



**TECHNICAL NOTE
(FOR INSERVICE USE)**

**THE NATIONAL REGISTER
OF
HISTORIC PLACES**

Introduction

Did you know that there are more than 940,000 archaeological sites nationwide recorded in state offices of historic preservation?¹ Approximately half of these sites reside on privately owned forestland, cropland, and grazing lands. Also, over half of the listed National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is on private land. The NRHP is the official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objectives, which meet nationally consistent criteria for evaluation and are worthy of preservation because of their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture.²

NRHP

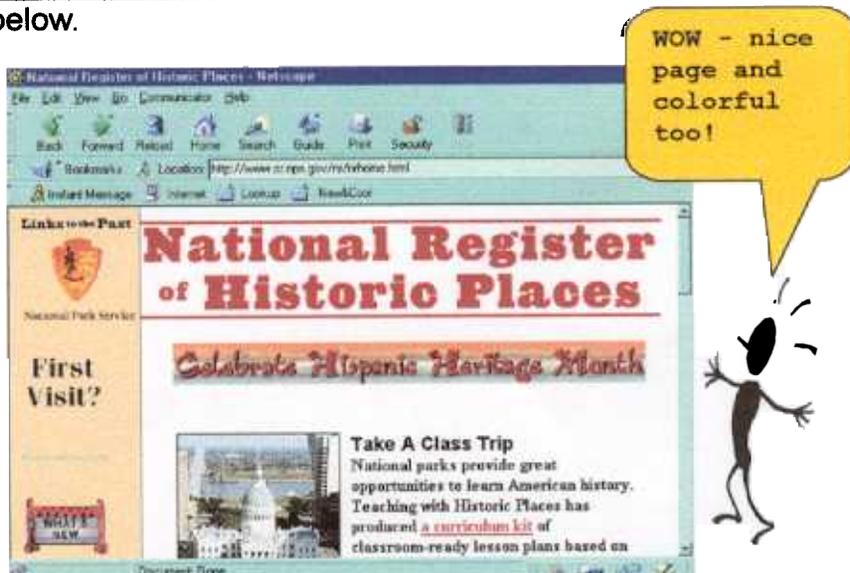
Federal law mandates consideration of cultural resources and it is part of the Conservation Management System's planning procedures. These policies are found in General Manual 420, Parts 401 and 601. Part of that consideration is having a current list of NRHP sites in your county or district office. Fortunately, the keepers of the NRHP have made available an easy to access database comprising the official listing for each county in Florida. A small amount of Web-surfing will make this continuously revised list easily available for use in your office's planning and other information activities.

¹ NRCS/RCA Issue Brief 15, USDA, NRCS, December 1997.

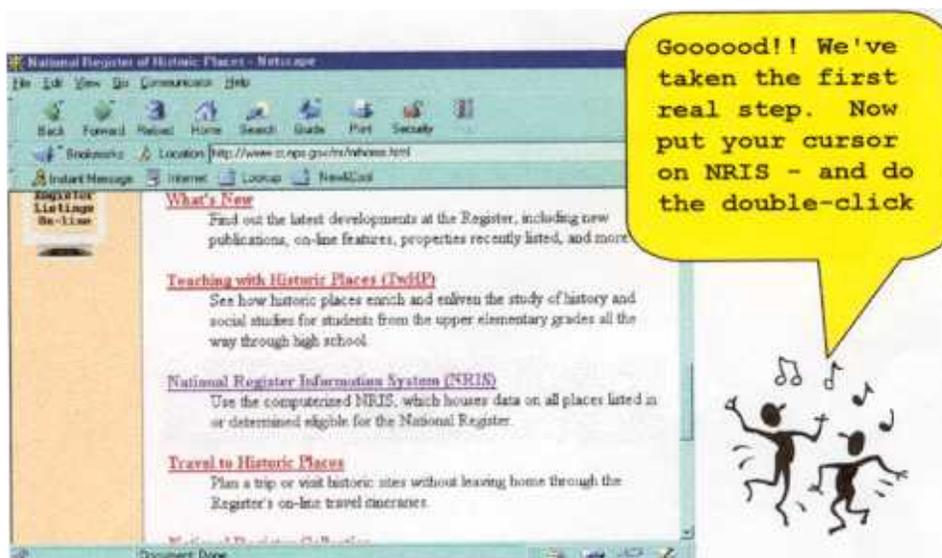
² 420-GM, Amendment 1, December 1994, Part 401.2(aa), page 401-5.

