

# Ohio State Parks On The Air



## **Information for Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio State Park Staff and Service Providers**

The person handing you this information sheet is a Federal Communications Commission licensed Amateur Radio operator participating in a radio contest called Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA). This is an amateur radio contest and has been held in Ohio State Parks every year since 2008. This is not an 'event'. The people operating are considered to be just regular visitors to the Ohio State Park and will comply with all Ohio State Park rules and regulations as any regular visitor would be required.

This type of contest is intended to develop and enhance an amateur radio operator's ability to respond to communication emergencies. Many of these operators routinely serve their local, state and national governmental agencies by providing emergency communications. OSPOTA stations from this and other Ohio State Parks will be on-the-air from 10:00 am until 6:00 p.m. (first Saturday after the Labor Day Holiday).

Any installations will be completely temporary, absolutely no harm will be caused to any ODNR property and all operational sites will be restored to their prior condition at the end of operations. The ham radio operators will follow all state park rules and regulations.

We welcome you to visit and observe each station while it is in operation. This is a great way for you to learn more about Amateur Radio and emergency communications. Please feel free to ask questions!