

THE CLASSIFICATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL ENTITIES AND GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES*

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The National Geographical Institute, being a public cartographic establishment, classifies geographical names and the objects to which they refer not only according to the nature of the objects but also in the light of traditional conventional symbols. The Institute's classification is not as systematic as it would be if it were a classification directed towards the geographical names alone, regardless of the technology applied to them. It suffers, too, from limitations imposed by a two-figure code, which is used for automatic data processing. However, since the classification has a definite practical value, it is reproduced below in detail together with the relevant code-numbers.

1. *Miscellaneous objects*

- 00 Road, avenue, track, ride, fire-break, path
- 01 Roundabout, crossroads, square
- 02 Bridge, foot-bridge, ford, tunnel, arch
- 03 Monument, cross, statue, tumulus, dolmen, menhir, inscribed stone
- 04 Marker post, pylon, transformer, electricity sub-station
- 05 Ruin, remains
- 06 Water-tower, reservoir
- 07 Spring, tapped spring, fountain, well, wash-house, resurgence
- 08 Quarry, sand-pit, marl-pit, mushroom bed, gravel-pit
- 09 Fish farm
- 10 Lock
- 11 Hole, cave, swallow-hole, chasm, cavern
- 12 Beacon
- 13 Viewpoint, observatory
- 14 Pool, pit
- 15 Characteristic tree
- 16 Road numbers and special cartographic information
- 17 Sports ground, racecourse
- 18 Cemetery

2. *Named places*

- 19 Named place, meadow pasture, grassland, arable land, vineyard, field, clearing, heath, brushwood

3. *Woods and forests*

- 20 State forest
- 21 Forest
- 22 Wood, grove, park

4. *Populated places*

- 23 Prefecture
- 24 Sub-prefecture
- 25 Canton
- 26 Municipality
- 27 Hamlet
- 28 Isolated group of buildings
- 29 District, quarter
- 30 Group of dwellings
- 31 Isolated house
- 32 Forest lodge, chalet, mountain refuge
- 33 Country house, estate
- 34 Farm, agricultural tenement

- 35 Hut, shed, shelter, shack, store, warehouse, wine depot, barn, pen, glasshouse
- 36 Market, covered market
- 37 Sheep farm, livestock station
- 38 Official building, public hall
- 39 Railway station, bus or coach station, marine terminal, air terminal, halt
- 40 Airfield
- 41 Penitentiary establishment
- 42 Health establishment
- 43 Teaching or research establishment
- 44 Religious establishment
- 45 Industrial establishment, pumping station, slaughter-house
- 46 Mine
- 47 Tower
- 48 Mill
- 49 Citadel, fort, blockhouse
- 50 Barracks, quarters
- 51 Military camp
- 52 Training ground
- 53 Deconsecrated church
- 54 Religious building

5. *Hydrography*

- 60 Ocean, sea
- 61 Island
- 62 Peninsula
- 63 Strait
- 64 Isthmus
- 65 Cape
- 66 Bay
- 67 Rock, reef
- 68 Beach, strand
- 69 Lighthouse, light
- 70 Harbour, quay, dike, pier
- 71 Marine activity; salt-pan, oyster-bed etc.
- 72 Estuary, mouth
- 73 River
- 74 Stream
- 75 Brook, torrent, cascade, ditch
- 76 Lake, pond
- 77 Aqueduct
- 78 Marsh, peat-bog, swamp, fen, moat
- 79 Canal
- 80 Dam, sluice

6. *Orography*

- 81 Mountain, aiguille, peak, pinnacle, summit, point, massif
- 82 Ridge, crest
- 83 Hillside, slope, rise, flat, flank, shelf, ledge
- 84 Mountain range
- 85 Plateau
- 86 Valley, vale, glen, ravine, transverse valley, coomb, gorge, defile, thalweg
- 87 Hill, hummock, bank, mound
- 88 Pass, saddle
- 89 Basin, dolina, closed basin, hollow, amphitheatre
- 90 Plain
- 91 Glacier, firn, crevasse
- 92 Dune, sand
- 93 Rocks, scree, landslip

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