



About the Maryland Archaeological Numbering System

Maryland Historical Trust

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The Maryland Archaeological Site Survey is the official site survey for the state of Maryland. There are currently over 13,000 archeological sites on the Maryland Archeology Site Survey, with more being added virtually daily.

“Trinomial” Numbering System

Archaeological site numbers are assigned using a three-part system first developed by the Smithsonian Institution to manage archaeological resources nation-wide. The first part of the number represents the state (and in Maryland is “18”), the second part the county or jurisdiction based on the table shown below, and the third is a sequential number assigned by the Archaeological Registrar. Thus, a typical site number is something like “18FR14.”

As stated, official site numbers are assigned by the MHT Archaeological Registrar.

| County | Abbreviation Code | County | Abbreviation Code |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Allegany | AG | Harford | HA |
| Anne Arundel | AN | Howard | HO |
| Annapolis | AP | Kent | KE |
| Baltimore City | BC | Montgomery | MO |
| Baltimore County | BA | Prince George’s | PR |
| Calvert | CV | Queen Anne’s | QU |
| Carroll | CR | St. Mary’s | ST |
| Caroline | CA | Somerset | SO |
| Cecil | CE | Talbot | TA |
| Charles | CH | Washington | WA |
| Dorchester | DO | Wicomico | WC |
| Frederick | FR | Worcester | WO |
| Garrett | GA | | |

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