

National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's list of cultural resources considered worthy of preservation. Properties that are eligible for listing in the National Register embody the historical and cultural foundations of the United States. History Nebraska oversees this National Park Service program in Nebraska to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archeological resources in our state.

Is my property already listed on the National Register?

- [View our map](#) of National Register properties and nominations.

What does listing in the National Register mean?

- Provides prestigious recognition to significant properties.
- Encourages the preservation of historic properties.
- Provides information about historic properties for local and statewide planning purposes.
- Helps promote [heritage tourism](#) and [economic development](#).
- Provides eligibility for financial incentives for the rehabilitation of a historic property via multiple [historic tax incentives](#).

What does listing in the National Register NOT mean?

- Does not place any restrictions on your property.
- Neither the state nor federal government will attach restrictive covenants to the property nor seek to acquire them. Check with your local government about local laws and zoning regulations.
- Effects on historic properties are taken into consideration during the planning of state and/or federally funded or assisted projects.
- Allowing for public visitation is not required of property owners.

Is my property eligible for listing?

- Properties are evaluated for National Register eligibility based on criteria established by the National Park Service, which can be found in [National Register Bulletin 15](#)
- Generally, properties are not eligible simply based on their age. It is recommended that fifty years has elapsed to adequately judge the historic significance of a property, however, a property more than fifty years old is not automatically considered historic.
- Identify the historic context your property is associated with.
- Within the historic context, is this property associated with:
 - A. Events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
 - B. The lives of significant persons in our past;
 - C. Embody the distinctive characteristics of an architectural type, period, or method of construction;

- D. Have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Now that historic context has been established, is your property significant within that historic context?
- Can it be sufficiently documented that your property is significant within the larger historic context? It has to go beyond being loosely associated or having existed historical at the time of the historic event or person.
 - Can be considered significant at the local, state, or national level.
- Retain a high level of integrity in most of the aspects that are considered:
 - Location
 - Design
 - Setting
 - Materials
 - Workmanship
 - Feeling
 - Association

My property meets the criteria listed above. Now how do I get my property listed in the National Register?

- Fill out and submit a Historic Resources Inventory Form
 - History Nebraska staff will review and contact you regarding the eligibility of your property.
- If eligible, the process of preparing a National Register of Historic Places nomination form can begin.
 - Download and prepare the Nomination Form.
 - Instructions for completing the form can be found in National Register Bulletin 16a
 - Extensive historical research and documentation are required to sufficiently demonstrate that a property is eligible for listing in the National Register. These resources can help:
 - National Register Bulletin 39: Researching a Historic Property
 - Researching Your Nebraska Property
- You can either prepare the nomination yourself or hire a professional consultant.
- History Nebraska is here to help you prepare your nomination.
 - Provide professional guidance on the historical and architectural aspects of the property being nomination.
 - Verify the nomination is properly documented to establish the significance of the property.
 - Ensure the nomination is prepared properly and meets National Park Service requirements.
- Nominations are presented to the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Board
 - The Board meets three times per year: January, May, and September
 - Pay close attention to nomination deadlines for each Board meeting

- Properties within a Certified Local Government (CLG) will need to be presented to the CLG's Historic Preservation Commission
- Nominations approval by the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Board are then forwarded to the National Park Service for review and listing in the National Register

Additional Resources:

History Nebraska page- <https://history.nebraska.gov/historic-preservation/national-register-historic-places>

Federal NR bulletins- <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/publications.htm>

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