ensuring that the program remains financially sustainable. When fully implemented, these changes are expected to reduce waived fee values by \$2.2 million per biennium, a 46% decrease in program costs.

Modernizing Fee Structures to Reflect Market Conditions

The proposed rules update rate ranges for campsites, cabins, yurts, and group facilities to expand dynamic pricing opportunities based on demand, seasonality, and amenities. This approach aligns with industry best practices and provides OPRD with the flexibility to respond to inflation and market trends, helping to stabilize revenue and maintain high-quality services.

Enhancing Day-Use Parking Permit Systems

Changes to day-use parking permits include updated fee ranges and allow for license plate-based systems, improving convenience and enforcement. The inclusion of vendor fees and future flexibility in permit duration ensures the program remains adaptable and cost-effective.

Overall, proposed rule changes are a necessary, strategic response to current financial realities and operational demands. They are designed to:

- Ensure the financial sustainability of Oregon's state park system,
- Maximize access to campsites and facilities for all visitors,
- Prioritize benefits for Oregon residents and underserved communities,
- And maintain the high standards of service and stewardship that Oregonians expect.

By implementing these changes, OPRD is taking proactive steps to preserve and enhance Oregon's treasured state parks for current and future generations.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

Proposed Rate Table: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PRP/Documents/Proposed%20rate%20ranges.pdf>

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

OPRD is committed to ensuring equitable access to Oregon's state parks for all communities. We do not have data to indicate how the proposed rules would have a disproportionate impact on any specific racial or ethnic group.

These changes aim to increase campsite availability and prioritize benefits for Oregon residents, including veterans and foster families. We will continue engaging with diverse communities, monitoring impacts, and ensuring that our parks remain welcoming for everyone.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The proposed rule changes are expected to have a positive fiscal impact on the Oregon Parks and Recreation

Department (OPRD) by helping to address a projected budget shortfall. These changes are designed to improve financial sustainability without relying on general fund tax revenue for operations, which OPRD does not receive.

Key fiscal impacts include:

- **Reduced Program Costs:** Refining eligibility and capping benefits for the Special Access Pass program is projected to reduce waived fee values by \$2.2 million per biennium, a 46% decrease in program costs.
- **Increased Revenue Potential:** Updated rate ranges and dynamic pricing for campsites, cabins, yurts, and group facilities will allow OPRD to better align fees with demand and inflation, helping to stabilize and potentially increase revenue.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Changes to reservation and cancellation policies will reduce unused campsite nights, improving occupancy rates and optimizing staffing and resource allocation.
- **Modernized Fee Collection:** Updates to day-use parking permits, including license plate integration and vendor fee structures, will streamline operations and improve cost recovery.

Overall, the proposed rules are expected to enhance OPRD's ability to maintain high-quality park services while ensuring long-term financial health.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

The department anticipates this rule will have a minimal impact on state agencies, units of local government, or small businesses. Small businesses are not subject to the rule. There are no reporting, record keeping or other administrative activities required of small businesses. There are no equipment, supplies, labor, record keeping or additional administrative costs for small businesses.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

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WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

A Rule Advisory Committee was not convened because the proposed changes are essential for ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of Oregon State Parks and address longstanding visitor concerns related to reservation policies.

RULES PROPOSED:

736-015-0006, 736-015-0010, 736-015-0015, 736-015-0020, 736-015-0026, 736-015-0030, 736-015-0035, 736-015-0040

AMEND: 736-015-0006

RULE SUMMARY: updates definitions to clarify Oregon resident and non-residents.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0006

