

Collections

Artifact collections at Territorial Statehouse reflect the stories of Utah's Mormon pioneer past. Furniture, textiles, ceramics, tools and a large collection of photographs of Millard County pioneers are exhibited throughout the site.

There are rooms dedicated to the many roles the Statehouse has played in Utah's history. Wander through the re-created jail cell, Deseret News Press printing room, and old schoolrooms. The Statehouse is also home to many artifacts associated with the events of Utah's territorial government, including furniture from the old governor's office.



Driving Directions



From I-15 southbound take exit 167 for Fillmore. Turn left at N. Cedar Mountain Road. Continue down Main Street and turn right on 100 South. From I-15 northbound take exit 163 for Fillmore. Turn right on Highway 99 and continue to Main Street. Turn left on 100 South.

Your park fees provide for the care, protection and enhancement of this park.

Operating Hours

The museum is open year-round from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and closed Sunday. Closed Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1.

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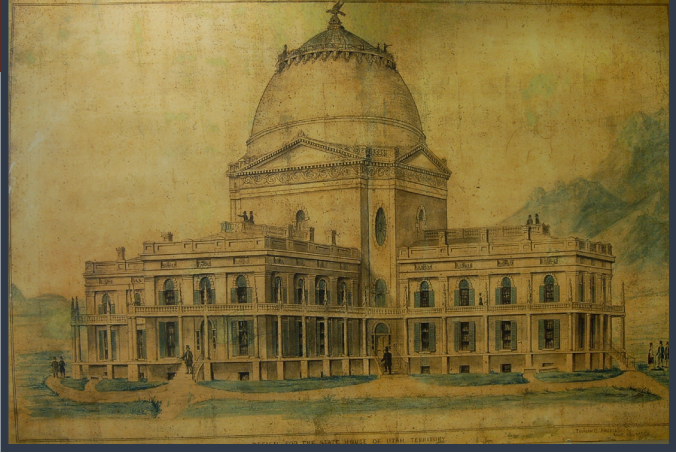
Explore Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum, Utah's oldest existing governmental building and first state park. Relive pioneer life through exhibits and artifacts, paintings and portraits, and special events. Tour the 1867 rock schoolhouse and two pioneer log cabins, which are also part of this historic site. Enjoy a shady picnic area and an All-American Rose Society garden.



Utah's First Capital

In 1851, newly-appointed Governor Brigham Young and a delegation of lawmakers selected a site for the capital of the Utah Territory. In honor of U.S. President Millard Fillmore, the new capital city and county were named Fillmore and Millard, respectively.

The Statehouse was designed by Truman O. Angell who is also credited with design of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple in Salt Lake City. Construction began in 1852.



Original building plans called for three levels and four wings, connected by a Moorish dome at the center. Today's red sandstone building is the south wing of the proposed structure, which was never fully constructed. The December 1855 meeting of the Territorial Legislature was the only full session held in the Statehouse, and in 1858, the seat of government returned to Salt Lake.

A Building of Many Uses

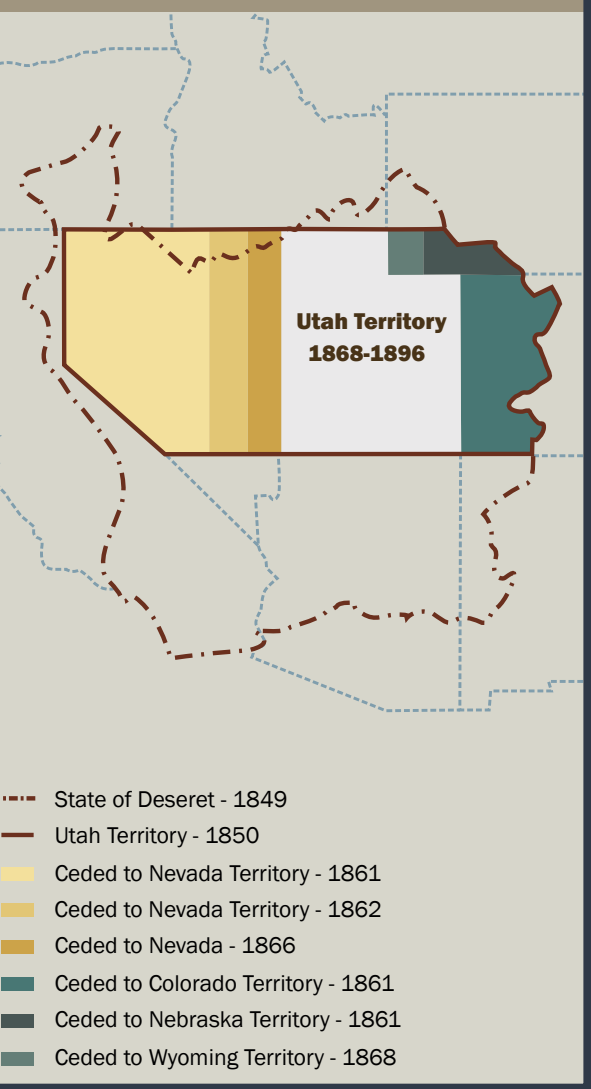
Despite its stately appearance, the Statehouse has a colorful history having served as a legislative hall, jail, theater, school and a hiding place for the Deseret News Press.

During the Utah War, the Statehouse basement served as a hiding place for the Deseret News Press for two months. Later, one room functioned as a holding cell for prisoners until they could be sent to the Territorial Penitentiary in Sugar House. After 1858, the Statehouse functioned as a civic center, religious meeting house, school and theater.



By the turn of the century, the building had decayed and demolition seemed imminent. In the mid-1920s, the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) proposed the Statehouse be restored as a museum. Under direction of the Utah State Parks Commission, the museum opened in 1930 and was placed in custodial care of DUP. The Statehouse and grounds became an official state park in 1957.

Development of the State of Utah



Events

Plan to enjoy some of the many great events at Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum.

► Experience the Old Capital Arts Festival, which is held annually, the first weekend after Labor Day. The festival is a celebration of fine arts and crafts, including paintings, jewelry, photography and sculpture. Enjoy cowboy poetry and a variety of hands-on activities, including pioneer games and events for children.

► Celebrate a pioneer Christmas by making traditional holiday decorations, stringing popcorn for the tree and learning a pioneer dance.

► Fill your dance card at our Statehood Day Dance for teens. Wear semi-formal attire, play games to find a partner and learn traditional Utah dances.



Park Guidelines

Please observe the following regulations to ensure everyone's visit is pleasant.

Please don't touch the artifacts - Help us preserve Utah's heritage for future generations.

Supervision - Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

No outside food or drink inside the museum please.

