



Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation

The non-profit Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation was established to preserve Edgewood Farm as a public park. A member of MUSE (Museums of Springfield and Eugene) and the Historical Museum Coalition of Lane County, WMHPC guides the park's development as a National Historic Site and manages the Farm's cultural resources.

WMHPC promotes awareness of Senator Morse's legacies, working with the UO Morse Center. Through the Wayne Morse Integrity in Politics Award, it recognizes public officials and others in public service who display the Morse attributes of personal and political integrity.



Learn more about Wayne Morse from these sources

- **Wayne Morse. A Political Biography**
by Mason Drukman, 1997, OHS Press.
- **The Tiger in the Senate: A Biography of Senator Wayne Morse** by A. Robert Smith, 1962, Doubleday Press.
- Wayne Morse Monographs sponsored by the UO Wayne Morse Center and WMHPC, (541) 346-3700, www.waynemorsecenter.uoregon.edu.
- "An American Gadfly," one of Three Oregon Plays by Charles Deemer, 2003, Book Surge.
- "The Coma of Wayne Morse" a play by Steve Lyons, 2008, salyons@playcafe.com.
- "The Last Angry Man", a documentary by Christopher Houser and Robert Millis, 1999. Square Deal Productions.
- Wayne Morse Papers, Special Collections, UO Knight Library. (541) 346-3068 or <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/index/html>

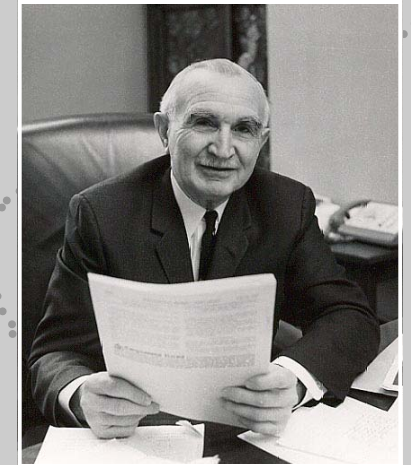
Recreation and Rentals

(541) 682-5380

Morse Farm Park is a City of Eugene facility open daily for picnicking, enjoying nature or walking your dog in fenced off-leash area. Tours of the historic home are available by prior arrangement. Rentals: The home's main floor, with a full kitchen, accommodates 30 people and is available year round. The picnic shelter, with a limited kitchen, and surrounding meadow accommodate up to 125 people, May-October, with no amplified sound. Call the park office for reservation information.



On The Trail Of The Tiger!



Finding

Wayne Morse

in Eugene

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History and Politics Come Alive in Eugene!



Wayne Morse Family Farm
595 Crest Drive

From the moment he joined the United States Senate in 1945, Wayne Morse was never controlled by party—serving as a Republican, Independent and Democrat. His platform of “Principle Above Politics” promised the people of Oregon,

“I will exercise an independence of judgment based on the evidence of each issue. I will weigh the views of my constituents and party, but cast my vote free of political pressure and unmoved by the threats of loss of political support.”

Morse came to the UO Law School in 1929, with strong ties to land and animals from his childhood on a Wisconsin farm. He and wife Mildred purchased land on rural College Crest where in 1936 they built a house and stables designed by UO architecture professor Wallace Hayden.

Edgewood Farm’s 26 acres were Wayne and Mildred’s haven. There they raised daughters Nancy, Judith and Amy and pursued their love of horses and livestock. Always welcome, visitors helped with farm chores, enjoyed ice cream and ping pong or awaited election night returns. *“I remember,”* recalled one Eugenean, *“riding by on my bicycle and knowing it was a special place—Wayne Morse lived there.”*

The family farm became a Eugene City Park in 1979 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Wayne and Mildred Morse are buried nearby in Rest Haven Cemetery.

For 40 years, Wayne Morse and his family lived in Eugene’s south hills at Edgewood Farm. Morse—Dean of the University of Oregon Law School, labor arbitrator and United States Senator—served five U.S. Presidents. We remember him for fierce independence, commitment to principle, and a forceful dissent against America’s involvement in Vietnam.