Definitions ¶

As used in this division, unless the context requires otherwise:¶

- (1) "Adoptive Foster Families" means one or more persons who have adopted one or more foster children pursuant to ORS 418.285. At least one of the children must currently be under 18 years of age and living with the Adoptive Foster Family.¶
- (2) "Campsite" means full hookup, electrical hookup, tent, primitive, yurt, cabin, tepee, hiker/boater/bicyclist, horse camping, group tent, and group RV camp areas.¶
- (3) "Commission" means the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.¶
- (4) "Department" means the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.¶
- (5) "Director" means the director of the department.¶
- (6) "Enforcement Officer" means a peace officer or park employee specifically designated by the director under ORS 390.050 to investigate observed or reported violations, and to issue oral or written warnings or citations to enforce park area rules.¶
- (7) "Fee Range" means a range of base fees that may be charged for a campsite, service, or facility. The Director will set the actual fee ~~for each campsite~~ within that range.¶
- (8) "Foster Families" means persons with their foster children, who currently maintain:¶
 - (a) A Foster Home, ~~a Relative Home for Children or a Foster Home for Children with~~ a Developmental Disabilities Child Foster Home, as described in ORS 418.625 or 443.830;¶
 - (b) A Foster Home certified by the Oregon Youth Authority under OAR chapter 416, division 530;¶
 - (c) A Foster Home certified by any of the nine federally-recognized tribal governments as listed in ORS 172.110; or¶
 - (d) A therapeutic Foster Home for Children with Developmental Disabilities provided through a third-party provider that has been certified by the Oregon Department of Human Services.¶
- (9) "In Kind Services" means a group or person who provides, at the direction of park staff, materials or services whose value to the park area equals or is greater than the normal fees.¶
- (10) "Marketing and Promotion" generally are agency-sponsored events that are of regional or statewide significance ~~promoting tourism or partnerships with local communities, or in alignment with their agencies or economic development~~ mission and strategic priorities.¶
- (11) "Motor Vehicle" as defined in ORS 801.360 means a vehicle that is self-propelled or designed for self-propulsion. ORS 801.590 further defines "vehicle" as "any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway and includes vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means."¶
- (12) "Non-Profit Entity" means a group having a 501c(3) exempt status filed with the US Department of Internal Revenue Service.¶
- (13) "Non-resident" means individuals who reside outside of the state of Oregon. A person who is an enrolled member of an Indian Tribe as defined in ORS 182.162(2) is considered a resident of Oregon.¶
- (14) "Oregon resident" means a person who is a resident of Oregon as described in ORS 807.062(4) and includes an enrolled member of an Indian Tribe defined in ORS 182.162(2).¶
- (15) "Park Area" means any state park, wayside, corridor, monument, historic, or recreation area, except portions of ocean shore recreation areas not abutting a state park or wayside, under the jurisdiction of the department.¶
- (15~~6~~) "Park Employee" means an employee of the department.¶
- (16~~7~~) "Park Facility" includes but is not limited to individual and group campsites, day use areas and shelters, cabins, yurts, tepees, meeting halls, lodges, pavilions, and other amenities of the department.¶
- (17~~8~~) "Park Manager" means the supervisor or designated park employee in charge of a park area.¶
- (18~~9~~) "Peace Officer" means a sheriff, constable, marshal, municipal police officer, member of the Oregon State Police, and other persons as may be designated by law.¶
- (19~~20~~) "Person" includes individuals, a public or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership, a government or a governmental instrumentality.¶
- (20~~1~~) "Reduced Service Level" means a reduction in the normal level of service that a person may reasonably expect due to the department's action/inaction or park facility failure lasting longer than 24 hours.¶
- (21~~2~~) "Reservation Cancellation" means the person requests an existing reservation be ended without the creation of a new reservation.¶
- (22~~3~~) "Reservation Change" means a modification to an existing reservation by a person that changes the arrival or departure dates, a complete change to reservation dates, or changes the type of site from the original request.¶
- (23~~4~~) "Special Events" may be an activity sponsored or co-sponsored by the department, an event that provides entertainment to park visitors, or other activities that promote the mission of the department or Oregon tourism.¶
- (24~~5~~) "Traditional Tribal Activities" generally means traditional, spiritual, natural and cultural resource practices

that would have been, or which still are conducted by a federally recognized tribe or its members.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 390.050, 390.111, 390.121, 390.124

AMEND: 736-015-0010

RULE SUMMARY: Updates conditions for setting of rates.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0010

General Regulations ¶¶

(1) The commission shall establish fees through rule to promote department financial self-sufficiency and based on the following criteria:¶¶

(a) Prevailing rates for comparable facilities;¶¶

(b) Day of week;¶¶

(c) Season of year;¶¶

(d) Holidays;¶¶

(e) Amenities of the park area and site;¶¶

(~~e~~) ~~M~~f) Visitor demand and marketing opportunities to encourage use and revenues.¶¶

(2) Unless posted otherwise, a person shall pay established rates prior to use.¶¶

(3) Rates are subject to change. Additional service fees may be added to a base rate.¶¶

(4) The director may establish rates and rental charges for services, facilities and products that are optional, nonessential or complement the basic services described in this division. The director shall establish rates that take into consideration comparable services by other providers and marketing opportunities to encourage use and revenues.¶¶

(45) Pursuant to ORS 105.672 to 105.696, fees charged under this division are for use of the assigned area or park facility of the state park land for camping, picnicking, or boating and not for any other recreational purpose or area of state park land. The immunities provided under ORS 105.682 apply to use of state park land for any other recreational purpose.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 390.111, 390.121, 390.124

AMEND: 736-015-0015

RULE SUMMARY: Includes general regulations for reservation. Rule changes update reservation and cancellation requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0015

Reservations ¶¶

(1) Purpose: Based on the department's goal to promote outdoor recreation in Oregon, the department established a reservation program to increase use of park areas and facilities. The director may designate specific park facilities to offer for reservation. ¶¶

(2) General Regulations: ¶¶

(a) Reservations will be accepted and processed for designated park facilities through the Oregon State Parks Reservation Center and the ~~website or call center~~ net. ¶¶

