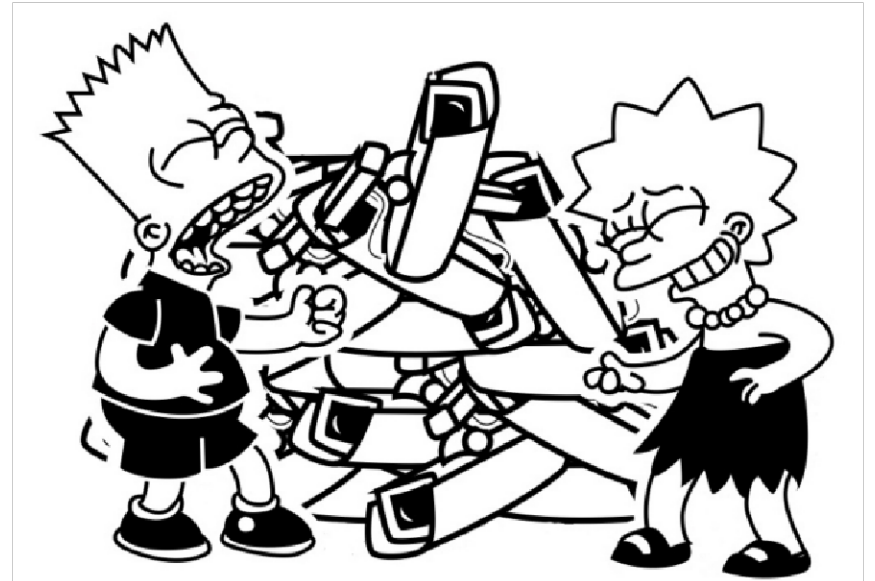


# CAMOVER PORTLAND



**2026 Summer Games**

**FREE TO PLAY!**



**FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY!**

*Every Camera is a Target, Every Player is a Winner!*



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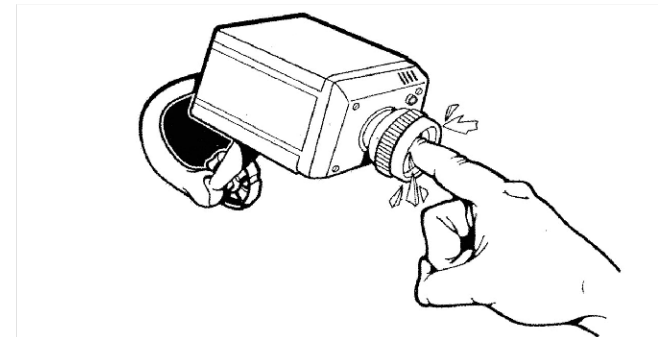
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## What is Camover?

Camover is a simple game with a simple objective: destroy, disable, and dismantle as many cameras as possible! You play against the surveillance state, an ever growing enemy that watches all and never sleeps. You play for freedom, for a life without restriction, a city without spy-tech, and a future of possibility!

Camover began in 2013 when some anarchists in Berlin decided to take out CCTV cameras ahead of the European Police Congress. They posted their exploits online and encouraged others to play too. Since then, Camover has spread across oceans and continents, with spirited games popping up in Philly, New Jersey, Montreal, and the Bay. Now Camover comes to Portland for Summer 2026!

From the start of July to the end of August, get ready to take on the surveillance state: dust off your balaclavas, fill up those fire extinguishers, and warm up your throwing arm because the whole city is your playing field. *What are you waiting for?*



## Why Camover?

Surveillance infrastructure has come a long way since 2013. Cameras have been integrated with AI software that automatically sorts, tracks, and compiles footage for police. Facial recognition continues to improve, and most cameras are now outfitted with some form of automatic license plate reading (ALPR). Personal security cameras sold by tech giants like Amazon and Google have become ubiquitous, making it impossible to take a walk around the town without ending up on some person's Ring or Nest camera. Everywhere you go, you feel like you are being watched, and you probably are.

