

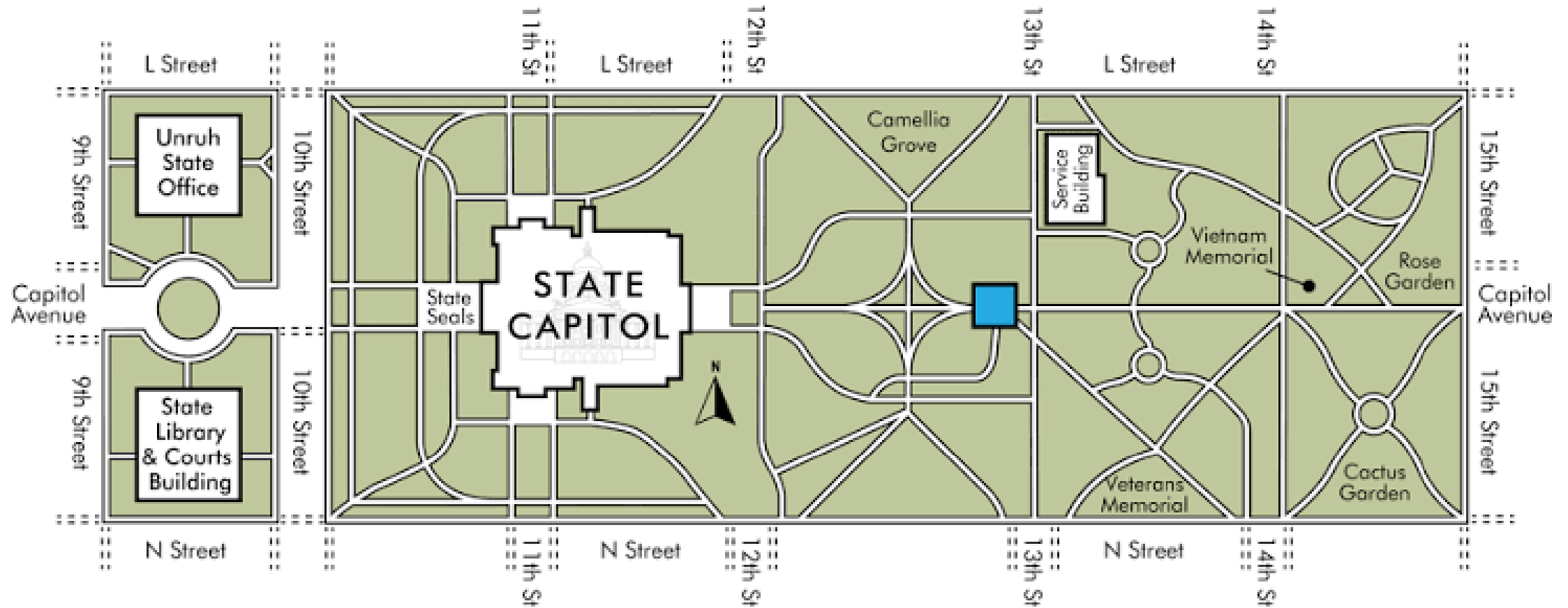
State Capitol Malls as State Parks



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- California, Oregon, and Tennessee
- Other states have malls that resemble these, but none are part of a state park system.
- This presentation will cover:
 - Designation – how each park received this designation
 - Offerings – what each park offers
 - Administration – how each park is administered.

California – Capitol Park/California State Capitol Museum



Park Offerings

Tours and Programs:

- Eight public building tours daily
- Free guided tours of Capitol Park

Memorials and Monuments:

- Civil War Memorial Grove, California Vietnam Veterans Memorial, California Firefighters Memorial, and Peace Officers Memorial

Grounds and Natural Features:

- Nearly 2,000 trees, shrubs, and bushes representing over 200 species
- Rose garden and succulent garden

California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

- Runs the museum, staffs the visitor and tour program which includes all of capitol park, and administers Capitol Park's interpretive and educational offerings. DPR was contracted to take these duties from the legislature in the 90s

Department of General Services

- Handles the physical operations and maintenance of the park

Joint Rules Committee

- Joint committee of the Senate and Assembly members must approve any development, improvement, or physical change to Capitol Park