(b) A person may make a reservation a maximum of eighteen months prior to the arrival date. Reservations over one year prior to arrival date will be limited to groups or special events or special facilities as designated by the director or designee. ¶¶

(c) A person must be 18 years of age or older to make an overnight reservation. ¶¶

(d) A person who qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may reserve accessible campsites. ¶¶

(e) A person may not make reservations for multiple park areas for the same date range. ¶¶

(f) A person reserving a boat slip (where available) must also reserve another facility at the same park area. ¶¶

(g) Reservations and registrations for horse camping sites shall be made only for people camping with their horses or similar large animals unless otherwise specified by the park manager. ¶¶

(h) Only the person whose name appears on the original reservation, their designee (as documented in the reservation records) or the primary occupant may change or cancel an existing reservation or access information associated with a reservation. ¶¶

(A) A person reserving a site for another individual or group must provide the contact information of an individual occupying the site to the park manager or designee at least 72 hours prior to the start of the reservation or the reservation may be cancelled. ¶¶

(B) Individuals reserving the site are responsible for all activities of users of the site under OAR 736-010-0050(112). ¶¶

(i) Customer information may be made available upon written request in compliance with ORS chapter 192 and department policy. ¶¶

(j) Specific information regarding a confirmed reservation will not be released to the public as provided in ORS 192.345 and 192.355. ¶¶

(3) Transaction Fees and Deposits: ¶¶

(a) The department will charge a ~~\$0-15n~~ up to \$30 non-refundable transaction fee for each reservation. Exact fee amounts will be detailed on the department's website which is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. ~~Fees will vary based on costs incurred by the department for reservation services.~~ Changes in fees authorized by the director will be posted on the website a minimum of 30 days prior to the effective date. ¶¶

(b) Reservations require a facility deposit equal to the full amount charged for use of the facility during the reservation period. ¶¶

(c) All fees are due at the time the person makes the reservation. ¶¶

(4) Payment Methods: ¶¶

(a) A person may use an acceptable payment method. The department will post acceptable payment methods on the Oregon State Parks website. ¶¶

(b) A person may pay for reservations made through the Oregon State Parks Reservation Center by department issued gift certificates if the person's arrival date is ten or more days from the time the reservation is made. ¶¶

(c) ~~The department must receive payment within five calendar days of the date the person makes the reservation. If payment is not received within this time frame, the department will cancel the reservation. The person remains responsible for the transaction fee for each reservation request.~~ ¶¶

(d) ~~If a banking institution returns a check to the department for any reason or if a credit or debit card is declined, the department will attempt to contact the person. Inability to resolve the payment dispute will result in a reservation cancellation. The person will remain responsible for the transaction fee for each reservation.~~ ¶¶

(e) ~~Government agencies and non-profit entities may request to be invoiced for services. Reservations should be made at least 30 days prior to arrival. The department must receive payment within 25 days of the date the reservation is made. If payment is not received within this time frame, the department will cancel the reservation. The government agency or non-profit entity remains responsible for the transaction fee for each reservation~~

request.¶¶

~~(f) via a department issued gift certificate. ¶¶~~

~~(c) If a banking institution returns a check to the department for any reason or if a credit or debit card is declined, the department will attempt to contact the person. Inability to resolve the payment dispute will result in a reservation cancellation. The person will remain responsible for the transaction fee for each reservation.¶¶~~

~~(d) A person must pay all outstanding account balances prior to making future reservations or camping overnight in a park area.¶¶~~

~~(ge) A person excluded from a park area may have reservations cancelled and may not make additional reservations during their exclusion period.¶¶~~

~~(5) Reservation Cancellations:¶¶~~

~~(a) A person may cancel their reservation prior to the day of arrival.¶¶~~

~~(b) The department will post detailed instructions for cancelling a reservation on the department's web site which is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.¶¶~~

~~(c) To cancel a reservation on the day of arrival a person may contact the specific park where their reservation is held.¶¶~~

~~(d5) In order to receive a refund of all use fees, a person must cancel the reservation for individual campsites, deluxe and rustic cabins, deluxe and rustic yurts, horse camps, tepees, and boat moorages three or more days prior to the arrival date. If the cancellation is received less than three days in advance of the arrival date, a fee equal to one overnight rental fee for the facility will be forfeited. Reservation Changes and Cancellations:¶¶~~

~~(ea) In order to receive a refund of all use fees for group camps, day use areas, meeting halls, lodges, Silver Falls Youth Camp, Shore Acres Garden House, Pavilions, RV Group Areas and other facilities as designated by the department, a person must cancel the reservation at least one month prior to arrival. If the cancellation request is received less than 30 days in advance, a person may change or cancel their reservation prior to the date of the arrival date, a fee equal to one night's or one day's rental for the facility will be forfeited.¶¶~~

