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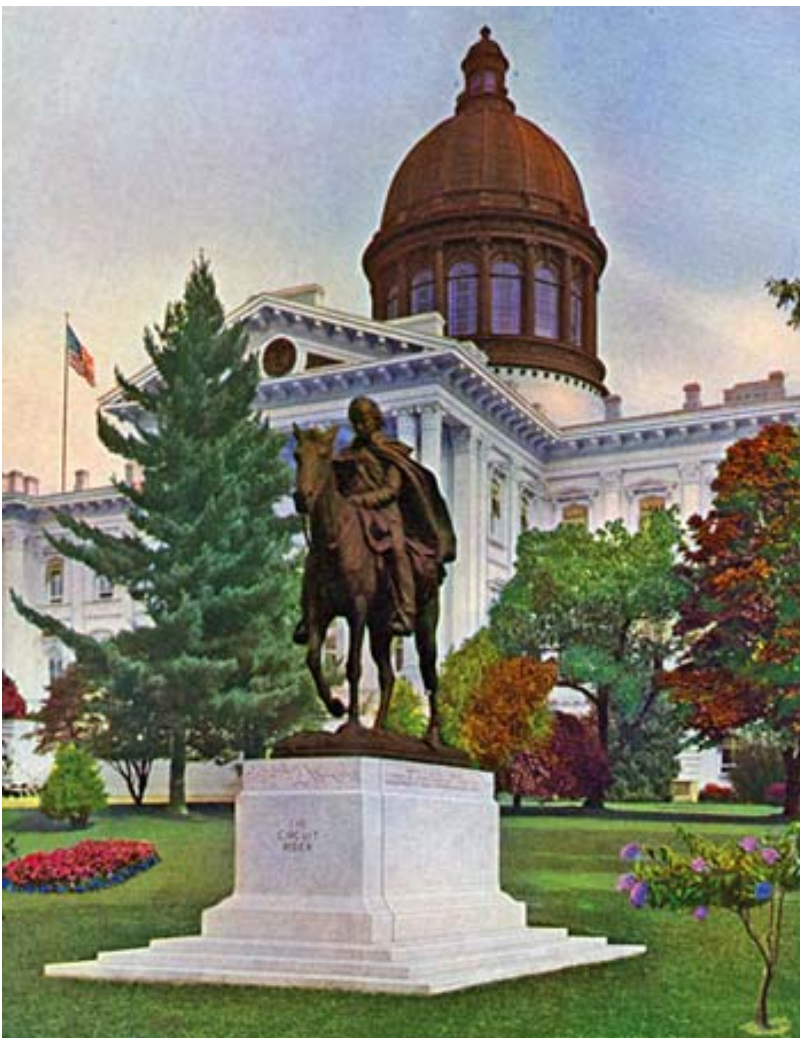
Capitol Tour Web Exhibit

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Circuit Rider Statue

The Circuit Rider statue stands in front of the 1876 State Capitol. Oregon's present Capitol has its origins in two fires. On December 30, 1855, fire swept through a newly occupied Statehouse, completely destroying the structure. The Holman Building, in the business section of Salem, served as a temporary Capitol from 1859 until another one was completed in 1876. On April 25, 1935, fire again destroyed the elegant Statehouse patterned after the U.S. Capitol.

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Capitol at Night

The 1938 State Capitol at night. Francis Keally, with the New York firm of Trowbridge & Livingston, designed the current building, which was dedicated on October 1, 1938. A four-story structure of modern Greek architecture, it was completed at a cost of \$2.5 million and is the fourth newest Capitol in the United States. The exterior is faced with white Danby Vermont marble.

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Capitol Grounds

The State Capitol from the landscaped grounds.

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Springtime

The State Capitol in spring with blossoming cherry trees.

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Intaglio Design

An intaglio design in marble near north entrance of the State Capitol. Intaglio maps outlining the Old Oregon Trail and the routes of Lewis and Clark appear on the backsides of these sculptures.

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Lewis and Clark Expedition Sculpture

The Lewis and Clark Expedition sculpture in front of the State Capitol. Massive Vermont marble sculptures flanking the main entrance, by Leo Friedlander, depict Lewis and Clark led by Sacajawea (east) and The Covered Wagon (west).

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Covered Wagon Sculpture

The Covered Wagon sculpture shows a family on the Oregon Trail in the mid-1800s.

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Oregon Pioneer

The Oregon Pioneer statue that tops the building is another work by Ulric Ellerhusen. This heroic figure represents the spirit of Oregon's early white settlers. Cast in bronze and finished in gold leaf, it weights 8.5 tons and is hollow inside. The base of the 23-foot high statue is 140 feet above the ground. The statue is reached by 121 steps spiraling up into the tower from the fourth floor of the building out onto a deck providing a spectacular view of Salem.

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The Circuit Rider statue on the Capitol grounds. To the east, Capitol Park is also the setting of three statues representing major forces in Oregon history: The Circuit Rider by A. Phimister Proctor is symbolic of the many missionaries who came to Oregon; Gifford Proctor sculpted both Reverend Jason Lee and Dr. John McLoughlin (not shown). Lee, a minister, played a major role in the American colonization of Oregon. He was also the founder of Oregon's oldest university, Willamette University located south of the Capitol. McLoughlin was the chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company and was the first man to govern the Oregon territory, although he held no official title.

