



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**

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Welcome to NYS CRIS

Welcome to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's (OPRHP) Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS). CRIS is a Geographic Information System-based program that provides access to New York State's historic and cultural resource databases and digitized paper records. CRIS provides users with access to more than 1.5 million pages of digital images including, National Register documents, building and archaeological inventory forms, survey reports and a wide variety of additional legacy data. In addition, this system serves as an interactive portal for agencies, municipalities and others who use historic preservation programs, such as the State and Federal Income Tax Credits for Historic Properties, the State and National Registers of Historic Places Programs, the Sections 14.09 (NYSPRHPL) and 106 (NHPA) review processes, the Certified Local Government Program and building and archaeological survey programs.

Questions regarding CRIS should be directed to CRISHelp@parks.ny.gov. Information on acquiring access to archaeology data is provided below.

CRIS Archaeology Data Permission Information

To protect the location of archeological sites, as required under both state and federal statutes, access to the archaeology GIS site layers, archaeology site forms and archaeology survey reports will be limited to those individuals who have CRIS archaeology primary permission or CRIS archaeology secondary permission.

Archaeology CRIS Primary Permissions are available to:

- a) 36 CFR 61-qualified cultural resource professionals who will use CRIS to facilitate the federal and state environmental review processes, such as those required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) or Section 14.09 of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law (NYSPRHPL),
- b) Federally and State-recognized Indian Tribes (Nations),
- c) Government officials who require information on archaeological sites to fulfill their agency's responsibilities under Section 106 (NHPA) and/or 14.09 (NYSPRHPL), and/or
- d) Scholars at schools and universities for research purposes.

Archaeology CRIS Secondary Permission

Each organization with a 36 CFR 61-qualified individual will be provided two (2) archaeology CRIS secondary permissions. These secondary permissions are available for *non*-36 CFR 61-qualified staff who may support the work of the primary permission holder. The 36 CFR 61-

qualified individual is responsible for ensuring that the secondary permission holders in their organization comply with the CRIS terms of service and for removing users from the account upon departure from the organization.

To Register:

1. Go to <https://cris.parks.ny.gov>, select **I Agree**, and on the next screen select **Sign Up Now** to create an NY.gov ID user account.
2. Sign into CRIS at least once prior to requesting archaeological permissions, using your NY.gov account.
3. Fill out the attached permission form and email it to CRISHelp@parks.ny.gov. Be sure to identify your email in the subject line as: **Archaeology Permission Request**.

Terms and Conditions

1. Permission is non-exclusive and revocable.
2. Permission is non-transferable. Sharing of account access information, including usernames and passwords, and/or restricted information, shall result in termination of account privileges.
3. The Subscriber understands and acknowledges that release of precise locations may threaten archaeological and historic resources. Locations of cultural resources may be sensitive per 9 NYCRR Section 427.8—Public Access to Information, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA). Subscriber shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the security of archaeological site locations.
4. Locational information and map services are for internal use of authorized organizations only. The services or information derived from this service are not for use on public websites and/or dissemination to the public without OPRHP authorization.
5. The OPRHP makes no warranty that the data are necessarily accurate or complete. It is the responsibility of the Subscriber to confirm all information contained in the digital records.
6. The Subscriber understands and acknowledges that the data are provided for planning and assessment purposes only. As not all historic resources have been systematically identified for the entire State, the absence of certain historic resources in CRIS does not mean that no such historic properties are present.
7. Obtaining information on previously recorded historic properties does not constitute review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or Section 14.09 of the New York State Historic Preservation Act. If a project is federally or state-funded, licensed, or assisted, the federal agency or state agency may require you to obtain OPRHP comment under Section 106 or Section 14.09. This is a separate process and cannot be accomplished solely by either an archives search or accessing inventory data online. If you are requesting a review of your project on behalf of a federal, state or local agency, contact OPRHP.
8. For entities other than New York State and local government agencies, the Subscriber will indemnify and hold the OPRHP and its officers and employees harmless against any claims by third parties arising out of the use by the Subscriber of the data provided.

9. The OPRHP reserves the right to refuse or terminate the CRIS subscription of any Subscriber based on violations of the conditions of use as outlined in this agreement, suspicion of criminal activity, or any abuse of Subscriber privileges deemed as inappropriate or unethical.

This is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It shall be construed in accordance with the law of New York State and may be amended only in writing signed by both parties.

Security

This system is the property of New York State. Guests and those permitted access shall use this system ONLY for purposes for which they have been authorized. ANY unauthorized access, use, or abuse of this system or the information contained therein shall be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation and prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

Disclaimer

All information provided by the OPRHP via the CRIS application is made available for the convenience of authorized users and guests. While the OPRHP believes the information to be reliable, human or mechanical error remains a possibility. Therefore, the OPRHP does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, or correct sequencing of the information. Neither the OPRHP nor any of the sources of the information shall be responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the use or results obtained from the use of this information.



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NYS CRIS Archaeology Primary Permission Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

NY.gov ID Username: _____

NY.gov ID Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Account Type (check one):

- Archaeologist (36 CFR 61 Qualified)*
- Indian Nation
- Government
- Academic*

** Please include a vita or résumé*

Signature of Primary Permission Holder: _____

By signing this form, you agree to the Terms and Conditions that accompany this form.



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NYS CRIS Archaeology Secondary Permission Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

NY.gov ID Username: _____

NY.gov ID Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Signature of Secondary Permission Holder: _____

Primary Account Holder Name: _____

Signature of Primary Permission Holder: _____

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