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Castle Oron

The Great Hall



This large room allows to access the various parts of the apartment: the kitchen, the reception rooms and the upstairs via the stairs which lead to the gallery.

The large board displays the escutcheons of the Bernese bailiffs who lived at the castle between 1555 and 1798. Each bailiff spent 6 years at the castle. You will notice in passing that the designers of the board envisaged a stable regime for over 500 years when they had the board made.

This great hall was built by the Bernese between the two main buildings and the keep. The keep is partly visible at the end of the room (curved wall).



The great hall around 1880



The restoration of the great hall

The hall was fully restored in 1998. The ceiling was painted brown (wood colour) during the 19th century, the room was very dark. The wall painting was very damaged and erased in some places.

Probing the ceiling revealed that there was a grey coat under the brown one. It was decided to restore the hall in its 17th century condition, so the ceiling and stairs are now in their original colour. The painted décor was cleaned and restored where it was missing.