Surfing the Web

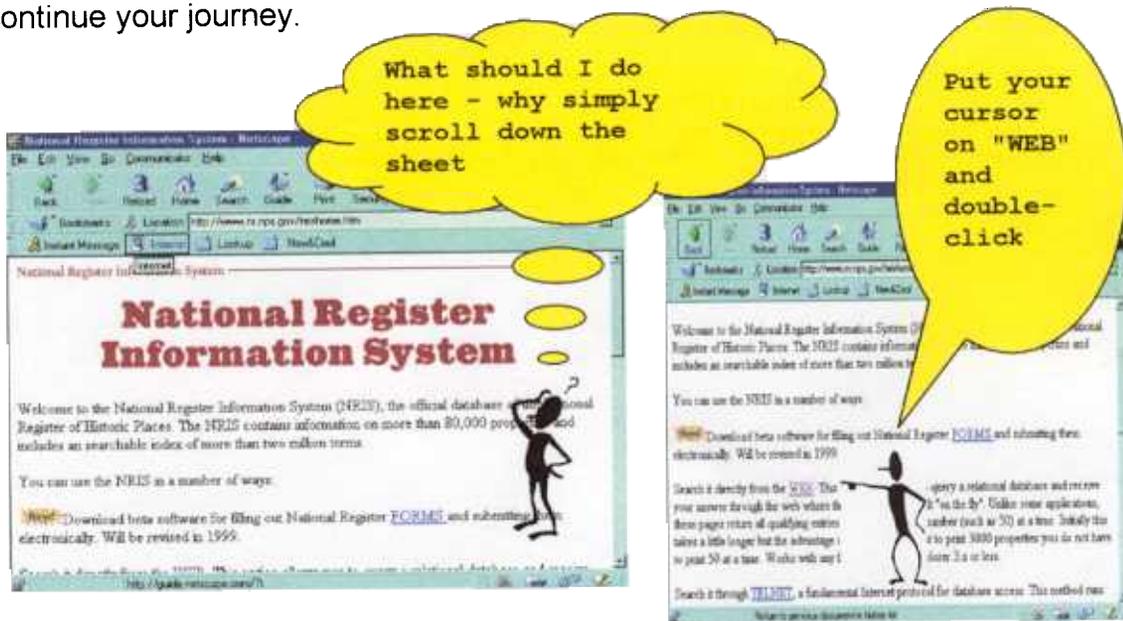
- 1 At your browser's address box, enter:
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/nrhome.html>. This will bring up a page like the one below.



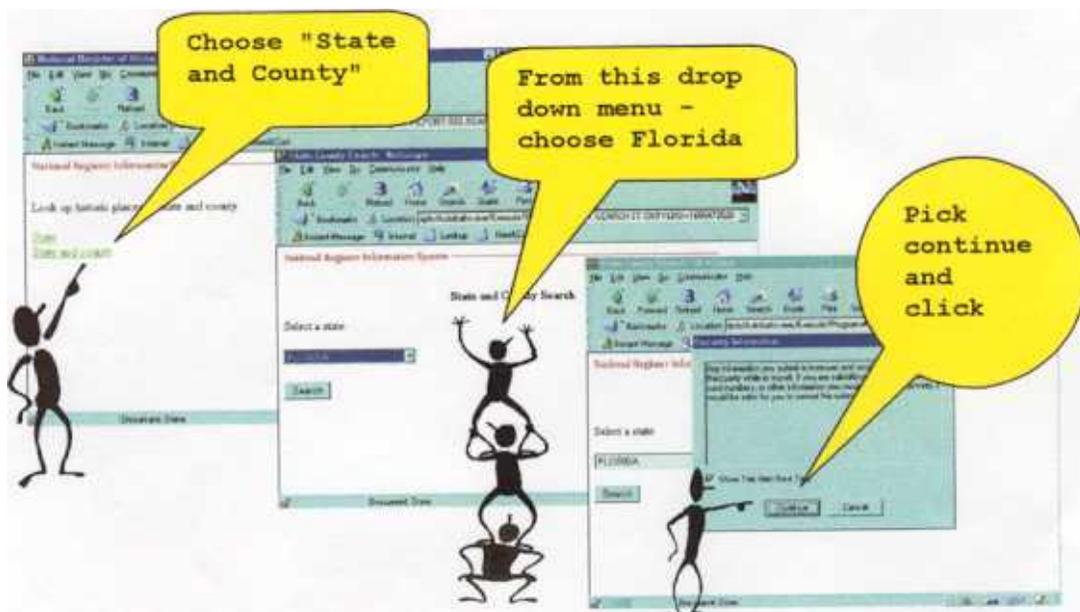
2. Toward the bottom of this page is a "link" (a place to take you somewhere else) called the National Register Information System (NRIS). Double-clicking this link will take you further on your journey of discovering cultural resources.