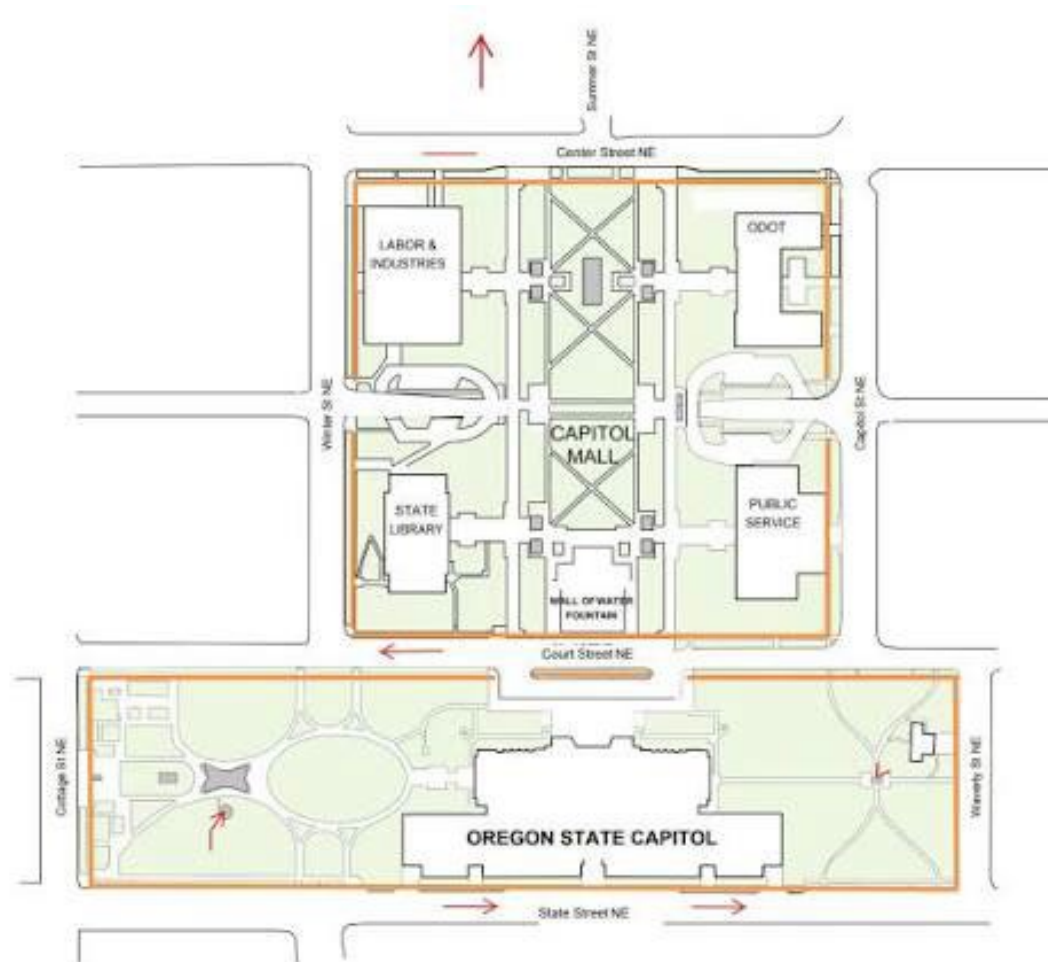
Historic State Capitol Commission

- Advisory only. Reviews Maintenance, restoration, and management decisions for the Capitol

Establishment

- Established in 1982
- In the early 1990s, the Legislature contracted with DPR to take over interpretive and tour duties.
- 2012: AB 2445 expanded the Historic State Capitol Commission's advisory authority to Capitol Park

Oregon State Capitol State Park



- 21 Acres
 - Merged three parcels: Willson Park, Capitol Park, and Capitol Mall
- Designated a State Park in 2008
 - Created by SB 632, Codified as ORS 276.053

Activities Offered

Memorials and Monuments

- Statues of historic Oregon figures, WWII Memorial, and Medal of Honor Memorial
- Walk of Flags – flags of the 50 states displayed

Landscape

- Cherry-lined walkways along the Capitol Mall
- The “Moon Tree” a Douglas-fir grown from a seed flown to the moon by Apollo 14

Tours

- Self-guided walking tour brochure and virtual tour of the building

Administration

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

Holds exclusive control over the Capitol building itself under ORS 276.002

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

Manages landscaping, fountains, visitor amenities, but has no authority over the buildings that sit inside the park boundary

Capitol Planning Commission

Reviews development proposals and coordinates Capitol-area planning

Oregon State Police

Provides security working alongside the Legislative Administration Committee

Created directly by statute

ORS 276.053 defines the park's boundaries by street name, bypassing the usual process

Why by statute?

OPRD adds land to the park system by evaluating and acquiring it. Once acquired, it is automatically within its jurisdiction. However, the land was already state-owned.

Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park



- 20 acres
- Developed as a monument to celebrate Tennessee's 200th anniversary of statehood, the park officially opened on June 1, 1996

Memorials and Monuments

- WWII Memorial
- 200-foot granite map of the state
- A 95-bell carillon

Landscape Features

- 2,000-seat terraced amphitheater
- 11 planters along the Walkway of Counties feature native plant species from different regions of the state

Tours

- Guided tours available from park rangers
- Visitor center, restroom, and gift shop

Administration

Department of General Services

- Maintains the Capitol building

Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

- Operates the park day-to-day by staffing, coordinating programming, and maintenance.

State Capitol Commission

- Authority over the Capitol building. Sets the plan for restoration, maintenance, and use policy. Narrow authority over the mall. Limited to commemorative additions like statues and monuments.

State Building Commission

- This body must sign off before proceeding on monument decisions of SCC

TDEC classifies parks administratively.

- Sec. 11-3-103 lets the department designate state park system units through ordinary agency action, not requiring legislation to form the park.

Development

- The State Building Commission approved a construction plan in 1993
- Funding: \$23 million in federal Transportation Enhancement funds plus a \$5.8 million local match contributed to the funding of the project.

Comparison

	Oregon	Tennessee	California
How the park was created	Statute (ORS 276.053)	Administrative practice	Administrative practice
Statutory location	“Public Facilities”	“Natural Areas and Recreation” (TCA Title 11)	None identified
New legislation	The park’s existence/boundary	The Commission’s narrow monument authority over the Park	Historic Commission’s oversight reach (AB2445, 2012)