

**Maine's Historic Landscapes
Public Monument and Memorial Grounds**

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Civil War Monument on the Mall, Thomaston, Maine
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Civil War monuments and their grounds are the most common type of public landscapes in Maine. They served as the visual focus of the community and reflected civic pride. The Civil War, with the loss of many lives, had a profound effect on the state of Maine. A few memorial buildings and memorial rooms were built, but most communities erected sculptural monuments in outdoor settings. There are four major categories of monument grounds in Maine:

- **Grounds of public buildings;**
- **Existing parks or commons where a monument is one of many elements;**
- **Monument parks-small park spaces with the monument as the central element;**
- **Small monument grounds-less than a quarter acre and surrounded by roads.**

Civil War monuments and their grounds are often the only sculpture or public landscape in smaller towns. Spanish American War, World War I, and later memorials are found in a few communities but these are usually smaller and less elaborate. Not all memorials relate to military themes. There are public monuments to important people in Maine's history, government, and commerce, such as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Portland), Hannibal Hamlin (Bangor and Paris Hill), and The Lobsterman (Portland).

Public

Cemeteries and Burial Grounds
Commons, Squares, Greens and Malls
Grounds of Public Buildings
Monument Grounds
Municipal Parks
National and State Parks
Village Improvement Associations

Residential

Planned Communities and Subdivisions
Campuses, Church Grounds, Protective
Institutions, and Trolley Parks

List of Public Monument and Memorial Grounds

Andover, Common
Augusta, Monument Park, aka Common
Bangor, Hamlin Mall
Bangor, Norumbega Mall
Bangor Peirce Memorial Park
Bath, Civil War Monument
Berwick, Soldiers Monument
Bethel, Bethel Hill Common
Bethel, Civil War Monument
Bowdoin Center, Monument
Bowdoinham, Monument
Bridgton, Soldiers Monument
Calais, Civil War Monument
Clinton, Soldiers Monument
Corinna, Winchester Park
Dover-Foxcroft, Monument Square
Fairfield, Monument Park
Fryeburg, Bradley Memorial Park
Gray, Civil War Monument
Hancock, War Memorial Park
Houlton, Monument Park
Leeds, Peace Monument
Lincoln, Civil War Monument
Mechanic Falls, Civil War Monument
Norway, Witherell Park
Orono, Webster Park
Paris Hill, Common
Pittsfield, Civil War Monument
Portland, Longfellow Square
Portland, Monument Square
Rockport, Library Park
Rumford Center, Civil War Monument
Sanford, Central Park
Skowhegan, Monument Park
South Berwick, Soldiers Monument
South Paris, Moore Park
Thomaston, The Mall
Union, Town Common
Warren, Monument Ground
Waterville, Coburn Park
Winthrop, Civil War Monument
Wiscasset, Common
York Village, Civil War Monument