

The Platt Gardens – A Boise Gem

The Platt Gardens cover 7 acres worth of downtown Boise. This special use area is located directly in front of the Boise Depot.



Boise City acquired the Platt Gardens and the Depot through a donation from Union Pacific Railroad, January 1982. Spanish landscape architect Ricardo Espino designed the Platt Gardens. Built by Union Pacific in 1927, the Depot gardens feature a winding walk, benches, ponds, a monument of volcanic rock and a welcoming display of greenery. Visitors would often picnic while waiting for passengers arriving on the train. The site's vantage point on the Boise bench provides an impressive view of the city. The garden was named for Howard V. Platt, who at the time was general manager of the original Oregon Short Line Railroad.

The Platt Gardens is a public park and it may not be reserved, but may be used for drop-in use. **Dogs are not allowed at Platt Gardens.**

