



## Staatsburgh Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to Staatsburgh State Historic Site! We invite you to explore the grounds today and capture some fun photographs with your group! There is an order to the 10 tasks below that follows an obvious circuit throughout the park, but if you prefer to explore on your own, feel free to complete them out of order! Keep your eyes open throughout for the 4 extra credit tasks. The answer to each task will be a photograph so get your phones ready and send us your answers!

Complete the hunt and submit your answers via Facebook messenger (StaatsburghSHS) or email (staatsburghshs@parks.ny.gov)! Please include a team name with your submission (Ex: The Mills family). Anyone who completes all 10 tasks and submits their photos by October 31, 2020 will win a \$5 gift certificate to Adam's Fairacre Farms (while supplies last). Thank you to Adams for donating the prizes! We invite you to post on Facebook or Instagram and tag us or use the hashtag **#StaatsburghScavengerHunt**



Staatsburgh's east portico was restored in 2014, which is why the portico is white and the rest of the east façade is gray. In the 1950s, the state sprayed gunite on the exterior of the mansion to reduce surface damage.

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Among other things, the portico is a great place to pretend to be part of the wealthy Gilded Age elite.

**Capture a photo of your group as the most well-mannered ladies and gentlemen about to call on the Mills family (or just recreate your favorite cheesy prom pose!) Hats and gloves not required!**



Diana, the goddess of the hunt, has graced Staatsburgh with her presence for over a century. Similar to the Mills twin daughters, Diana also had a fraternal twin, Apollo. **Take a selfie with Diana! #twinning** Hint: our Diana stays quite still.

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**Time to go for a ride! If you lived at Staatsburgh, where would you keep your thoroughbred horse...and your Rolls Royce?**

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**Find a tree that is non-native to the US and the subject of a Sherlock Holmes short story!**

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There are historic lighthouses all along the Hudson River (Athens, Saugerties, Stony Point, etc), but here you can see the only surviving wooden lighthouse, the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse, which was completed in 1871 and closed in 1965. **Can you hold the Esopus Lighthouse between your fingers?**





**6** By the river this sometimes sandy beach (depending on the tide) was a place where the Mills and their employees used to swim, but please don't try it today!! They used the nearby hydrangea bush as a place to change into their swimming clothing. The bush is much smaller than it used to be! **Hide behind the hydrangea bush and take a photo!**

**Put these 4 events in chronological order and spell a word using the first letter of each event. Take a photo completing that action!**

**7**

- \*Mrs. Mills inherits Staatsburgh
- \*Ulysses S. Grant is elected President
- \*Joseph Bonaparte visited Staatsburgh
- \*Political success lands O.L. Mills in the NYS Senate



Find what remains of the greenhouse complex. The Mills family grew flowers as well as fruits and vegetables in their greenhouses. **Take a photo of a flower or fruit or create one out of things you can find on the ground (ex: use stone, leaves, sticks)**

**8**

Can't find it? Hint: (If you are standing on the west side of the mansion by the gift shop entrance facing the river, look to your left, and follow this path into the woods.

**9**



**Find this on the house and photograph the larger context.**

Find the initials of the estate owner rendered in metal, near the site entrance or exit. **Take a picture of them, or with you pointing to them.**

**10**

**Extra Credit!**

- \*Find and photograph the New York State Parks logo!
- \*Unscramble and photograph this! **NOMCLU**
- \*Find something that makes you happy and take a photo of it!!
- \*Photograph a train (timing is everything!)