Known as the “Tiger of the Senate,” Wayne Morse lent his voice to historic 20th Century debates. Today dialogue continues on issues he championed: public education; civil rights and liberties; Americans’ health and well being; the public interest; worker’s rights; using diplomacy not military might to resolve international disputes.

Eugene offers opportunities to learn about a remarkable Oregonian: where he lived... what influenced him... where his life’s work developed. From Wayne Morse Family Farm Park to downtown Eugene and the University of Oregon, join us on a journey along... the Trail of the Tiger!



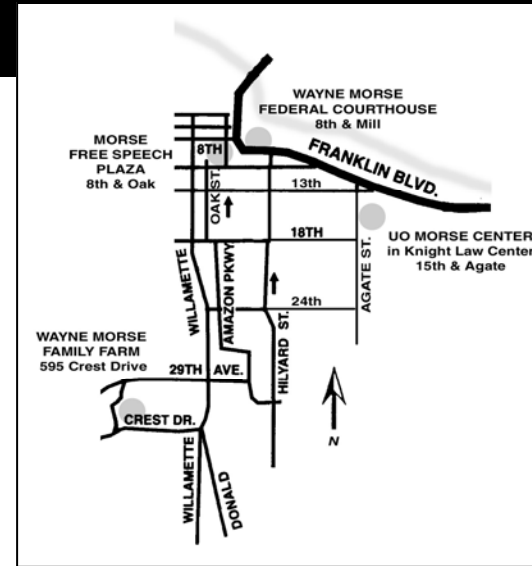
Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza

Lane County Courthouse,
East 8th Avenue and Oak St.

In a democracy there is no substitute for full public disclosure of the People’s business.

Wayne Morse believed in educating with facts. He was an electrifying speaker, a genius at speaking without notes. He set Senate filibuster records. The Plaza celebrates his commitment to our Constitutional guarantee to free speech and offers a place for open discussion of issues.

The statue of Morse was created by famed Mexican sculptor, Gabriel Ponzanelli. Look for the rose on the Senator’s lapel—a signal that he’d be speaking at length— and the copy of the Constitution. Examine the plaques and pavers around the statue. They highlight Morse contemporaries and events in his lifetime, offering a wealth of wisdom in the quotations and lessons in 20th Century American history and politics.



Wayne Lyman Morse Federal Courthouse

408 East 8th Avenue

The only hope of advancing the cause of peace in our time lies in the substitution of the rules of international law for the jungle law of military might.

The rule of law and the U.S. Constitution guided Wayne Morse’s principles. They influenced his approach to labor arbitration where he insisted that labor’s rights be based in law and arbitration proceedings follow judicial procedure.

They provided foundation for his arguments in Senate debates—from opposition to Senator Joseph McCarthy’s tactics in the 1950s to his later challenge to U.S. policy in Vietnam.



Designed by Pritzker Prize winner Thom Mayne, the Morse Courthouse is praised for originality and striking form, its environmental sustainability and the way art defines its purpose. A self guided tour may be taken weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

University of Oregon

Family and teachers nurtured Wayne Morse’s keen interest in learning. In the Senate he was honored as Mr. Education for efforts strengthening public education. *“We have the duty laid upon us to open the widest door of education to all who have the innate capacity to step over that threshold.”*

Dean Morse taught law in Fenton Hall and spearheaded the 1932 fight against consolidating the UO with Oregon State College. At the same time, he worked on law commissions and did labor arbitration. His success as Pacific Maritime Arbitrator earned him the nickname “Boss of the Waterfront” and a later appointment to the National War Labor Board.

At the UO’s Knight Law Center, visit the Wayne Morse Commons. Look for the bust of Morse and commemorative plaques adjacent to the Commons.



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The Morse Center seeks to continue Wayne Morse’s traditions of integrity and intellectual independence. It offers an interdisciplinary forum for faculty, students and the community to explore critical contemporary issues. Discussion and study is often led by the occupants of the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics—noted scholars, advocates and public figures who exemplify the Morse traditions.

The Center encourages UO law students to follow in Senator Morse’s footsteps, awarding law fellowships to those demonstrating an interest in public service and the issues and ideals that influenced him.

Inquire at the Center’s office about programs, public events, fellowships and research opportunities. All offer chances to reflect on Morse’s legacies and how he continues to guide our national dialogue.