

Oregon State Flag

Beaver State • Capital: Salem • Statehood: 1859

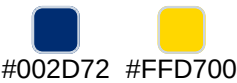
Overview

Dark blue with the words “State of Oregon” and the year of statehood above the state seal in gold. On the reverse (rare among state flags) appears a beaver. The beaver state makes its emblem plain, though the seal’s detail is intricate.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1925-02-26
Designer: Legislative adoption
Ratio: 500:833
Blue field with gold state seal and words ‘State of Oregon 1859’; reverse side features a golden beaver.

Colors



Symbolism

state seal	Depicts agriculture, mountains, elk, and ships representing trade.
33 stars	Show Oregon as the 33rd state.
beaver reverse	Represents state nickname, the Beaver State.

Historical timeline

- 1859: Oregon admitted as 33rd state.
- 1925: Flag officially adopted.

Notable facts

- Only U.S. state flag with a two-sided design.
- Beaver is the official state animal.
- The beaver appears on the reverse side of the flag.
- The obverse side features the state seal.
- The date 1859 marks Oregon's admission to the Union.
- The flag uses navy blue and gold as its primary colors.
- The design highlights agriculture, commerce, and industry.
- The current flag was officially adopted in 1925.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal
The Oregon state seal displayed on the obverse side of the flag.
Meaning: Westward migration, commerce, American sovereignty, and Oregon as the 33rd state

beaver
A gold beaver centered on the reverse side of the flag.
Meaning: Oregon’s fur trade history and the beaver as the state animal

stateNameAndYear
The words 'STATE OF OREGON' and the year '1859' on the obverse.
Meaning: Commemoration of Oregon’s admission to the Union

Vexillology notes

Design type: Double-sided emblematic flag
Complexity: 9/10