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Jason Lee Statue

A statue of Rev. Jason Lee on the Capitol grounds.

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Corinthian Columns

Corinthian column fragments on the Capitol grounds. Fragments of Corinthian columns salvaged from the Capitol destroyed by fire in 1935 have been added to the Capitol Park. Ornamental and native trees and shrubs are featured in the landscaped areas surrounding the Capitol.

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Liberty Bell

A Liberty Bell replica stands outside the west entrance to the State Capitol.

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Walk of Flags

The Walk of Flags to the west of the State Capitol. Willson Park was a city park from 1853 until 1965 when it officially became part of the Capitol grounds. The park is named after William H. Willson, preacher, physician and founder of Salem who donated the land for the Capitol and the surrounding land. It is the setting for the Waite Fountain, Parade of Animals sculpture,

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World War II Memorial

The World War II Memorial in Willson Park west of the State Capitol.

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Bronze Sculptures

These cast bronze sculptures by Ulric Ellerhusen, representing major Oregon themes, greet visitors at the outside of the north entry. From left to right, they represent domestic animals, shipping and wildlife. Ellerhusen also sculpted five relief marble works for the exterior of the building.

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Transportation Reliefs

These reliefs by Ulric Ellerhusen, representing historical land transportation modes, grace the inside of the north entry. From left to right, these represent a stage coach, pack mules and a locomotive.

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Rotunda

The view of the rotunda from the steps to the House chamber. The rotunda, halls and all of the lobby areas are lined with a warm, delicately polished, rose travertine from Montana. The floor and staircases of the rotunda utilize large squares of Phoenix Napoleon grey marble from Missouri, with borders of Radio Black marble from Vermont. The beauty of the entire Capitol plan is enhanced by its utility. The building houses several elected state officials in addition to the entire legislative branch of state government. Spacious hearing rooms provide Oregonians an opportunity to participate in legislative decision making and to view state government at work.

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State Seal

In the center of the rotunda, embedded in the floor, is a large bronze replica of the Oregon State Seal sculpted by Ulric Ellerhusen, who also created the six cast bronze sculptures over the main entrance doors - three outside and three inside. Eight medallions painted near the top of the walls of the rotunda represent the eight objects in the state seal.

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Rotunda Ceiling

The Capitol dome rises 106 feet above the state seal in the floor of the spacious rotunda. The ceiling, painted by Frank H. Schwarz, features a design of thirty-three stars symbolizing Oregon as the thirty-third state in The Union. A 1993 earthquake caused significant damage to the dome. Extensive renovation closed it for an extended period. The work included cleaning and paint restoration to both the dome and the murals.

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McLoughlin Mural

Dr. John McLoughlin welcomes the first women to cross the continent by covered wagon in 1836 (rotunda mural detail). The rotunda and both the House and Senate chambers feature large, colorful Depression-Era murals illustrating events in Oregon history painted by Barry Faulkner and Frank H. Schwarz.

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Wagon Train Mural

The first wagon train migration in 1843 (rotunda mural detail).

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Statehood Mural

People in Salem celebrate news of statehood in 1859 (Senate chamber mural).

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Champoeg Meeting Mural

The historic 1843 Champoeg meeting where trappers and settlers voted to form a provisional government for the Oregon Country (House chamber mural).

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Dairying and Ranching Mural

A mural showcasing Oregon industries such as dairying and ranching.

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Provisional Government Seal

The seal of the provisional government (1843-1848) is above the grand staircase leading to the Senate Chamber. The territorial seal (1848-1859) is above the opposite staircase leading to the House of Representatives.

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Display Cases

Display cases containing exhibits relating to Oregon history, hearing rooms, traveling art exhibits and the visitors' information center highlight the Galleria. The visitors' information center provides information to the public about the Capitol, the Legislative Assembly and Oregon. Historical building tours and videos are available. The Tower is open for tours seasonally.

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House of Representatives Chamber

The paneling and furniture in Oregon's sixty-member House of Representatives is fashioned entirely of golden oak. Symbolic of Oregon's important wood products industry is the specially designed carpet featuring the Douglas-fir, Oregon's state tree.

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Senate Chamber

Oregon's thirty state senators use the Senate Chamber that features paneling and furniture of matched black walnut. Alternating designs of wheat and salmon, symbolizing Oregon's agricultural and fishing industries, are woven into the carpeting.

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Governor's Reception Room

Between the two legislative chambers on the second floor is the Governor's Suite with a reception room (shown below), a public ceremonial office and private staff offices. The ornate table in the reception area is made of 40 different types of wood and depicts the previous Capitol. It was created and given to the citizens of Oregon by the architectural firm employing Francis Keally.

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Governor's Ceremonial Office

The governor's ceremonial office in black walnut. The paneling is matched black walnut. A map of Oregon's geography above the fireplace in the ceremonial office is a work of Barry Faulkner. The ceremonial office and reception area are used frequently for art exhibits.

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Charles Martin Bust

A bust of Governor Charles Martin (1935-1939) in the governor's ceremonial office.

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Tom McCall Portrait

Portraits of past Oregon governors, such as this one of Governor Tom McCall, hang on the walls of public areas near the Governor's Suite. End of tour.

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