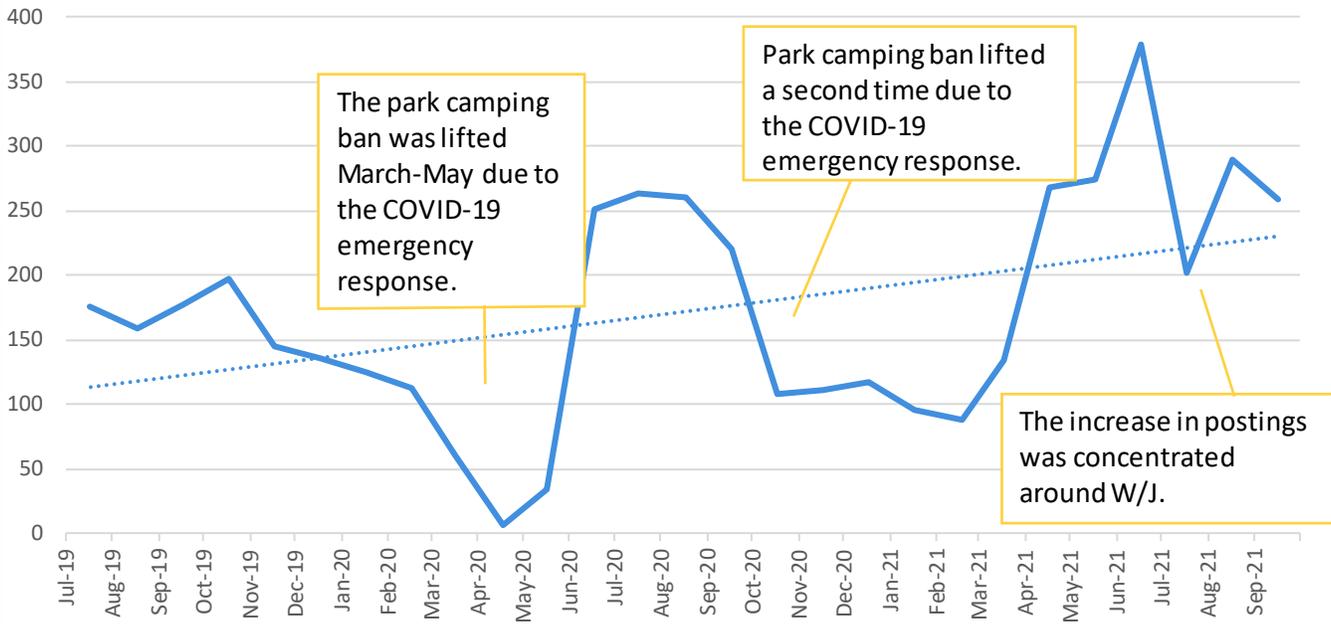


PARK WATCH REPORT

3rd Quarter 2021
(July - September)

Camps Posted in Eugene Parks
July 2019 - September 2021



Bags of Camper Garbage Removed

13,608



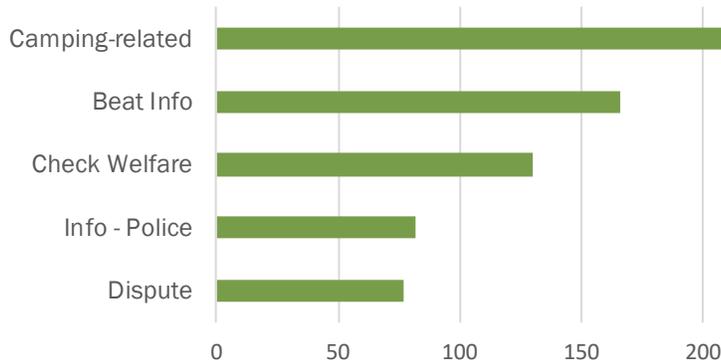
Sheriff Work Crew Hours

1,040

EPD Incidences in Parks

1,924

Top 5 Incident Types in Parks



Parks with Increased Activity

- Washington/Jefferson
- Westmoreland Park
- Skinner Butte Park
- Amazon Corridor
- Scobert Gardens Park

EPD and/or Park Ambassadors have seen an increase in activity in these locations in the past 30 days

*Patrol checks (242) omitted from top 5 list

Public Comments on Camping via Park Watch - 278 comments*

*See back for highlights.

**PARK WATCH REPORT:
PARTIAL LIST OF CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ILLEGAL CAMPING**

9/11/21 Scobert Gardens Park

We have a 2-year-old and live 1 block from this playground. We've used it twice since moving here in June 2020. Constant camping on play structure and elsewhere, needles, feces, and other biohazards. Do something so we can use the playground that our tax money pays for please!

8/13/21 Skinner Butte Park

Tents illegally camped less than 300 ft from river play playground, less than 50 ft from private property, and on park space not allowed for camping. This is a growing issue. There's one car camper (other parking reports have been submitted) and they've now attracted two tents and the folks that occupy them. This is also a no overnight parking area, and again I've submitted several parking services reports, so I assume no overnight camping either. Please address this issue. I'd hate to see more people camp here and further taint the image of the playground and historical sites.

8/21/21 Golden Gardens Park

Illegal camping down by the water. People walk on the trail that goes by this spot. There are no sanitary facilities near this site, and this is close to the water. It's kind of a den-like site back in the bushes. I feel unsafe to walk on the trail that goes close to this place.

8/16/21 Razor Park

This spot has a camper who has been here a week, and has added a second camper recently and has been observed with dogs off leash, dumping waste into/around the river, naked bathing/sunbathing within probably 20 feet of the bike path where plenty of children ride bikes, walk their pets. It's super gross to have to deal with whenever we go out to enjoy the paths. I put Razor Park because it is the closest I can find to a named park near it. Thank you kindly for any help you can provide, they do not listen when I have asked them.

7/8/21 Lone Oak Park

This has been an ongoing problem for years, in and around the edges of this park. It affects the surrounding community in many different ways. There is always trash everywhere, needles, feces, theft in the neighborhood, cars being broken into, drugs being sold, yelling at people walking by, fighting amongst themselves, and extreme vulgarity. There are no signs anywhere nor are there any regular patrols of this park to tell would-be campers that this is an area that is not sanctioned by the city for camping in any way, shape or form. I work at Lone Oak Assisted Living and it has been extremely difficult to fill empty apartments with these campers being our neighbors. They have stolen our electricity, they have damaged our fences and lighting fixtures and their litter has spilled over onto our property more times than I can count. We are losing potential business because of this problem. And after they are asked to leave the area, they move a block over and camp there. After they are asked to leave from that spot, they then move a block away to another spot. And eventually then end up right back where they started as our neighbors again. This cycle has got to end! And when we do make a report about the illegal camping, it takes days for anyone to respond. Something needs to change now before this gets any worse.

7/5/21 Meadowlark Prairie

I have observed three sets of campers in Meadowlark Prairie. Two are under the two foot bridges from the railroad tracks toward Roosevelt Blvd. A third set is camped under the large tree that is close to the Checkermallow parking lot footbridge. I am concerned about the fire risk and damage to the wildlife habitat. Thank you.