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After hearing the news of increasing the fees to camp in the mountains I have to admit I do not like it.

The mountains have been a resort for city folks and it didn't make a difference how much your income was, it was free. Those who couldn't afford Disneyland and the likes opted to take the family to the mountains. Those memories will far outlive any roller coaster ride or amusement park.

It hurt bad enough when we started getting charged to camp in the same areas we'd visited for years. Some people on limited income had no other options but the mountains and now you want to take it away. It's bad enough we have to pay but what makes it worse is there are spots reserved every weekend that you are aware of and they are no shows I don't have the funds to schedule a whole summer and the sporadic ones available are only one night.

So, my question is this; why do we pay excess taxes for sporting goods and equipment then have to pay again to camp? That is double jeopardy.

Then, to add insult to the while project, we have to call to New York to reserve a spot! Wouldn't it benefit the state if we kept it local? Are the extra fees to pay the out of staters who are making the reservation for us?

We are told of new upgrades to the parking spaces; a fire pit? No running water, no electricity and outhouses. Wow! Please reconsider just raising the taxes and go back to the way the mountains should be: FREE!

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