Dome Facts

• The state legislature approved the dome in 1881 and construction began in 1885.

• There are 296 steps leading from the fifth floor to the cupola.

• The inner dome is composed of 256 glass panels. Each is a half inch thick.

• The copper on the dome would make 2,350,746 pennies.

• The outer copper dome extends approximately 75 feet above the inner dome.

• The bronze statue of the Kansa warrior, *Ad Astra*, was placed on the top of the dome in 2002. It is 22 feet and 2 inches tall and weighs 4,420 pounds.

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The Kansas State Capitol dome is open for guided tours, an incredible opportunity to explore history in a whole new way.

This spectacular tour is breathtaking—literally—with 296 steps and no elevator. The elaborate architecture is highlighted with close up views of the inner and outer domes. The summit offers a unique perspective of the city of Topeka. Participants who reach the cupola earn bragging rights. Souvenir merchandise is available in the Capitol Store on ground level.

Dome tours available at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, and 3:15 p.m.
- Tours last approximately 40 minutes
- Cost is free during scheduled times
- Maximum group size is 30
- Reservations are accepted
- Walk-up visitors will be accommodated as space is available

Schedule a dome tour
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Safety Rules
The tour’s 296 steps to the top of the dome include a series of straight, steep, narrow, spiral, and irregularly spaced landings and stairs. There are no rest areas, seats, or restrooms available on the tour route.

It is recommended that persons with heart, back, neck, knee, acrophobia (a fear of heights), or breathing problems, as well as those with a disability that may prevent them from walking unaided (cane, walker, etc.) should not participate in the tour.

Due to its physical challenges, the tour is not recommended for small children or women who are pregnant. Children must be four years or older.
- Proceed slowly and single file up and down the stairs and act responsibly while on tour
- Stay with your group at all times
- Leaning on railings is not permitted
- Pay close attention to your immediate surroundings
- No large-heeled shoes will be allowed
- Speak quietly in the dome
- Do not drop items over the railing
- Do not write on any dome surface
- Inform guides at any point if you do not wish to proceed

These rules will be strictly enforced for everyone’s safety and enjoyment.