At the same time, the state is using the surveillance network to deport millions of people. ICE agents use facial recognition and Flock cameras to target, kidnap and disappear people. The government is cracking down on dissent and going after anyone it considers "antifa." The courts just sentenced anti-ICE protesters in Texas to hundreds of years in prison and are pursuing similar charges in Minneapolis and Michigan. The authoritarian push is made possible by AI-powered surveillance technology and the network of cameras that feed it.

Here in Portland, the city has invested millions to expand its camera network, chasing the models set by Atlanta and Chicago. Gentrified neighborhoods have cameras on every coffee shop and condo, to keep the poor people watched and the yuppies comfortable. In the abandoned and industrial edges

of the city, once a zone of experimentation and play, the flashing blue lights of AI camera towers wipe away any feeling of freedom that used to be found there. With Waymos set to hit the streets in the next few months, there couldn't be a better time to attack the surveillance state and the world of AI!

Camover is a chance to make a real dent in the surveillance network. Not only by destroying the eyes of the state, but also by showing that action and subversion is alive in the heart of the metropolis. The camera is as much a symbol as an actual tool, one that reminds you that the state is ever-powerful, so you best walk in line. By leaving cameras visibly damaged across the city, we can send signals to others that revolt and adventure is possible! Playing Camover is a great way to build affinity, confidence, and skills together so we can be that much more incisive with our blows when things heat up.

*Game on!*



## How to Play

### 1. Find Your Friends

Camover can be played alone, but it's way more fun to play with others! Camover is a good way to build affinity with friends and practice moving together in the night. Compete between friends or crews and challenge each other to see who can get the most cameras!

### 2. Find Your Targets

Cameras are everywhere, so targets are everywhere- there's no shortage, unfortunately. There's sections later on giving a brief overview of some of the cameras found throughout the Portland area, and methods you can use to blind them. There are a few maps included further along that show where certain cameras are located. You could choose one specific type to go after, like Flock cameras. Or you could pick a street and make an entire stretch camera-free. Or, you could just choose your path as you go and leave behind a trail of carnage as you wander the streets.

Pick a surveillance-free spot to start your adventure from and another to end it at. Know the area and where you can escape to if you need. Choose a method based on the cameras you're targeting and bring the tools you need for the job!

### 3. Dress for Success

If you play Camover, you're going to end up in some security camera reel somewhere. But don't sweat it too much! Commercial camera quality is often overblown, especially at night, and the CSI shit they show on TV doesn't really work in real life. As long as you cover up well, you'll have nothing to worry about!

Wear nondescript clothing that you don't mind parting with. It shouldn't come from your closet-free piles are a great (and free!) way to source clothing in the summer months. Choose clothes that are baggier but aren't too hard to move in. Shoes too! Wear a pair of gloves to keep your fingerprints off of the scene and any tools you're bringing along. Cover your face with a t-shirt mask, covid mask, or balaclava. Make sure that your eyebrows are tucked in. A hat and hood can come in handy here.

### 4. Strike!

Now that you're dressed for success, it's time to have fun! Double-check your entrance and exit routes, and make sure that everyone is on the same page. Keep an eye out for police and private security, then strike quickly and move on! Don't linger too long in one spot, but don't rush too much either. Time flies when you're having fun, but it can also slow down when your adrenaline is flowing. Be bold, stay together, and have fun!

## 5. Get Home Safe

After your fun night (or day) out, the only thing left is to get away safely! Before you return home, change out of your outfit worn in the action. Dispose of clothes and any tools used in your adventure, ideally not all in one place. Revel in your successes, but don't brag, and be proud enough to forget it ever happened.

Take care of yourself and each other! Subversion is scary- make space to be with any emotions that come up. Treat your body well and give yourself time to relax and re-balance after your big night out.

## 6. Report Your Kills

Previous games of Camover have encouraged players to write reportbacks and tally their camera kills somewhere anonymously. We'd rather you keep your stories to yourself, and see the carnage for ourselves when out and about instead of reading about it online.

That said, if you had an especially exciting time, discovered a new method that worked really well (or failed completely), knocked out a big stretch of cameras, or have any other tips to share, we'd love to hear about them!