~~(f) A person may not cancel reservations more than eight months in advance of the arrival date.¶¶~~

~~(6) Reservation Changes:¶¶~~

~~(a) The department will charge a \$0-15 non-refundable transaction fee for each reservation change. Exact fee amounts will be detailed on the department's in accordance with detailed instructions on the Oregon State Parks website which is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Fee¶¶~~

~~(b) Refunds will vary based on costs incurred by the department for reservation services. Changes in fees authorized by the director will be posted on the website a minimum of 30 days prior to the effective date.¶¶~~

~~(b) A person may request to change a confirmed reservation by calling the Oregon State Parks Reservation Center.¶¶~~

~~(c) A person may not make any date changes to reservations more than eight months in advance of the arrival date only be provided if changed or cancelled in accordance with department policy. Refunds may be restricted based on the period of time a reservation is held.¶¶~~

~~(dc) Reservations made for six or more consecutive nights that are later shortened will be charged the nightly rate for each night removed in addition to a transaction fee for the change. This rule applies to shortening nights at the beginning of a reservation, not at the end of a reservation.¶¶~~

~~(e) A person must request a reservation change for campsites, deluxe and rustic cabins, deluxe and rustic yurts, tepees, and boat moorages three or more days in advance of the arrival date. Changes are not permitted within three days of the arrival date.¶¶~~

~~(f) A person requesting a reservation change for group camps, day use areas, meeting halls, lodges, Silver Falls Youth Camp, Shore Acres Garden House, Pavilions, RV Group Areas, and other facilities as designated by the department must request the change at least 30 days prior to arrival date. Changes are not permitted within 30 days of the arrival date.¶¶~~

~~(76) Claiming Reservations¶¶~~

~~(a) Customers with confirmed reservations must arrive before 1:00 p.m. the day following the first scheduled day of their reservation.¶¶~~

~~(b) The reserved site must remain occupied each night during the entire length of stay.¶¶~~

~~(c) In emergency situations, customers may request park manager approval for late arrivals not to exceed 6:00 p.m. of the second day of the reservation. Site fees for the first night will be charged regardless of the arrival time.¶¶~~

~~(d) Customers, including those that have pre-registered, who do not check in at the park or notify park staff that they will be delayed prior to 1:00 p.m. of the second day of the reservation will be considered a "no show" and the entire reservation will be cancelled. The first night All camping fees and any transaction fees previously collected for the reservation will be retained. Any remaining nightly fees paid to confirm the reservation will be refunded. Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124~~

~~Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 390.111, 390.121, 390.124~~

AMEND: 736-015-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Includes rate ranges for overnight campsites, proposed changes update rate ranges.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0020

Overnight Rentals ¶

The director is authorized by the commission to include transient lodging taxes in the nightly rental rate and to increase the rental rate to the nearest whole dollar. The department shall retain the additional revenue. A 25-percent surcharge will be added to all campsites reserved by non- residents. Campsite Rental rates (per night per site before tax):¶

(1) Full Hookup Campsite: Provides campsite with individual water supply, electrical and sewage hookups, table, stove, and access to a restroom. Fee Range: ~~\$33-52~~80.¶

(2) Electrical Hookup Campsite: Provides campsite with individual water supply and electrical hookups, table, stove, and access to a restroom. Fee Range: ~~\$31-49~~75.¶

(3) Tent Campsite: Provides campsite with water supply nearby but does not have electricity or sewage hookup. Provides table, stove, and access to a restroom. Fee Range: ~~\$21-29~~45¶

(4) Primitive Campsite: Provides campsite with table and stove; water and sanitary facilities may be some distance away. All primitive campsites Fee Range: ~~\$10-25~~40.¶

(5) Yurt: Rustic units provide a temporary tent structure, covered deck, heat, lights and beds along with outdoor picnic facilities. Deluxe units add kitchen facilities, bathrooms and showers.¶

(a) Rustic: Fee Range: ~~\$52-72~~105.¶

(b) Deluxe: Fee Range: ~~\$86-129~~0.¶

(6) Cabin: Rustic units provide a hard-walled wooden structure, covered deck, heat, lights and beds along with outdoor picnic facilities. Mini units only allow up to four people and include microwave and refrigerator. Totem units are primitive log units. Deluxe 1 units add kitchen facilities, bathrooms and showers.¶

(a) Totem: Fee Range: ~~\$26-68~~0.¶

(b) Rustic: Fee Range: ~~\$52-81~~15.¶

(c) Mini: Fee Range: ~~\$52- 103~~0.¶

(d) Deluxe 1: Fee Range: ~~\$91-129~~0.¶

(7) Tepee: Tepee replica units vary in diameter from 18' to 26' and provide heat, lights and beds along with outdoor picnic facilities. All tepees: Fee Range: ~~\$42-81~~¶

