



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Suzanne Hurt

Date comment received:

April 1, 2025 08:27 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

suzanne_hurt@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Eugene, OR

Public comment:

Surcharges for out-of-state visitors to park at Oregon state parks should be more than just \$2 above what state residents pay for daily permits or \$7.50 above what we pay for an annual permit.

Tourism by out-of-state visitors is an important source of revenue that also takes a toll on our natural environment and enjoyment by state residents.

I think it's reasonable for out-of-state visitors to pay \$14 or \$15 a day for daily parking permits and \$40 to \$50 a year for an annual permit. For tourists visiting Oregon for a week or two, an annual permit would end up costing \$10 to \$12.50 a day if used at state parks on only four days of their visit.

I also think Oregon residents should be able to continue to buy two-year parking permits at a cost savings.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Hurt
Eugene, Oregon



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Commenter name (if provided):

Elizabeth Nesser

Date comment received:

April 1, 2025 08:30 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I agree with this proposed rule. Please pass this rule.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kirk Barnes

Date comment received:

April 1, 2025 12:28 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Just more non stop unjustified fee increases. Oregon Parks have spent years raising prices using upkeep/maintenance as an excuse... yet no upkeep or maintenance ever gets done. It is quite obvious the elimination of the two year pass is simply so prices can be raised yearly (not for bookkeeping reasons)

Some actual accountability for wasted funds would be nice before the next round of price increases that are driving the average "Oregon resident" from using any Oregon park.

Please stop destroying the experience of visiting our Oregon parks with endless rule changes and excessive fees!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Emily Booth

Date comment received:

April 1, 2025 01:28 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , WA

Public comment:

I would like to keep the 24 month parking pass. It is very convenient and I like being able to hold it for a longer time without having to worry about renewing it with all the different passes out there.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Judi Irving

Date comment received:

April 1, 2025 01:38 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Seal Rock, OR

Public comment:

I fully support the proposed changes.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donald Mowers

Date comment received:

April 1, 2025 07:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Hillsboro, OR

Public comment:

I encourage yes vote for out-of-state surcharges.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Carolee Barrus

Date comment received:

April 3, 2025 07:42 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

I would like to voice my support for charging out of state visitors higher fees to our trailheads, state parks and campgrounds. To me, it seems this would help generate much needed revenue, especially as Oregon does not charge sales tax. Additionally, I expect we may not have many contributing federal dollars to the state's budget in the coming years, such that most state resources will be strained. I expect more need for maintenance services due to high popularity of our beautiful natural areas, and the money must come from somewhere. Higher fees for non-locals is not uncommon in other states such as Hawaii, so this concept is not unusual. Lastly, I don't believe it would be an unfair burden, as compared to other states such as California and Washington, many of our public-use fees are quite reasonable.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Larry Jackobs

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 08:15 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Damascus, OR

Public comment:

I have purchased the 2 year permit for a long time. I am a state resident. It is the most convenient way.. Not having to do it every year. Funds for the 2 year easily could be allocated over the period covered. That would give OPRD a idea of funds available in the future for planning.



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Commenter name (if provided):

M J Bastie

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 08:16 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I highly recommend increasing the cost of out of state day use parking permits.

The proposed 25% matches the camping fee increase for out of state visitors.

I don't recommend eliminating the two (2) year Oregon park day use permit, especially for seniors.

I hike and ride a trike in the Oregon State Parks and having a bi annual permit is convenient lest I forget to renew.

Thanks for considering my input



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Commenter name (if provided):

Steve Garrett

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 08:18 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Bandon, OR

Public comment:

Please keep the 2 year park pass for residents. Alot of retired folks on fixed incomes purchase these passes. We volunteer for organizations that require us to visit the parks and feel it would be a financial burden.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Shawn Dachtler

Date comment received:

April 7, 2025 08:19 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

There is zero logic to remove the 24 month parking permits. All you're doing is wasting the public's time and causing more overhead for your department. For once, think of the public. Also, the amount of revenue these generate, should not have a significantly negative impact if fees are increased from time to time.

Keep the 24 month parking passes please.