*Here's how to share (safely) if you choose:*

Boot a computer with a secure operating system like Tails or Whonix. Both of these services have detailed

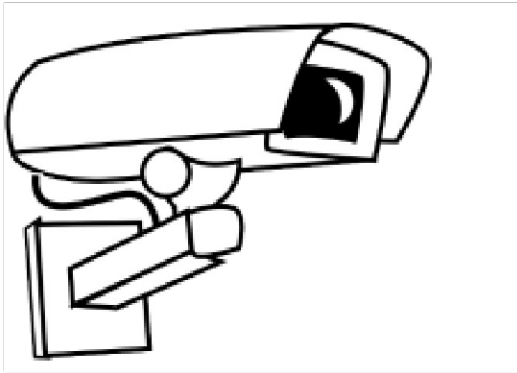
guides online that tell you how to install them and get it running.

Write up a short report in a basic text editor. Avoid sharing anything that could be used to identify you. Don't save it to your computer.

Then, using the Tor browser, navigate to a local counter-info website like Rose City Counter Info [[rosecitycounterinfo.noblogs.org](http://rosecitycounterinfo.noblogs.org)] or Puget Sound Anarchists [[pugetsoundanarchists.org](http://pugetsoundanarchists.org)]. Both of these sites have submission boxes where you can copy and paste your report-back into. Click "submit" and you're good to go!

*Good Luck and Happy Camera Hunting!*





## Types of Cameras

### LVT Mobile Camera Towers

The trailer-mounted cameras with the obnoxious blue flashing light on top are manufactured by Utah-based company LiveView Technologies (LVT). The cameras are mobile and receive power from a solar panel system attached to a battery pack. They are equipped with three adjustable cameras that sit atop a 22-foot pole and cover an area equivalent to eight football fields. All footage is fed through LVT's proprietary AI software, which automatically marks certain people as "suspicious" and sends alerts directly to the phone of the owner. LVT has a partnership with Axon Fusus, which centralizes the live footage from cameras into an AI-powered database that police can access and search. The towers also have ALPR and thermal imaging capabilities, and a loudspeaker that can be set to play curated AI messages when someone stands in an area too long or is dressed suspiciously.

**“We purposefully made the units imposing because we believe an overt security approach is preferable in many cases. People behave differently when under surveillance”**

*-Quote from an LVT blog post*

LVT camera towers are can be found throughout the city in parking lots, outside convenience stores, and in construction sites. The incessant flashing blue light that sits on top is visible for miles. LVT has contracts with large companies such as Kroger (Fred Meyer), Home Depot, 7-11, and Walmart. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has an active contract

with LVT. Camera towers have been deployed at rallies to spy on protesters, and LVT advertises them to police for this exact use. LVT has an active contract with ICE for the leasing of 26 mobile camera towers, as well as other government agencies. LVT isn't the only surveillance manufacturer producing mobile camera towers. The model has been replicated by other companies including Security2go (Subsidiary of American Integrated Security Group) and ECAM (Subsidiary of GardaWorld).



### Sabotaging Mobile Camera Towers

The mobile camera towers made by LVT and others have taken over the city of Portland and their use continues to expand. Most of these cameras are leased from companies like LVT for thousands of dollars per month, and each unit retails outright for

a figure in the tens of thousands. Mobile camera towers are marketed as a cost-effective alternative to manned security, so there is a large financial incentive behind their widespread adoption. Damage to these units tends to fall on the companies renting them, so a few acts of vandalism can quickly rack up a bill that makes their use less appealing.



There are plenty of ways to sabotage and disable the mobile camera towers. All of the trailer units have tires, which can be easily slashed to make any other repairs that much more difficult. They rely on solar panels to re-charge their battery packs. Solar panels are quite brittle and can be smashed simply (and pretty quietly) with a hammer or a rock from afar. The panels can also be painted over with spray paint or doused with liquid paint. The cameras are hard to reach when the tower is extended, but you can climb

the steel pole to smash or paint them. Finally, the whole unit can just be toppled over, making other forms of sabotage simpler. They are thousands of pounds, so this requires a lot of people and a lot of torque.