~~(8)~~ Hiker/Boater/Bicyclist Campsite: Provides cleared area for campers without motor vehicles; water and sanitary facilities may be some distance away. All hiker/boater/bicyclist campsites: Fee Range: ~~\$7-16~~25 per camper per night.¶

~~(9)~~ Extra Vehicle in Campground: An additional rental rate of ~~\$10-15~~30 per vehicle is charged when an extra vehicle is driven into the campground park property and remains overnight.¶

~~(10)~~ Extra Motorcycle in Campground: If the initial campsite rental is to a person riding a motorcycle, and the first extra vehicle is a motorcycle, the second motorcycle will not be charged. Additional motorcycles in the site will be charged ~~\$10-15~~30 as an extra vehicle. The ~~\$10-15~~30 extra vehicle charge will allow up to two motorcycles per extra vehicle charge.¶

~~(11)~~ Pre-Registration (where available): The department may allow a person with a reservation for individual tent, electrical or full hook-up campsites to expedite the check-in process by registering on-line prior to or upon arrival at the park area.¶

~~(12)~~ Pursuant to ORS 105.672 to 105.696, overnight rental charges under this rule are for use of the assigned area or park facility of the state park land for camping and not for any other recreational purpose or area of state park land. The immunities provided under ORS 105.682 apply to use of state park land for any other recreational purpose.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

Statutes/Other Implemented: 390.121, 390.124, ORS 390.111, ORS 105.672 to 105.696

AMEND: 736-015-0026

RULE SUMMARY: Proposed changes update group facility rate ranges.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0026

Group Day Use ¶¶

- (1) At designated park areas, a person may reserve a group picnic area(s) by calling the Oregon State Parks Reservation Center or through the internet. The park manager will determine the maximum group size for each park facility.¶¶
- (2) The department will charge group picnic rental rates to offset additional park administration and maintenance costs:¶¶
- (a) Group picnic area. This is a day use area that may contain a covered area, but does not include dedicated water or electricity for the covered area. Base rate (0-50 people) - \$50-~~2-300~~;¶¶
- (b) Group picnic shelter. This is a day use covered picnic shelter with water and electricity. Base rate (0-50 people) --\$ 75-~~2350~~;¶¶
- (c) Charges for persons in excess of the 50 person base rate will be \$~~12~~ per person¶¶
- (3) The park manager may make advance arrangements with the group leader for parking, supervision, cleanup, checkout time, and other pertinent details.¶¶
- (4) Upon arrival, the group leader will check in with park staff who will direct the group to the reserved area.¶¶
- (5) The group must have adult supervision at all times.¶¶
- (6) Pursuant to ORS 105.672 to 105.696, group day use rental charges under this rule are for use of the assigned area or park facility of the state park land for picnicking and not for any other recreational purpose or area of state park land. The immunities provided under ORS 105.682 apply to use of state park land for any other recreational purpose.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 390.111, 390.121, 390.124, HB 3673 (2010)

AMEND: 736-015-0030

RULE SUMMARY: Proposed changes update day use parking permit rate ranges and allow for use of license plates instead of requiring permits placed in vehicles.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0030

Day Use Parking Permit ¶¶

(1) Purpose: Based on the department's goal to manage increased use of park areas, the director may require a motor vehicle day use parking permit in all park areas. This charge is a parking fee and not a charge for recreational purposes under ORS 105.672 to ORS 105.696. The immunities provided under ORS 105.682 apply to use of state park land for recreational purpose.¶¶

(2) General Regulations:¶¶

(a) All park properties require a day use parking permit when posted.¶¶

(b) Parking permits are to be clearly displayed through the windshield of motor vehicles with the expiration date visible or license plates entered into agency online parking permit payment system;¶¶

(c) Persons with motorcycles or other motor vehicles, such as convertibles, where the permits could be subject to theft, may keep the permit with them and must show it to an enforcement officer or park employee upon request.¶¶

(3) Day Use Parking Permit Fees:¶¶

(a) Daily Motor Vehicle - \$7-~~125~~;¶¶

(b) 12-month Permit - \$30-~~6100~~;¶¶

(c) 24-month Permit - \$50-~~8200~~;¶¶

(d) The director will determine the day-use parking permit fee within the range.¶¶

(A) The director will review proposed changes in the parking permit fee on an annual basis.¶¶

(B) The department will post changes on the department website for a minimum of 30 days prior to the effective date.¶¶

(C) The department will post information about the day use parking permit fee on the department website.¶¶

(e) A 25-percent surcharge will be added to all day use parking permit fees for non-residents.¶¶

(4) The department may enter into a written agreement with privately owned commercial vendors and non-profit cooperative associations affiliated with the department under ORS 390.143 to sell 12-month and 24-month permits.¶¶

(a) The director shall establish a maximum allowable fee ~~of \$1~~ for vendors who sell the 12-month and 24-month permits;¶¶

