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New online map plots New Hampshire Historical Highway Markers



The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has added an interactive map of the state's historical highway markers to its website, www.nh.gov/nhdhr.

Visitors to the website can use Google Maps technology to easily navigate a map of New Hampshire and find locations of the state's 200+ historical highway markers. A photo of each marker, along with its GPS coordinates and a search feature to find nearby landmarks and attractions, can be accessed by clicking on a marker's location.

New Hampshire's historical highway markers illustrate the depth and complexity of our history and the people who made it, from the last Revolutionary War soldier to contemporary sports figures to poets and painters who used New Hampshire for inspiration; from 18th-century meeting houses to stone arch bridges to long-lost villages; from factories and cemeteries to sites where international history was made.

"Historical highway markers form a trail of the state's heritage,

Van McLeod,
Commissioner
Shelly Angers,
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from Pittsburg to Hinsdale and Seabrook," said Elizabeth Muzzey, director of the NH Division of Historical Resources and state historic preservation officer. "Each marker is initiated by a group of local advocates; the program reflects what people in New Hampshire feel is important and unique about our history."

The New Hampshire historical highway marker program is jointly managed by the NH Division of Historical Resources and NH Department of Transportation.

Any municipality, agency, organization or individual wishing to propose a historical highway marker to commemorate significant New Hampshire places, persons or events must submit a petition of support signed by at least 20 New Hampshire citizens. They must also draft the text of the marker and provide footnotes and copies of supporting documentation, as well as a suggested location for marker placement.

Three properties added to State Register

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is pleased to announce that the State Historical Resources Council has added three individual properties to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. The most recent additions to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places are:



Sheafe Warehouse

Portsmouth, Sheafe Warehouse. This warehouse was built circa 1720 using plank construction and was designed to make the loading and unloading of cargo boats, especially Piscataqua gundalows, as efficient as possible. Moved to Prescott Park in 1940, it is the sole survivor of a building type once common on Portsmouth's waterfront.

Portsmouth, Shaw Warehouse. Built in 1806 and now used as offices, the Shaw Building is one of only three remaining industrial properties in Portsmouth's former industrial waterfront. It is a rare example of a vernacular warehouse building.

Lee, Glidden House. This property's original mid-18th century house now serves as the back wing to a circa-1820 Greek Revival house of exceptional period detailing. Once the center of a working farm, the property still retains its outbuildings as well as its relationship to Lee's historic town center, an area now known as Wadleigh Falls.

For more information about nominating a property to the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places, visit www.nh.gov/nhdhr

Update: First New Hampshire State House Project



Source: TMS Architects

The NH Division of Historical Resources is currently gathering public input for the First State House Project. New Hampshire is in the unusual position of still owning remnants of its first state house, which was built in 1758 in Portsmouth as the seat of New Hampshire's colonial government. The DHR held two meetings in November and more are planned for 2012.

The public may also share ideas through an online survey available at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BL5KN5M>

For more information about the First State House project, visit http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/state_house.htm

SCRAP fall 2011 field school



Surveying at Bear Brook State Park

In 2008 the New Hampshire State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program - SCRAP - launched its Historical Archaeology Survey and Mapping Program. The program's mission is to visit a different state park each year, engaging the support and interest of friends groups, community members and students, for the purpose of identifying, recording and photographing New Hampshire's dynamic history.

The fall 2011 SCRAP program took place at Bear Brook State Park in Allentown. During the week of October 24th, seven SCRAP volunteers, led by NHDHR archaeologists Edna Feighner and Tanya Krajcik, surveyed and mapped fourteen new historical archaeological sites, including wells, cellar holes and barn foundations.

The information gleaned from the SCRAP survey work adds to the database of information about New Hampshire's archaeological sites and gives park visitors a better understanding of the history of state-protected public lands. Also, surveys of state parks are useful to other agencies, such as the Division of Resources and Economic Development and the Division of Forest and Lands, who manage the property and resources of the state parks and forests in New Hampshire.

Planning for Archaeology Month: April 2012

It's time to start planning programming for the next New Hampshire Archaeology Month, which takes place in April 2012. Celebrating in spring is an opportunity to promote summer and fall field schools, as well as other programs. April is also school vacation month, which opens the door to even more possibilities. Contact the New Hampshire Archeological Society with your programming ideas and to make sure they will be on the NH Archaeology Month online calendar: nhasweb@gmail.com

All Books Great and Small Recommendations from the DHR Staff

***Main Street to Miracle Mile: American Roadside Architecture*; Chester H. Liebs; Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995.**

Nadine Peterson, Preservation Planner, suggests a classic text for those who spent hours looking out the window on "Sunday drives."

Main Street to Miracle Mile takes the reader on a trip down memory lane to the great roadside facilities that many of us remember from childhood. Through photographs and historical narratives, the history and development of auto showrooms, gas stations, supermarkets, miniature golf courses, drive-in theaters, motels and restaurants are explored. Most of these building types developed during the 20th century, which is one of my favorite periods in history. I studied under Chester Liebs at the University of Vermont's Historic Preservation Program and his interest in reading the landscape was infectious. You'll be able to feel this same excitement about 20th century resources from reading *Main Street to Miracle Mile*.

This book is available at: www.amazon.com

Learn more about preservation programs

To learn more about historic preservation programs and activities on the horizon, visit the [News and Events Page](#) of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, the [NH Preservation Alliance Events web site](#), the [Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire E-ssociate](#), and the "history" section of nh365.org. Also visit PreservationDirectory.com, a national portal with links to a wide and expanding range of preservation events, sources and resources.

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