

Welcome to the CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL

LOWER LEVEL

Tour Office. 916-324-0333.
Legislative Bill Room. Open M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Copies of pending legislation, daily files, histories, and journals are available. 916-445-2323.
Capitol Books and Gifts. 916-324-0313. Room B-32.

FIRST FLOOR

Attorney General’s Office. This room is used for changing exhibits of history and art.
State Library Exhibit Room. This room features changing exhibits.
State Treasurer’s Office, 1906 & 1933.
1906 Office. Until 1907, the state did not keep its money in a bank. Instead, all funds – about \$8 million in gold and silver coins – were kept right here, inside the decorated vault to the left.
1933 Office. The stark interior of this office reflects the Great Depression. Note the huge vault with the eleven-ton door, which housed the state’s assets until 1975.
Secretary of State’s Office, 1902. This is where the Secretary of State and his clerks oversaw the state elections, kept the state archives, issued driver’s licenses, and registered trademarks.

Archives Exhibit Room. The decorated upper walls of this room were created by artisans who squeezed plaster through pastry tubes. On display are exhibits on history and art.

Governor’s Offices, 1906. This three-room suite vividly displays the business of government during George Pardee’s administration. Governors used these rooms until 1951.

Private Office: The paperwork on the desk reflects the personal side of Governor George Pardee as a conservationist and physician.

Main Office: Telegrams and newspapers bring word of the San Francisco earthquake.

Anteroom: This room shows a moment from the past. A “meeting” here is “interrupted” during a discussion of the remodeling of the Capitol.

Corridor. The ceramic tiles here, including the “Eureka” design, duplicate the original pattern. The floor’s unique texture was created by pushing clay through stainless steel screens.

Rotunda. To restore the 120-foot-high rotunda to its 19th century splendor, artisans studied old photographs and peeled away layers of paint to determine the original colors and designs.

Stairways. The original grand staircases were removed during the 1906 remodeling to make room for offices. With the help of photographs and remnants, they were reproduced using hand-carved Honduran mahogany and ash.

The Capitol is truly a significant place in the state of California. Even more important than the history of the building, the craftsmanship that went into its restoration, or the beauty of its grounds, is the work that goes on inside which affects all Californians.

SECOND FLOOR

Legislative Leadership Offices. To the north of the rotunda are the offices of the Assembly. To the south are the offices of the Senate President pro Tempore.

Corridor. To restore this original 1906 marble mosaic floor, it was first photographed, then removed in sections and sent to artisans who cleaned and polished each of the approximately 600,000 pieces. The tiles were then replaced in sections and reinstalled like a giant jigsaw puzzle. This

floor is adorned with golden poppies, our state flower.

Rotunda This space inspires reverence for our democratic government. In the 18th century, Americans adapted European religious

architecture for their capitols. This architecture was first developed in ancient Greece and Rome, the birthplaces of democracy and our system of laws.

THIRD FLOOR

Legislative Chambers. Inside these chambers, 40 Senators and the 80 Assembly members make our laws. Designed to look as they did in the late 1800s, the rooms are a blend of old and new. Original desks from 1869, authentically recreated chandeliers, and decorative ceilings contrast with modern sound systems and video cameras. Sessions

are open to the public, and are also televised throughout the state on www.calchannel.com and many cable systems. The colors of the chambers are traced back to the British Parliament, where red is used in the House of Lords, and Green is used in the House of Commons.

Assembly Chamber. Here the electronic voting system and the laptop computers assist the legislators’ work. The Latin motto below Lincoln’s portrait states, *It is the duty of the legislators to make just laws.*

Senate Chamber. This house still uses the traditional way of voting by roll call. The Latin motto below Washington’s portrait states, *It is the duty of the Senate to protect the liberty of the citizens.*

Offices and Committee Rooms. On the Assembly side is the office of the Majority Floor Leader and a committee room. The Minority Floor Leader is located in the East Annex. On the Senate side are the offices of the Senate Minority and Majority Floor leaders.

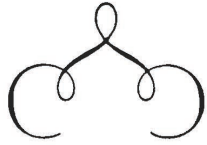
EAST ANNEX

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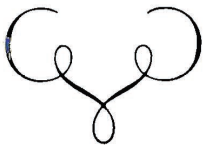
CAPITOL PARK

Surrounding the Capitol is a 40-acre park containing 450 different varieties of trees and plants from all over the world. The park also features memorials to historic events and people.

Legend



1. Tours and Information
2. Eureka Room
3. Museum Theatre (closed)
4. Statehouse Eatery (Temporarily closed)
5. Legislative Bill Room
6. Capitol Books and Gifts
7. Attorney General's Office (Exhibit Room)
8. State Library (Exhibit Room)
9. Historic Treasurer's Office (1933)
10. Historic Treasurer's Office (1906)
11. Historic Secretary of State's Office (1902)
12. State Archives (Exhibit Room)
13. Historic Governor's Office (1906)
14. Office of the Senate President pro Tempore
15. Office of the Speaker of the Assembly
16. Assembly Chambers
17. Senate Chambers



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