(b) Non-profit cooperative associations affiliated with the department may by agreement retain fees in excess of the minimum vendor fee for use in funding interpretive programs in park areas;¶¶

(c) The vendor's fee will be ~~included in~~ added to the price of the permit;¶¶

(d) Only a park employee may issue replacement permits in the event an original permit is lost, stolen, or mutilated. An original receipt is required for any refunds and will only be allowed within 30 days of purchase. Vendor fees will not be refunded.¶¶

(5) Daily Access Exceptions: The director may grant exceptions to the day-use parking permit requirement in selected park properties or under the following circumstances:¶¶

(a) Emergency vehicles;¶¶

(b) Government vehicles on official business;¶¶

(c) Business and delivery vehicles on official business;¶¶

(d) A person who is currently a registered camper at a park area and ~~either~~:¶¶

(A) Clearly displays the overnight rental receipt, or ¶¶

(B) Enters their vehicle's license plates into agency online parking permit payment system;¶¶

(e) Park concessionaires and their employees;¶¶

(f) A person entering the park to engage in specially permitted non-recreation activities;¶¶

(g) Park volunteers on duty in the park;¶¶

(h) A person with a permit issued by another entity with which the department has a written agreement to honor their passes; or¶¶

(i) Other persons as designated by the director:

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 390.111, 390.121, 105.672 - 105.696

RULE SUMMARY: Proposed changes update rules around fee waivers and conditions for the special access pass.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0035

Fee Waivers and Refunds ¶¶

(1) The director, at the direction of the commission, may waive, reduce or exempt fees established in this division under the following conditions:¶¶

(a) A person or group provides in-kind services or materials equal to or greater than the value of the applicable rate, as determined by criteria approved by the director;¶¶

(b) Marketing or promotional considerations; ~~including but not limited to special events and commercial filming, that promote the use of park areas and Oregon tourism alignment with agency mission and strategic priorities..;~~¶¶

(c) Traditional tribal activities in accordance with policy adopted by the Commission;¶¶

(d) Reduced service levels at a park, campsite or other facility as determined by the park manager.¶¶

(2) Reservation Facility Deposit Fee Waivers for individual primitive, tent, electric, full hook-up or horse camp campsites only:¶¶

(a) The facility deposit fee is waived for ~~Q~~reservations on State Parks Day (first Saturday of June). All other fees apply.¶¶

~~(b) The facility deposit fee is waived for~~ on residents who are foster families and adoptive foster families as defined in OAR 736-015-0006. The fee waiver is limited to the first ~~two~~ campsites, and an adult care provider must be present with the foster children. All other fees apply.¶¶

~~(c)~~ The facility deposit fee is waived for Oregon residents who are U.S. veterans with a service connected disability or active duty U.S. military personnel as ~~provided~~ authorized in by ORS 390.124. All other fees apply.¶¶

~~(d)~~ The person making the reservation must pay the \$8 non-refundable transaction fee at the time the reservation is made. This fee is not included in the fee waiver.¶¶

(3) Overnight Rental Fee Waivers for individual primitive, tent, electric, full hook-up or horse camp campsites only:¶¶

~~(a) The overnight rental fee, including any extra vehicle fees, is waived for all persons on the night of State Parks Day (first Saturday of June). All other fees apply.¶¶~~

~~(b)~~ The overnight rental fee is waived for foster families and adoptive foster families as defined in OAR 736-015-0006 who are Oregon residents. The fee waiver is limited to the first ~~two~~ campsites, and an adult care provider with one or more foster children must be present. The overnight rental fee waiver is limited to no more than ~~fourteen~~ ten nights total in a calendar ~~month~~ year. All other fees and rules apply.¶¶

~~(c)~~ The overnight rental fee is waived for Oregon residents who are U.S. veterans with a service connected disability or active duty U.S. military personnel on leave as ~~provided in~~ authorized by ORS 390.124. The overnight rental fee waiver is limited to no more than ten nights total in a calendar ~~month~~ year. The qualifying veteran or active duty military personnel on leave must be present in the site to qualify for the waiver. All other fees and rules apply.¶¶

~~(d)~~ The director may waive the overnight rental fee for volunteer hosts traveling to or from an assignment at a park area.¶¶

(4) Day Use Parking Permit Fee Waivers:¶¶

(a) The day use parking permit fee is waived for all ~~person~~ Oregon residents on State Parks Day (first Saturday of June).¶¶

(b) The day use parking permit fee is waived for Oregon residents who are U.S. veterans with a service-connected disability or active duty U.S. military personnel on leave as ~~provided~~ authorized in by ORS 390.124.¶¶

(c) The day use parking permit fee is waived for foster families and adoptive foster families as defined in OAR 736-015-0006. The waiver shall be valid until the expiration date of the Certificate of Approval to Provide Foster Care or the adopted foster child turns 18 years of age.¶¶