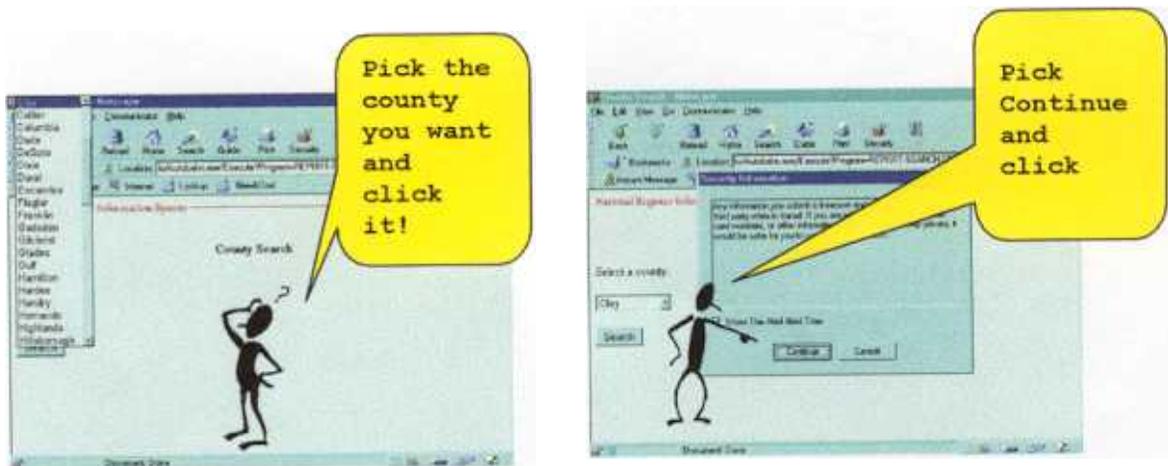
- The link will take you to a page like the one below. Directly below the "new" Download beta software is a paragraph with WEB. Double-click this link to continue your journey.



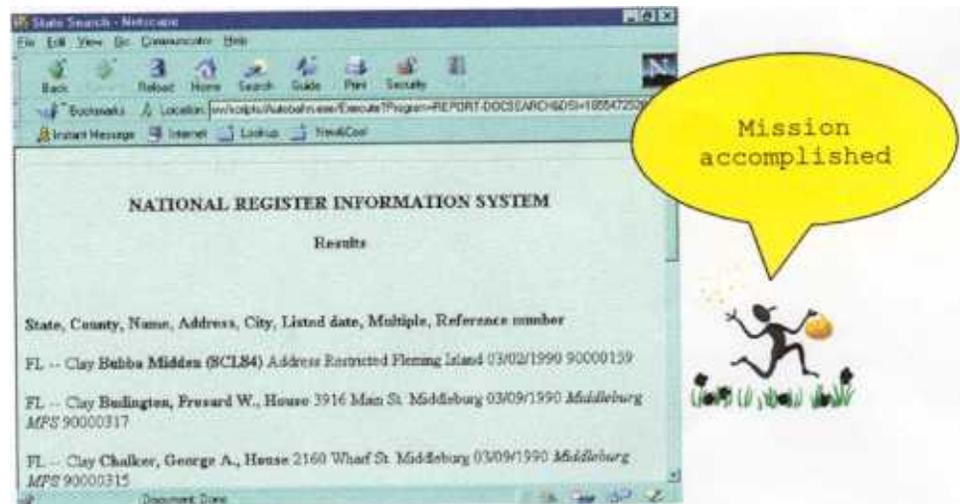
- The next steps will lead you through a short series of screens. The first will ask for state or state and county. Double-click state and county. The second screen will identify the state you want. Double-click the "drop-down" menu and pick Florida. The third screen will issue a "warning" which is standard, hit "continue".



- When the county list shows up, click on the county you want. I picked Clay County. Again the "warning" box will return and again all you need to do is click "continue". At this point the report for Clay County will be compiled. As this may take several minutes, depending on the number of entries, relax and enjoy the incredible amount of work you've accomplished literally with a fingertip.



- The last sheet that's brought up is the county listing. It can either be printed, saved as a "text only" file, checked, etc.



Bears in the mind

Remember to bear in mind the following:

- This is "**NOT**" a listing of all cultural resources sites in your county. This is a listing of properties or locations that have met the criteria to be included on the National Register.
2. This is a simple and relatively fast method of gaining access to basic information regarding NRHP sites located in your county.
 3. Data access is limited to the state, county, name, address, city, listed date, multiple and reference number fields.³
 4. Searching for a specific property or to get more detailed information is not possible at this time.
 5. The NRHP is a segment of information planners need to be complete in considering cultural resources in the planning process.

Good news for the future

The National Register Information System (NRIS) is working hard to expand Web-based search capabilities for this system.⁴ New aspects of the system will allow users to construct their own reports and expand search capabilities in a point-and-click environment. Implementation of these features is scheduled for Fiscal Year 1999.

If you need more specific information regarding a site or additional general information, contact the State Cultural Resources Coordinator at the State Office in Gainesville.

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³ NCPTT Notes, USDI, NPS, October 1998, Number 27, page 6.

⁴ IBID.