

Visitor Guide to Exhibit Locations in the Capitol Square

Capitol Highlights

- If you are most interested in **historic buildings**, begin your tour in **Architectural Hall** in the **west garden level**. There, you will learn about the **original caretaker** and his family who lived in the Capitol. Explore ***Foundations of Progress***, an interactive timeline about changes to the building and state over the years.
- If you are most interested in **Wyoming history**, and our suffrage story, start your tour in **Suffrage Hall** in the **west wing on the first level**. Meeting rooms in this area are named after Wyoming's suffragists. Stop in the **Nellie Tayloe Ross Executive Conference Room** to learn about our nation's first woman to serve as governor and other women executive firsts.
- In the **east wing on the first level**, be sure to visit the **Governor's Gallery**, featuring portraits and biographies of former governors.
- The **Governor's Gallery** continues in the **east wing on the garden level**. While there, visit ***Portraits of History*** where Wyoming stories come to life. You can also learn about the Historic Governor's Mansion in this area.
- Continue to the **northeast garden level entrance** and move clockwise through exhibits located at the four garden level entrances for a brief history of **Wyoming's journey to statehood** starting with our indigenous tribes, early settlement, territorial days, and through statehood.
- While in the **center of the garden level on the southeast side**, peek into the ***Treasures of the Past*** exhibit, an historic vault full of artifacts from the late 1800s. This is the **only vault open to the public**, but be sure to stop and see the original oil paintings on all the other vault doors in this area.
- The **second and third levels** of the Capitol feature exhibits about the **House and Senate**. You will find the **House exhibits in green** in the east wings and the **Senate exhibits are in red** in the west wings.
- While on the **second level**, be sure to stop by the beautifully restored **Historic Supreme Court** and visit the **interactive Constitution exhibit**, where you can flip through a replica of the original hand-written constitution and learn why Wyoming's constitution was revolutionary.

Capitol Extension Highlights

- If you are here visiting from out of state or from Wyoming and want to enjoy the state's natural beauty, be sure to stop by the **Capitol Extension** located underground on the north side of the garden level.
- You will be greeted by a statue of **Esther Hobart Morris**, the Mother of Wyoming's woman suffrage as she gazes up to the Historic Supreme Court, where Wyoming enshrined women's suffrage in our constitution.
- Further north **Chief Washakie**, renowned peacemaker and leader of the Shoshone tribe, is looking north to his homeland. Both statues are featured in National Statuary Hall.
- Stroll by the **Hall of Senators and Hall of Representatives** featuring contemporary portraits of legislators. Historic portraits can be found in the Capitol in the area of the building members served during different periods.
- The Capitol Extension also features **six meeting rooms** named after Wyoming's major river basins. Laid out geographically, the rooms feature photography of **beautiful landscapes** and **top activities** in each region.
- The **north end of the Capitol Extension** highlights our **abundant wildlife** in the **Capitol Auditorium** featuring photographs of 33 different species.
- This area is also home to the **Capitol Gallery**, a rotating art and exhibit gallery, featuring art and artifacts from around the state.
- The **conference rooms** on the north end of the Extension are named after and feature some of Wyoming beloved **state symbols**.
- COMING SOON: The **north end of the Capitol Extension** features the **Civics Lab**, where learning feels like both an experiment and an expedition. Step into this cartoon Capitol to learn about state government.

Other Notes

- **Every level** of the Capitol and the Extension feature **Capitol Kiosks**. These interactive screens provide meeting and event information, directions to rooms in Capitol Square, biographies of elected officials, an overview of exhibits, the interactive **Dome Drone**, and the **Kids' Capitol Quest**.
- Rooms with clear glass doors are open to explore, with the exception of the Governor's Ceremonial Conference Room in the east wing on the first level.