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Shawn W.
Portland, OR
4 friends
3 reviews

★★★★☆ 4/26/2016

I think I might even try this friday night when I go to the bar downtown I will just pitch a tent instead of driving drunk or uber home! The reviews have been very helpful to figure out what I am in for...

I think I need to get some more yelp pictures up here to help other people recognize how wonderful this is.

But hey this is what we are going to get with liberal minded people "Bernie" that want something for free. And with a city government that has that liberal softside with free food and a book showing how to get all the free services you could want I am not surprised. Remember socialism 101 someone has to pay for the free stuff. Well right now we the tax payers are paying the price for allowing the non paying "Free" people to not work and have no desire to do so.

Sad thing is camping on the street is illegal but if you or any other homeowner, tax paying citizen did something

illegal we would have a ticket or a fine or a person show up from code enforcement to tell you how to live.



Myra F.
Portland, OR
5 friends
122 reviews
Elite '16



4/26/2016

My husband and I attended 2 neighborhood meetings in 2 different areas. The mayor's representative was supposed to show up at both meetings. NO SHOW. Yes, the tents have been removed from a few of the favorite locations, but the garbage remains. Let's take our city back and spend our money on things that will make Portland memorable a good way, not a "weird" way!



Mar Z.
Beaverton, OR
0 friends
1 review



4/26/2016

I must say that the street ppl were not welcoming at all...maybe because we looked like tourists and they didn't appreciate our "need money for hotel" sign. All we wanted to do was score some meth near the 420 bench but all we could get was weed laced with LCD. Allowing us to sleep on the streets is just not enough. Tax payers need to chip in and pay for my meth too damn it!!!!

Thank you mayor Charlie Hales for making it easier for ppl to transition into homelessness & addiction here in Oregon.



your tax dollars at work...thanks man.



[See all photos from Mar Z. for Portland Sidewalk Camping](#)



S J.
Portland, OR
0 friends
29 reviews



4/25/2016

First to Review

Awesome! Best free sidewalk camping in the country, in my humble opinion. Salmon Street in downtown Portland even offers wonderful tent camping views of Mt. Hood and the Willamette River.

And the best part is that it's all free!



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Jacob K.
Portland, OR
0 friends
47 reviews

★★★★★ 4/26/2016

My wife and I thought we knew what 5 star hospitality was until we experienced Portland's sidewalk camping. The quality of accommodations were simply off the chart. The aroma of sour body odor, the illegal fires, the aggressive pitbulls, the cheap meth and the even cheaper spare bike parts had my whole family saying "DAD LET'S STAY HERE FOREVER!"

Everyone from the NYTimes to the NYTimes is gushing about how hip Portlandia's culture of bikelane brunches is, but for my family the real jewel of Portland is the sidewalk camping. Mayor Hales, next stop: the presidency!



Bob D.
Portland, OR
0 friends
9 reviews

★★★★★ 4/26/2016

Totally free camping! Why bother going to Mt Hood when you can drive your car up from California, park for free and then camp for free right next to Voodoo Donuts, Powells, Salt N Straw, Mayor Charlie Hales house or any number of awesome tourist attractions?!



Legal, free tent camping complete with yard ornaments!
Who needs a luxury condo?



Tyson H.
Vancouver, WA
31 friends
74 reviews



4/26/2016

With two young kids, sidewalk camping was always a bit of a chore...what with setting up camp, getting everyone fed, and finding a proper place to defecate in public. Now that my wife has had another baby, I don't think we will be sidewalk camping this summer. If we were to sidewalk camp though- we'd do it in Portland. The abundance of microbreweries makes falling asleep on the ground a tad bit easier, and my kids felt just the right amount of scared when our nightly trash fire would be interrupted by multiple meth addicts fornicating near the camp kitchen. I'm deducting one star because many Portland brunch hot spots are TOO crowded.



Erica M.
Sandy, OR
0 friends
4 reviews



4/26/2016

It's the green way! Lower your carbon footprint - no need to drive to Mt. Hood or the coast! Try the wilds of the Banfield. Teach your kids to forage! Lots of free needles for the taking.. Prices at the dump rising? You don't have to go to the forest. Just dump your garbage in Portland! The taxpayers will take care of it. Way to go, Portland! (Pro-tip: you can list your sidewalk tent abode on Airbnb or HomeSwap.)



Maggie W.
Coeur d'Alene, ID
0 friends
68 reviews



4/26/2016

We need to take our city back. While this site is funny, it scary and devastating what is happening to our citizens, attacks, rapes, stolen property, break ins. Time to fire the Mayor, the elected officials, and make Portland safe again.



Maggie M.
Portland, OR
0 friends
9 reviews



4/26/2016

I love Portland Sidewalk Camping. For a dumpster diver, it's heaven! Seeing the tent cities everywhere with requisite tarps and garbage is wonderful. Portland has become one great big dump. Tent fires and knifings are a bonus. Sometimes I get to see naked people so my voyeurism is satisfied; no telescope needed. Being accosted by people demanding lucre for safe passage satisfies my sense of adventure. As a dog lover, stepping in dog poop on the sidewalk brings back eau de pooch. Of course, when occasionally a pup is sacrificed to the garbage gods it bothers me a little but I power on. Thank

you, Mayor Hales. Love It!!!



Amelie C.
Portland, OR
7 friends
7 reviews



4/26/2016

Had to dodge a real live human poop on the sidewalk the other day. 10/10 would recommend!



John S.
Portland, OR
0 friends
1 review



4/26/2016

Didn't feel like paying \$8 for an Uber home after a long night drinking. Luckily, the entire city is open for tent camping/bathroom use. Since I had my Marmot Starlight single person tent, I decided on a cozy spot on Washington and 10th. Deducting 1 star for the stabbing at 4AM.



Jim M.
Newberg, OR
7 friends
15 reviews



4/25/2016

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