### **Inspiration from Anarchists in Montreal, 2026:**

“About a month ago, without any announcement, a large camera tower was placed in the middle of Marche Maisonneuve, Hochelaga. The tower was a new tool of AI camera surveillance developed by the local enemy company GardaWorld...We went out one night, toppled the tower and destroyed the cameras...We hope that others, moved by rebellious spirit, don't leave a single one of these towers standing.”

*-Montreal Counter-Info*

### **Ring and Nest Cameras**

Unfortunately, Ring cameras are found in every neighborhood. Their presence reveals how every-day people are participating in the explosion of the state's ability to surveil, under the illusion of making people safer. The promise of safety from petty crime has contributed to their near ubiquity. All the footage from Ring camera is stored and accessible to Amazon. In past they have allowed the police to make direct requests to Ring camera owners for their footage, and though their recent attempt to re-implement this fell through, it is sure to happen again. In early 2026 Amazon Ring was poised to

launch a partnership with Flock Safety, but canceled the deal after public push-back. They also canceled a proposed plan that would have allowed the police to contact Ring camera owners to have live-stream access to their security devices.

Even more ominously, in the case of an “emergency” the police can gain access to footage without needing the permission of the Ring camera owner and without a warrant. Additionally, the request for the footage is between the police and Amazon, leaving plenty of opportunity for abuse. Amazon Ring's main competitor, Google Nest, has a similar policy when it comes to sharing footage with police. Police can file “emergency disclosure requests” and receive up to 30 days of footage from Nest cameras, without needing any warrant or permission from the camera owner. The apps for both Google Nest and Amazon Ring provide a streamlined way for people to share their footage with law enforcement agencies.

Something important to keep in mind about Ring and Nest cameras is that they can pick up conversations from well over 30 feet away. In most environments, this means that they can hear you talking as you walk by on the sidewalk. Both cameras are motion and audio activated and send digital alerts to the camera owner when activity is detected.

### **Sabotaging Ring and Nest Cameras**

There are many ways to sabotage Ring and Nest cameras. It's worth keeping in mind that sometimes

a simple conversation with a neighbor can achieve the same result as sabotage, without carrying the same risk. However, a lot of camera owners are invested in their gadgets and buy into state narratives around crime and safety. If talking fails, or just isn't up your alley to begin with, there's lots of more guaranteed methods you can try!



Ring and Nest cameras can be easily painted over with spray paint or covered with a sticker (ideally an eggshell sticker for maximum effect). You can smash the camera lens with a hammer, and depending on the camera (many Ring models for instance) you can slide the actual camera out of the holster that fixes it to the wall destroy it elsewhere. A small crowbar or the claw of a hammer can also be used to rip the entire device off, as long as it is thin enough to fit between the camera and the wall it's attached to.

### **Inspiration from Portland, 2020:**

"Dozens of Amazon Ring and Google Nest surveillance cameras were removed and destroyed this week from residential neighborhoods in Portland during nighttime walks. Removing these cameras is an easy and direct way to attack the reach of corporate and state surveillance, helping to keep folks safe from steadily rising techno-authoritarianism. Their destruction is simultaneously an attack on the corporate monsters of Google and Amazon, some of the companies most active in profiting off of the modern dystopian hell that they created and continue to create. Such an action is quick, easy, immediately effective and rewarding."

*-Rose City Counter Info*

### **Flock Cameras**

Flock Safety manufactures ALPR cameras and provides AI-powered data monitoring services to police agencies and private companies across the

country. Flock is one of the more well-known surveillance tech companies, and for good reason. Their camera networks scan tens of billions of vehicles each month, and each scan is uploaded to their cloud service and sorted with AI for identifying features like dents, racks, and bumper stickers. With a dense network made up of more than 100,000 cameras in the US alone, Flock cameras can piece together your entire trip and routine. Flock shares their camera data with participating police departments, sidestepping the need for warrants. ICE has repeatedly gained access to Flock data through local police departments and used it to track down people to kidnap.



