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Take a virtual tour and learn about Oregon's history

SALEM, Ore. 23 APRIL, 2020 — Got cabin fever? Here's an idea from the [Oregon State Capitol Foundation](http://www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org).

Take a virtual tour of the Capitol from the comfort of your home and see the building's features, inside and out.

"The tour is fun and interactive," said Ed Schoaps, OSCF board member. "It's a great way to visit Oregon's historic Capitol and see all its features — inside and out — from the grand rotunda to the Oregon pioneer statue on top."

Anyone with a computer or smartphone can explore some of the most popular areas of the Capitol. Click on narrated videos to learn more about the rotunda, House and Senate chambers, observation deck and surrounding grounds.

You can also see and learn about the murals on the walls of the rotunda that bring to life the explorers, Native people and pioneers representing key moments in Oregon's history.

"It's almost like having your own personal tour guide," said Schoaps. "The Capitol may be closed at the moment, but this is a great way for anyone — especially curious kids — to learn about Oregon's history in a fun and interactive way."

There are two ways to find the virtual tour of the Oregon Capitol: go to oregonlegislature.gov/capitolhistorygateway on your PC, Mac or tablet, or text Oregon to 24587 on your smartphone.

The virtual tour is made possible in part by the generosity of donors and funding from the Oregon State Capitol Foundation as part of its Capitol History Gateway program. It's hosted by the office of Legislative Administration and Capitol Visitor Services.

About the Oregon State Capitol Foundation

The nonprofit Oregon State Capitol Foundation works to enhance the beauty of the Oregon State Capitol and preserve the history it represents. We also fund educational programs focused on Oregon's heritage and democracy. Our volunteer board of directors shares a deep love for the Capitol and its history. Board members include current and past elected state officials, former state agency staff and current and former legislative advocates. For more information, visit www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org or call 503-363-1859.

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