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A visit to the Naval Postgraduate School or Naval Support Activity Monterey provides an opportunity to enjoy the history of Hotel Del Monte and its enduring legacy of art, architecture and culture. Hotel Del Monte was the catalyst for California's modern-day tourism industry and a trendsetter in sports and recreation. This guide highlights the pioneering resort that transformed Monterey from a quiet pueblo to a vibrant tourist destination.

**HERRMANN HALL FRONT STEPS**

Hotel Del Monte created the original 17-Mile Drive, a scenic and cultural tour named for the distance that hotel guests traveled during their excursion. The drive began and ended at Herrmann Hall’s front steps.

**GROUND FLOOR**

The ground floor once included a brokerage firm, railway office, news stand, cigar shop, soda fountain, drug store, barber shop, Turkish bath, shops, a game room, post office, auditorium, banquet and party rooms and a tap room.

**Trident Room**

Dozens of mugs hang from the Trident Room ceiling, formerly the Del Monte Tap Room and, in the era of Prohibition, the “Children’s Play Room.”

**El Prado Room**

Today’s cafeteria was Hotel Del Monte’s main party room - Bali Room. Big band performances were broadcast nationally via Mutual Radio Network and special event parties were held frequently here.

**La Novia Room**

Jo Mora’s masterful diorama was added to this room in 1940. When completed, Mora wrote: “The...costumes are of the Spanish period (and) correct in every minute detail.”

The black walnut case incorporates the escutcheon of the Count of Monterey, for whom the Spanish explorer Sebastian Vizcaino claimed this area and named Monterey Bay in 1602.

**FOURTH FLOOR**

**Loggia**

For a dramatic view of Monterey Bay and the Naval Postgraduate School campus, check out Key Number 1 from the Command Duty Office by the main entrance.

Then take the elevator to the Tower Room and from there the spiral staircase to the loggia for a 360-degree view of the grounds.

**Tower Room**

The Tower Room was used as a small banquet room. It is distinguished by its fresco of the Witch Tree on 17-Mile Drive. Once more famous than today’s Lone Cypress Tree, the Witch Tree collapsed during a 1964 storm.

**CAMPUS DESTINATIONS**

Several sites on campus are within easy walking distance of Herrmann Hall. These include the:

**Roman Plunge and Solarium**

Built in 1915, this was a favorite swimming pool for celebrity guests, including Johnny Weismuller.

**Arizona Garden & Del Monte Botanical Garden**

Developed by Rudolf Ulrich, the Arizona Garden once had giant saguaro cacti and other rare desert plants. Ulrich also laid out a 125-acre botanical garden surrounding the hotel. Remnants of that setting are visible today as you walk the grounds.

**Root Hall Timeline**

Story boards on the history of NPS line the Root Hall arcade. Some of the boards also profile Hotel Del Monte. The historical timeline begins near the Dudley Knox Library.

Want to research our local history? Schedule an appointment in the archives. Call 831-656-3346.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The historic Hotel Del Monte now serves as the administrative building of the Naval Postgraduate School. Because it is a busy working building, some locations listed on this tour may not be accessible during your visit.