Flock cameras have received a tremendous amount of push-back all around the country. Activist groups have pressured cities and counties out of Flock partnerships, with varying degrees of success. Campaigns of sabotage against Flock have been extremely effective, freeing entire areas of ALPR and spreading well beyond anarchists. Flock cameras are typically mounted to a stand-alone pole

or existing road infrastructure with metal straps. The cameras are black and rounded, and they usually come in pairs to cover both directions of traffic. Flock cameras are connected to solar panels which provide them power. Like other security camera leasing services, clients are responsible for the cost of repairs in the case of damage, which can cost upwards of several thousand dollars.

The PPB does not actively contract with Flock Safety (they instead chose to sign one with LVT). However, many private companies use Flock cameras within Portland. Home Depot, Lowes, and shopping centers around the area have Flock cameras installed at the entrances to their parking lots. Police in neighboring counties, like Washington County, have ongoing contracts with Flock Safety. You can view a map of Flock cameras and other ALPR infrastructure in your area on the website [[Deflock.org](http://Deflock.org)]. Keep in mind that the map is incomplete and some of the plot points are incorrectly labeled.



## Sabotaging Flock Cameras

Plenty of techniques have been played with for immobilizing Flock cameras. The camera lens can be painted over, though this is often difficult because of how high they are mounted. The solar panels and camera units can be smashed, wires snipped, the metal straps holding them up can be cut, and the entire pole can just be removed from the ground.

### Inspiration from Oakland, CA, 2026:

“76 flock cameras disabled in oakland and berkeley using various methods.

saboteurs vandalized and/or removed cameras by spraying pressurized paint, smashing both layers of the lens and cutting wires, disassembling the base of the poles to topple entire structure with camera and solar panel. cameras removed were thrown into the brush, into the bay or (most recommended) into a curbed trash can ready for pickup and off to the dump. they are equipped with gps tracking so keeping them for parts is not recommended. ice uses flock data.

readers invited to experiment with these tactics. please outdo yourself.”

*-IndyBay*

## License Plate Readers and Speed Cameras

The City of Portland and the PPB have been developing out their camera network and expanding

their ALPR technology over the last few years. Currently, the City of Portland maintains a network of fixed cameras that are placed along major thoroughfares. The network consists of 22 speed cameras and 17 "intersection safety cameras." Speed cameras, which the city buys from Novoa Global, feature a radar unit and an automatic license plate reader, which constantly surveys oncoming traffic. They trigger when cars travel faster than a programmed speed, capturing photos and automatically ticketing the driver. The "intersection safety cameras" collect footage and issue citations for speeding and red light running. All of the footage is kept for up to 30 days. Locations of these cameras can be found on the city's website. The city also has PTZ (Point-tilt-zoom) cameras that hang over intersections that do not appear on their public camera list.

In addition to fixed traffic cameras, the PPB has four squad cars with Motorola ALPR units mounted on top, which automatically collect license plate data while they drive around. PPB also owns one traffic van, which they sometimes park alongside busy roads to set speed traps, and they will soon have a second. Other city bureaus use mobile vehicle mounted ALPR to give out parking tickets.

## Sabotaging License Plate Readers and Speed Cameras

Speed cameras have been repeatedly vandalized over the last few years in Portland. They have been doused with paint, smashed, and spray painted. In 2024, PPB arrested a man for shooting out more

than a dozen traffic cameras, resulting in \$500,000 in damages and disabling the cameras for months.



### Teslas, Waymos, and Cars that Spy

Another often overlooked tool of surveillance is the growing number of cameras found in new cars, especially electric vehicles like Teslas and Rivians. Teslas have cameras mounted all around the vehicle, which are constantly recording when driving and can also be set to record when parked and in "sentry mode." More and more, police agencies are requesting footage from Tesla owners in the course of criminal investigations. Other car makers are rolling out similar features to "sentry mode" in new vehicles.

Waymos, which are currently in the mapping phase in Portland, are also roving surveillance devices. Waymos have 360 degree cameras that are always recording when they are in motion. Police are able

to obtain footage from Waymos with a warrant or court order, but this process is far from transparent.

### Sabotaging Teslas and Waymos

The easiest way to sabotage the cameras in Teslas and Waymos is to go after the vehicles themselves. You can slash the tires, or use a small fine tipped tool like an awl to make a holes in the sidewall for a more delayed deflation. Waymos are easy to trick by placing objects in front of, or on top of them, making them stationary targets for destruction.



