

Hunter College - CUNY  
Department of Geography  
Nature of New York

**Exercise 3: Site Visit (Field Work)**

**Extra Credit Option**

Due no later than the date of the Final Exam.

**PURPOSE:** This exercise documents a visit to a site or region within NYS and records observations made in the field about an aspect of the physical or cultural geography of NYS.

**ASSIGNMENT:**

Visit any site, area or region in New York State or nearby adjoining areas that have had an effect on - or a relationship with - NYS, either historically or present-day.

Select one of aspect of its geography. **Describe and discuss its significance** and its relevance to present day New York. In at least two pages discuss the nature of the area based on the themes of the course. Remember to address the question: “*Where’s the geography?*” when viewing and discussing the area.

Include examples of what you viewed from local information brochures or travel guides or photographs you took. Include these as additional pages that support the minimum 2-page write up.

**NOTE:** *OBSERVATION of a feature or area and ANALYSIS of what is viewed are the key elements of this assignment. Field work is a broad category that includes any in-person visit to an actual location to view conditions and collect information first hand. It can be as simple as walking a neighborhood, going to a beach to monitor erosion or recreation, visiting an historic site and viewing Niagara Falls or as involved as a train trip up the Hudson Valley to Albany, a drive along Route 17 or a hike in the Adirondacks.*