(d) All other fees apply.¶¶

~~(5) At those parks offering showers to non-campers, the shower use fee is waived for individuals with an OPRD Special Access Pass.¶¶~~

~~(6)~~ Proof of Eligibility for Fee Waivers¶¶

(a) The department will issue Veterans and Foster families who have provided the department valid proof of eligibility an OPRD Special Access Pass. Pass holders must use the pass to identify themselves as a qualified recipient of fee waivers at state park campgrounds and day use areas. They must also provide valid government-issued picture identification that matches the name on the pass. Proof of eligibility must be provided through an application process outlined on the ~~OPRD web site at~~ www.oregons Statep Parks.org or by calling the OPRD

Information Center at 1-800-551-6949 for instructions. website ¶

(b) The department will accept the following forms of proof to qualify for fee waivers as a U.S. veteran with a service-connected disability:¶

(A) Disabled Veteran's license plate issued by the Oregon DMV;¶

(B) A current Disabled Veteran Permanent Hunting/Angling License issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife;¶

(C) ~~A Washington State Parks Disabled Veteran's ID card;~~¶

~~(D) A United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) photo identification card bearing the words "service connected"; and an Oregon-issued form of identification.~~¶

~~(E) A letter issued by the VA stating eligibility for any of the above programs, or bearing the words "service-connected disability;" and an Oregon issued form of identification.~~¶

(c) The department will accept the following forms of proof to qualify for fee waivers as an adoptive foster family, as defined in OAR 736-015-0006, with an adopted foster child under 18 years of age or a foster family, as defined in OAR 736-015-0006:¶

(A) Certificate of Approval to Maintain a ~~Foster Home for Children with Developmental Disabilities~~ Child Foster Home;¶

(B) Certificate of Approval to Maintain a Foster Home for Children;¶

(C) Certificate of Approval to Maintain a Relative Home for Children;¶

(D) Written certification from Department of Human Services or contracted vendor identifying the applicant as an adoptive or guardian foster family.¶

(d) The department will not issue an Active Duty Military on official leave a Special Access Pass. Such customers must pay any applicable fee and may contact the department after their visit to request a refund. The department may request supporting documentation in the form of a letter from the commanding officer on official letterhead stating that the person was on leave for the dates they camped and the camping receipt. Refund requests must be received within 30 days after departure date of the stay. A refund of applicable fees will be sent within three weeks of the receipt of their valid request.¶

~~(76)~~ There will be no charge for issuing a Special Access Pass or renewing an expired pass. There will be a processing fee of \$510.00 for replacement of a lost pass that is still valid.¶

~~(87)~~ The department may revoke or temporarily suspend an OPRD Special Access Pass issued under section (6) if:¶

(a) The pass is used to waive fees beyond the allowable limits in a calendar ~~month~~year;¶

(b) The pass holder does not occupy a site when fees have been waived under authority of their pass; or¶

(c) The pass holder transfers their pass to another person to use.¶

~~(98)~~ Pass holders must cancel their reservation ~~three days prior to arrival to avoid a penalty. Cancellations made within the three day period will reduce the benefit by one night in the applicable calendar month in accordance with the department reservation policy. Refunded nights will vary based on length reservation held, season and site type... Nights not cancelled will count toward the monthly limit.~~¶

~~(109)~~ Pass holders who make a reservation and do not check in at the park or notify park staff that they will be delayed, prior to 1:00 p.m. of the second day of the reservation, will be considered a "no show" and the entire reservation will be cancelled. The pass holder's benefit will be reduced by ~~one night~~the number of nights reserved in the applicable calendar month.¶

~~(110)~~ If a pass holder vacates their site one or more days prior to checkout without notifying park staff, any days remaining on the reservation will be counted against their ~~monthly~~annual waiver limit.¶

~~(121)~~ A person may request a refund ~~under the following circumstances.~~¶

~~(a) The Oregon State Parks Reservation Center may refund a reservation fee when the department has made a reservation error.~~¶

~~(b) The Oregon State Parks Reservation Center may refund a facility deposit and may waive the cancellation or change rules when requested by the person due to the following emergency situations:~~¶

~~(A) Emergency vehicle repair creates a late arrival or complete reservation cancellation;~~¶

~~(B) A medical emergency or death of a family member creates a late arrival or complete reservation cancellation;~~¶

~~(C) Acts of nature create dangerous travel conditions; or~~¶

~~(D) Deployment of military or emergency service personnel creates a late arrival or complete reservation cancellation.~~¶

~~(c) The director or his/her designee may approve a refund under other special circumstances.~~¶

~~(d) The department will accept refund requests via phone through the Oregon State Parks Reservation Center, email, fax or surface mail. The department may ask for supporting documentation to help determine if a refund is warranted.~~¶

~~(e) The department will issue refunds for specific site or park area closures and no customer request is required.~~¶

~~(f) The park manager may only issue a refund at the park due to the person leaving earlier than expected, and while~~

~~the person is present and has signed for the refund. Once the person has left the park, refund requests must be sent to the department for processing based on circumstances outlined in the reservation policy on the Oregon State Parks website.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 390.111, 390.121, 390.124

AMEND: 736-015-0040

RULE SUMMARY: Adds overnight parking category and updates rate ranges.

