

CAPITOL CAMPUS
PURPOSE & USE
OLYMPIA, WA

The Capitol Campus is stewarded by the state Department of Enterprise Services and serves many diverse needs -- from state-government work, to business people, to free speech, to people seeking services, to civic education for school children and others.



Stewardship priorities are set forth in state law (RCW & WAC) and principles identified in the campus master plan as approved by the State Capitol Committee.

- A public forum for free speech: equal access to campus public spaces and facilities
- Balanced use of historic facilities with preservation activities: assignment of planned activities to grounds areas best suited to support them
- Public and employee safety and welfare
- Safe environment for orderly and effective conduct of state business
- Public access to government and elected leadership as well as public engagement in the democratic process
- Civic education

FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ENGAGEMENT
PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

49 SENATORS/98 HOUSE MEMBERS

9 SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Commissioner of Public Lands
- Attorney General
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- State Treasurer
- Insurance Commissioner

STATE GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE,
& JUDICIAL BRANCHES

MORE THAN:

6,000 EMPLOYEES

40 AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

25 OFFICE BUILDINGS



CIVIC EDUCATION
& PUBLIC USE



TOURS

25,000 SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN/YEAR

20,000 CAPITOL TOURS/YEAR

100,000 ASSISTED BY VISITOR SERVICES/YEAR

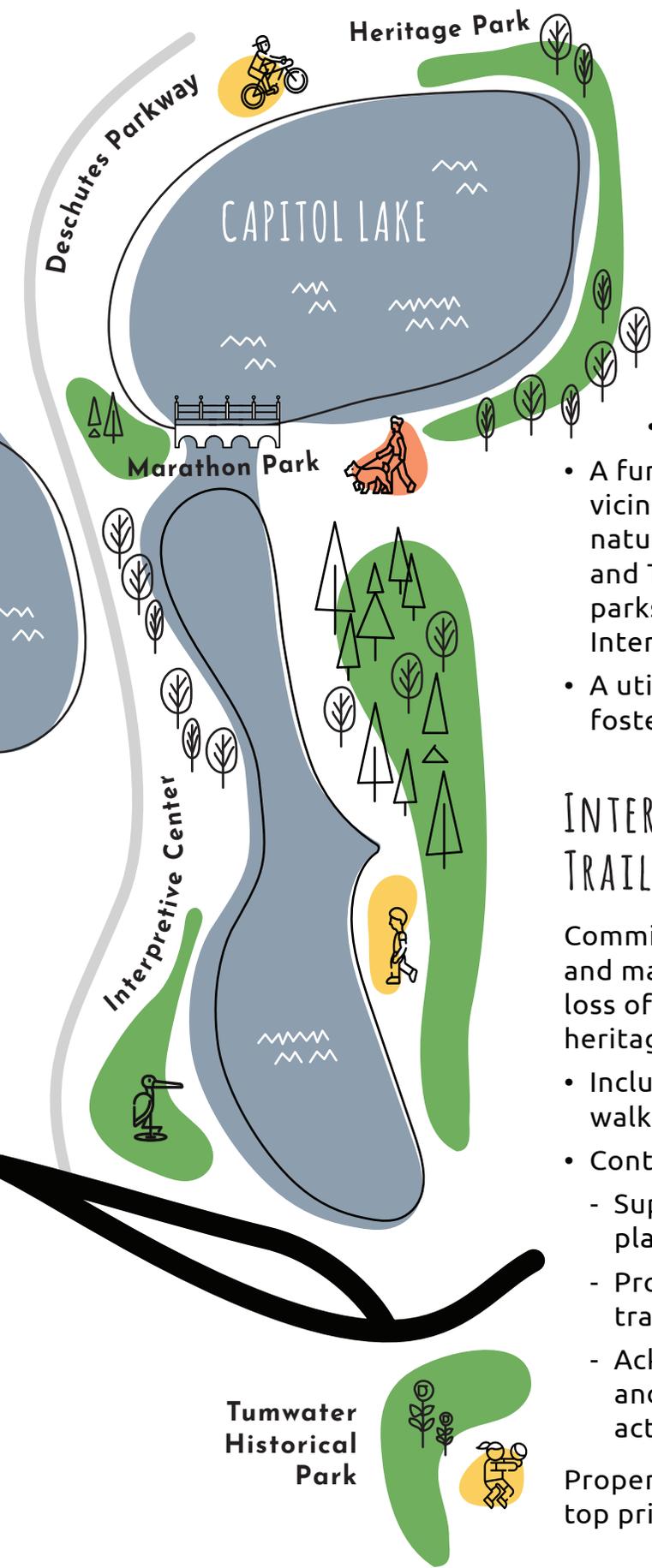
GROUND, ROADS, HISTORIC
BUILDINGS, PARKS

400 EVENTS ANNUALLY

400,000 PARTICIPANTS/YEAR

18 MONUMENTS & ARTWORK

- Recreation activities
- Interpretive opportunities and botanical tours
- Buffers and linkages to surrounding communities
- Public use opportunities



DESCHUTES & INTERPRETIVE CENTER PARKWAYS

Identified as a “state capitol public and historic facility” by RCW 79.24.710, the campus Master Plan identifies the purpose of Deschutes Parkway as:

- Emergency response, mass transit and bike route
- Overflow parking for downtown Olympia
- A functional link for the campus and local vicinity, with a jogging path and access to nature trails that connect downtown Olympia and Tumwater to Heritage and Marathon parks, Tumwater Historical Park, Capitol Lake Interpretive Center
- A utility corridor that also provides habitat-fostering vegetation for Capitol Lake

INTERPRETIVE CENTER BUILDING, TRAILS & NATURAL AREAS

Commitment was made by the state to establish and maintain high quality wetlands that mitigate loss of open-water habitat due to expansion of heritage park grounds:

- Includes trails and paths heavily used by walkers and runners
- Contributes to understanding of natural systems
 - Support and sustain diverse mix of native plants and wildlife
 - Provide information on native plants along the trail
 - Acknowledge the numerous community groups and tribes which participated in planting activities

Proper balance of public safety and rich habitat is top priority in maintaining the Interpretive Center.