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Have a Car in the Driveway? Rent it to Your Neighbor!

[Getaround](#), a peer-to-peer car sharing company based out of California, should be up and running in Portland this month. If your car spends more time in the garage than on the road, you can now sign up to rent it by the hour or day with this new personal car sharing service.

Thanks to Gov. Kitzhaber's signature on a bill last summer, insurance rules have changed, allowing everyday vehicle owners to rent their cars without being liable for accidents or threat of damage to their personal coverage. A federal grant of \$1.7 million dollars helped fund Getaround's Portland launch, making it the first grant ever awarded for peer-to-peer car sharing.

Social media connects users, and an iPhone car kit allows renters unlocking capabilities without having to exchange keys. Rental fees can range upwards of \$3 per hour (A Tesla Roadster is currently available for \$75), and all vehicles must be models 1995 or newer.

Check out [their website](#) to rent or share those cars currently gathering cobwebs in the garage!

Every Body Walk! App: Does Everything But the Walking

Fitness and exercise continue to connect with technology faster than you can blink. We are especially excited about a recent app from our friends at [Every Body Walk!](#)

Like a personal health coach, the new Every Body Walk! app enables you to personalize your walking plan, connect with walking communities, learn about the latest fitness trends, tips and more. You can track and save your own walking routes, build your walking history—then share your progress on Facebook; discover walking groups and walking paths near you with an interactive map, watch videos that include walking tips, and more. Did we mention it's FREE?

To download this free app, follow the links to either the iTunes or Android marketplaces:

- iTunes (opens iTunes application) <http://pdx.be/EBWitunes>
- Android Market <http://pdx.be/EBWandr>



Quirky Portland History: Kelly Butte Natural Area

Smack dab between SE Division and Powell and just west of I-205 sits the [Kelly Butte Natural Area](#), a 22-acre piece of land acquired by the city in 1954. While the space is currently slated for a new 25-million gallon water storage tank to [replace Mt. Tabor's three open-air reservoirs](#), the butte's history has been a long and eccentric one - much more intriguing than your average recreation space.

Named for Oregon pioneer, Clinton Kelly (Clinton Street and Park are also named for him), Kelly Butte has been home to a quarry, jail, isolation hospital for patients with contagious diseases, police firing range, civil defense center, and emergency dispatch center.

The civil defense center, now abandoned and back-filled, was its most famous inhabitant. Built during 1955-56, the 18,820 square foot facility was meant to hold 250 people, enabling them space to form an emergency local government in case of nuclear attack. A first of its kind in the United States and a model for other cities, the bunker was featured in a 1957 CBS dramatized documentary on nuclear war, "[A Day Called X.](#)"

The bunker served as an emergency dispatch center from 1974-1994 until upgrades and space became essential and costly factors. The structure was officially sealed off by 2006. Over the years, local bloggers have explored and researched the butte's mostly unmarked trail system and "spooky" demeanor. Hiking trails exist, but are often overgrown. Bloggers and reviewers generally praise the area's "natural" and "untouched" hiking opportunities, but this is also a large deterrent for other residents. Find more information on Kelly Butte and its interesting history at this informative blog post: <http://pdx.be/butteblog>.

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A 1963 aerial view of Kelly Butte.
(City of Portland archives)