### Aerial Surveillance

The PPB has two Cessna spy airplanes that are part of the Air Support Unit. They obnoxiously fly in circles over the city most evenings, and are deployed to monitor protests. The airplanes have cameras capable of thermal imaging and can get to

any point in the city in a matter of minutes. PPB does not own any helicopters, but federal agencies have used Black Hawk helicopters to surveil ICE protests in the last year. PPB has invested in drone technology and has a pilot "drone as first responder" program at the East precinct. Drones are released from the roof of the precinct and operators fly them to the area of a call.

### **Sabotaging Aerial Surveillance**

Drones and other forms of aerial surveillance have been used against protesters in the past in Portland. This is a form of technology that we will have to contend with in the years to come. High powered lasers have been used to deter and "blind" surveillance aircraft and take down drones.



## **Tools and Methods**



## Tools and Techniques

### Hammers

Hammers are an effective weapon against most cameras. Be sure to choose a hammer with a long enough arm to reach those pesky cameras that are just out of reach. Roofing hammers work extremely well. You can put an opaque garbage bag around the the arm of hammer to conceal its brand and keep fingerprints off of it. Small sledge hammers (2-3lbs) also pack a big punch but can be more difficult to control. When smashing cameras with hammers, be sure to hit twice. The first hit usually just damages the lens cover and not the camera itself. The claw side of the hammer can be used to break glass or solar panels with ease. If you are smashing something that can create shards, be sure to wear eye protection and gloves.

### Spray Paint

Spray paint is a great tool for temporarily disabling security cameras. It has the bonus of being seen by people passing by, damaging the symbolic image of surveillance and control. Opt for high-pressure cans for more output. These cans can be more prone to jamming, so make sure you shake them plenty. A needle cap can increase the distance that you can spray. They can be purchased online or at art supply stores, but you can also modify the cap to make your own. Spray paint has a way of leaking through your gloves, so consider wearing a layer of nitrile gloves too so that your hands stay clean.

## Extinguishers

Refillable fire extinguishers, which are usually silver and found in restaurants, can be filled with paint to coat those hard to reach cameras. You can typically get 15-20 feet of range with a 1:1 mixture of paint and water. Extinguishers are heavy and hard to run with. They conceal well in a suitcase or duffel bag. Consider bringing a bike pump and extra paint along so you can top off the pressure and refill in the field.

### Water guns and paint balloons

Water guns and water balloons are a perfect way to cool off and have some fun in the summer. They are also a perfect tool for playing Camover. Experiment with the proportion of paint and water you use for water guns to prevent them from clogging. To make paint balloons, choose water balloons (and not regular balloons) to ensure that they don't just bounce off your target. Most water balloons come with a faucet attachment. Fill a plastic water bottle with paint, screw on the attachment, and squeeze the bottle until the balloon fills. Paint balloons are messy, so anticipate paint getting on your clothes and ditch them afterwards.



## Other Methods

There are so many ways to play Camover! Be creative and don't be afraid to experiment. Here are some ideas to try out:

- Smiley/Chain-lock (A heavy metal lock on the end of a length of rope or chain)
- A big stick (Underrated but effective!)
- Extendable feather duster, covered in paint (Bring extra paint!)
- Tow rope for toppling camera towers
- Awl or knife for tires (Stab, don't slice for safety)
- Power tools



If you find a method that works really well, we'd love for you to share it! Using Tor and a safe operating system like Tails or Whonix, post a short reportback to RCCI [[rosecitycounterinfo.noblogs.org](http://rosecitycounterinfo.noblogs.org)] or Puget Sound Anarchists [[pugetsoundanarchists.org](http://pugetsoundanarchists.org)].

## Spread Camover!

Tell your friends about Camover and encourage them to play too!

Files for printing this zine can be found at [[rosecitycounterinfo.noblogs.org](http://rosecitycounterinfo.noblogs.org)].

We've also got a flyer on there to hand out or paste around town. Litter it everywhere: On the bus, at the library, at the park, at punk shows, and at protests. Remember, we are all playing for the same team in Camover. The more, the merrier.

Happy camera hunting!