

COLVIN CREW RECOVERY No. 34 Date: Sat. May 11, 2019
Trip Recovery Guide: Jim Schaller

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This will be a partial repeat of the **Colvin Crew's Recovery No. 3** - of 1998 -  
at the **Crown Point Historic Site, Crown Point, New York**  
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In 1872, Verplanck Colvin began his Adirondack Survey – at Lake Champlain.

It began with three “**Primary Triangles**” – using the coordinates of the U. S. Coast Survey. He started at Crown Point – using the **Lighthouse**, a Baseline of the U. S. Coast Survey – “**CROWN POINT – NORTH**”, to “**CROWN POINT – SOUTH**”, **Bald Peak** – to the west, and **Barbers Point Lighthouse** to the north.

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**COLVIN CREW RECOVERY No. 3, 1998:** *In 1998, the U.S.C.S. Base Station “Crown Point North” was located, and one Crew member climbed Bald Peak – although it was known that Colvin’s Signal Station Bolt No. 5 had been gone for some time - leaving only a drill hole, and views from the summit were limited. Also - the Crown Point Lighthouse was inspected.*  
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THIS TIME, we’ll skip Bald Peak, and concentrate on locating the **U.S.C.S. Stations Crown Point North & Crown Point South Bases (stone monuments, 2.9763 miles apart)**.

We’ll also visit the **Crown Point Lighthouse** – where Colvin turned his preliminary angles from - in 1872. Later, we’ll climb the north walkway up on the new **Bridge over Lake Champlain** – and look over “Hospital Point” in Vermont - which Colvin had to cut a line - of - sight through in 1876 – to clearly see the Barbers Point Lighthouse – and finally complete Primary Triangle No.1

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**As an option** - we can later tour the **old Forts**; visit the **Lake Champlain Visitor’s Center**; and / or the **Crown Point Visitor’s Center/ Museum** (which has a fee ).  
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The hiking is about 5 miles total, and mostly level, except for the ascent up on the Bridge.
(*Bring good hiking boots*).

Bring a lunch – we’ll be back at the Historic Site’s Parking Lot, where there are a couple of picnic tables, but also (in case the tables are taken) bring an old blanket to have a picnic lunch on the lawn -“lakeside”- before the walk up on the Bridge walkway.

And - don’t forget some “**bug-dope**” – ticks may be present in the woods, and fields.
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**Search: Crown Point Historic Site (Parks.ny.gov)** for maps, and other information.

Meet at the **Crown Point Historic Site’s main parking lot** - on N.Y. Rt. 185 (off N.Y. Rt. 9N/ 22 - between the villages of Crown Point, and Port Henry in Essex County) – by the Bridge over Lake Champlain - at **9:30 AM**.

**Hope to see you there ! - Jim**

## **COLVIN CREW RECOVERY No. 34 RESERVATION FORM**

Name:

Colvin Crew Member:

Guest:

(choose one)

Home Address:

Home Phone Number - with Area Code:

Work Phone Number - with Area Code:

E-Mail address:

In case of an emergency during the trip, the following individual should be contacted:

Please Note: We need one (1) form completed per attendee.

Please return by mail, or e-mail to:

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