

The Seal of the State of Oregon



"The description of the Seal of the State of Oregon shall be an escutcheon, supported by thirty-three stars, and divided by an ordinary, with the inscription, 'The Union'. In chief—mountains, an elk with branching antlers, a wagon, the Pacific Ocean, on which a British man-of-war departing, an American steamer arriving. The second—quartering with a sheaf, plow and pickax. Crest—the American eagle. Legend—State of Oregon, 1859."

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE SEAL

1. Our date of admission to the Union as a state, 1859, St. Valentine's Day, February 14.
2. Thirty-three stars in the seal—Oregon was thirty-third state to join the Union.
3. At the top is the Federal Eagle—denoting the Union of States—Peace through strength depicted by the olive branch and the arrows.
4. The fact that Oregon was never wholly dominated or governed by a foreign power is depicted by a British man-of-war leaving our shores under full sail while the American steamer is coming to our shores.
5. The setting sun, of course, denotes the West.
6. Our mountains are pictured and our game is represented by an elk standing on the shore.
7. Our industries are pictured by the standing timber, by the bundle of grain and the plow and a miner's pick leaning against the plow.
8. The fact that we were settled strictly by pioneers and held by right of domain is pictured by the ox drawn covered wagon.
9. Our state motto "The Union" is inscribed in raised letters on the ribbon at the base of the Seal.