CHANGES TO RULE:

736-015-0040

Miscellaneous Rentals and Products ¶¶

- (1) Firewood: Where conditions permit, firewood ~~will~~may be sold.¶¶
- (2) Boat Moorage Facilities - \$15-40 per day per boat: Where boat moorage facilities are provided they may only be reserved with other campsite reservations.¶¶
- (3) Marina Slip Rental- Where slips are available at marinas in parks without camping facilities rental rates and lengths of time will be detailed on the department website.¶¶
- (4) Showers - \$5-10 per person: Charged where showers are available to non-campers in a campground.¶¶
- (5) Overnight Parking: A nightly rate of \$10-\$30 per vehicle is charged when overnight or overflow parking is allowed at designated day-use areas.¶¶
- (a) No persons may camp, sleep or inhabit the vehicle overnight.¶¶
- (b) Detached trailers are assessed as a separate vehicle from the tow vehicle.¶¶
- (6) Horse Camping Area:¶¶
- (a) Non-hookup site: Fee Range: \$21-~~29~~45 per night per camper unit;¶¶
- (b) Hookup site: Fee Range: \$33-~~52~~80 per night per camper unit;¶¶
- (c) Group site (accommodates 3-5 units): Fee Range: \$57-~~86~~250 per night;¶¶
- (d) Double site: Fee Range: \$49-~~91~~60 per night per two camper units;¶¶
- (e) A camper unit consists of a motor home, van, trailer, tent, camper, or similar vehicle.¶¶
- (~~6~~7) Group Tent Camps: Small group tent areas available in some parks which are designed to accommodate approximately 25 people. Water and toilet facilities are provided nearby, but shower facilities may be some distance away.¶¶
- (a) Base rate (0-25 people): Fee Range: \$90-~~117~~250 per night;¶¶
- (b) Charges for persons in excess of the 25 person base rate will be \$~~35~~35 per person per night.¶¶
- (~~7~~8) Group RV Camp: Special camp area designed to accommodate RV's requiring hookups in a group setting. The camp has electrical hookups available, water, table, stove, and access to a restroom.¶¶
- (a) Base rate (up to 10 units): Fee Range: \$150-~~250~~0 per night;¶¶
- (b) Charges for units in excess of the 10-unit base rate: \$10-20 per unit per night.¶¶
- (~~8~~9) Pets Staying Overnight in Facilities (Yurts, Cabins, ~~Teepees~~): Not more than two pets (cat or dog only) staying overnight in facilities: \$10 per night.¶¶
- (~~9~~) ~~A 25-percent surcharge will be added to all group day use and overnight or day use facility rentals reserved by non-residents.~~¶¶
- (~~10~~) ~~Lodge/Community Hall: Large meeting facility with kitchen and restroom facilities which may be reserved overnight: Fee Range \$200-325 per night.~~¶¶
- (~~11~~) ~~Meeting Hall: Small meeting facility, generally associated with a campground, which may have limited kitchen facilities and restrooms: Fee Range \$125-200 per day.~~¶¶
- (~~12~~) ~~Champoeg Pavilion: Includes indoor memorial building and outdoor large covered pavilion area for group day-use: Minimum fee range of \$250-400 per event for up to 50 people, and \$1 per person thereafter up to the maximum occupancy of the facility.~~¶¶
- (~~13~~) ~~Smith Rock Amphitheater: Includes outdoor bench seating and small stage. Maximum of 50 people per event. Fee Range: \$100-300.~~¶¶
- (~~14~~) ~~Shore Acres Garden Packages: Facilities must be reserved as part of a package. All facility prices, no matter which package is booked, start with a minimum of 50 persons per event. Additional people beyond the minimum of 50 are \$1 per person up to a maximum of 100 people per event. Reservable Shore Acres facilities include garden sites which are lawn areas outside of the formal garden or a section of the formal garden; the Garden House and Pavilion which are buildings within the formal garden and the Observation Building lawn area.~~¶¶
- (a) ~~Package 1: includes garden site, Garden House, and pavilion area. Fee Range \$450-700 per event.~~¶¶
- (b) ~~Package 2: includes Garden House and pavilion area. Fee Range \$350-600 per event.~~¶¶
- (c) ~~Package 3: includes garden site and pavilion area. Fee Range \$250-500 per event.~~¶¶
- (d) ~~Package 4: includes Observation Building lawn area (no building included with rental). Fee Range \$150-400 per event, non-refundable.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 390.124

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