

OSPOTA 2024 - Final Results



Ohio State Parks On The Air



Tom, KB8UUZ
OSPOTA Chairman

The 17th annual **Ohio State Parks On The Air** (OSPOTA) 2024 contest is in the history books. The weather was perfect in most of the state, but some areas did have a bit of rain, and the teams and individuals that went out to the Ohio State Parks did a fantastic job. Activity on 40 and 80 was great and even 10 and 15 had some takers as well. 40 meters was definitely the most active band.



When I was on from home, I was busy spotting every one of the Ohio State Parks I heard to help increase the activity. Others were spotting as well. That's great since it does make other operators around the world realize that OSPOTA is on the air!!!

The OSPOTA contest committee did all the cross checking of logs and tallying via email to avoid having to sit in a room for 4-6 hours together. I must say all went pretty good and we got everything sorted out and in the following pages, you will see all the results.



I was the one that initially received the logs and did some pre-checks and gathered info on the State Park, State or Country the log was from. Copied info on the Club affiliation, operators, loggers, helpers, and raw scores. The once the logs were in, I sent them to John, WG8X to run them through the log checking process (more on that in his article). Once they were done and sent back to me, I then updated my tally sheet, and wrote up the soapbox comments and photos we received. I estimated the total time for the committee work was well over 90 hours.

One thing I did notice this year (more than in past years) that some participants that were in an Ohio State Park made contacts only to other Ohio State Parks. That's fine since Ohio State Parks are multipliers, but you missed out on a LOT of extra points by not making contacts to other stations as well. Think about that for next year. Your score would definitely increase by making more contacts. And, there seemed to be a number of Ohio State Parks activated, but no log was sent in. Next year, *please* send in those logs. We would all appreciate them, especially for cross checking the logs.



The OSPOTA committee sends out a big **THANK YOU** to all that participated in this year's OSPOTA and we look forward to hearing you on the air again next year to have even more FUN.

73 from the OSPOTA Contest Committee

KB8UUZ, WG8X, W8PT, W8KNO and KB8UHN



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OSPOTA 2024 - Log Checking Information



John, WG8X
OSPOTA Log Master



OSPOTA 2024 Log Checking

Log checking for this year is officially complete! A huge thank you to everyone who participated, and an extra thanks to those who submitted logs. Various logging programs were used this year.

Out of 85 logs submitted, 67 of you used a logging program of some sort. N3FJP was the winner this year with 37 of you using it. N1MM came in 2nd place with 16. Genlog was used again by 8 of you, and 6 of you used something else.

For **OSPOTA '25**, we'll update the data files for N1MM, and N3FJP so that they can handle the new **Great Council State Park (GCL)**. We'll also reach out to W3KM for guidance on updating GenLog. If your favorite logger isn't mentioned here, you may want to contact them to ensure they can handle all Ohio State Parks.



<**RANT**> Honestly, there's no good reason not to submit a log for OSPOTA. A lot of parks were activated, but we didn't receive logs from many of them. I know some folks say, "*I don't know how to make a Cabrillo file,*" but that's not a valid excuse anymore. With so many options out there, including simply sending me what you have and letting me handle it, there's really no reason not to submit. This year, only one person reached out for help. We received 85 logs, about the same as last year. The more logs we get, the more thorough I can be with the checking process. <**end of RANT**>

This year, I tracked four main types of errors:

1. **Busted calls (28.6%)**: This happens when someone miscopies a call sign. For example, WG8X becomes W8GX, or K8BF/R becomes K8BF. This year, we enforced zero tolerance for rover call signs—rovers *must* sign with /R, and the stations that contact them *must* include that in the log. Like it or not, those are the rules.
2. **Busted exchanges (23.1%)**: This error happens when someone miscopies part of the exchange. For example, PUN becomes PIN.
3. **Not in log (23.8%)**: This one is particularly concerning. It seems like some operators aren't logging stations that aren't in a park. This is a big mistake! If you're operating from a park, those out-of-park stations are crucial - they multiply your final score by the number of state parks you worked. By not logging (or submitting) these contacts, you're literally leaving a large chunk of your score on the table.
4. **Time Delta errors (24.5%)**: Sometimes, the contact is logged by both stations, but at different times. We allow a 10-minute window (+/- 5 minutes), but this year I was more lenient (+/- 10 minutes). That won't happen next year, so consider this a heads-up. Make sure your computer clock is synced before logging your first contact. If you're paper logging, be sure to note the current UTC time for each contact.

Finally, I have log-checking reports available if you'd like to see how your score was affected. Feel free to reach out (wg8x.radio@gmail.com) if you have any questions, and I'll be happy to help.



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17th OSPOTA 2024 General Information

(based on logs received):

Top score this year: **39,739**

62 Parks activated **13** Parks not activated **85** Logs submitted

10 Out of state logs submitted

45 Parks activated sent in a log **17** Parks activated did not submit log

50 Clubs represented over **232** Hams took part this year



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50 Clubs Represented

Club Name	Station Call Sign(s)
Alliance Amateur Radio Club	KF8AHK
Amigos Radio Club (2)	AA8DL, KC8OH
Ashtabula County Amateur Radio Club	K8CY
Athens County Amateur Radio Association	W8UKE
Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club	W8DGN
Black Swamp Amateur Radio Club	K8BSR
Cambridge Amateur Radio Association	W8VP
Cambridge Area Makers Group	KY8C
Canton Amateur Radio Club	AC8RH
Central Ohio Operators Klub Extra Novice	N8CJ
Contest Group du Quebec (Canada)	VE2GT
Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association	NF8U
CRES Amateur Radio Club	KE8JVX
Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society	K8RGI
Dayton Amateur Radio Association	KF8I
Defiance County Amateur Radio Club	K8VON
DeForest Amateur Radio Club	K8GE
Diebold Amateur Radio Club	W8ATM
Drake Amateur Radio Club	K8UU
Fayette Amateur Radio Association	K8FAY
Fulton County Amateur Radio Club	K8BXQ
Hocking Valley Amateur Radio Club	K8LGN
Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club	NO8I
InterCity Amateur Radio Club	KE8ZRM
Lake County Amateur Radio Association	K8BL
Larkfield (New York)	KD2REH
Lucas County Amateur Radio Service	W8L
Mad River Radio Club	W8RU
Madison County Amateur Radio Club	KE8RV
Massillon Amateur Radio Club	W8NP
Medina County Amateur Radio Club	K8MD
Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club	K8EEN
North Coast Contesters (2)	K8RR, K8ZT
Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society	K8SCA
OH-KY-IN ARS	K8SCH
Paulding County Ohio Amateur Radio Club	KE8FJX
Pedestrian Amateur Radio Club	K8PRC
Portage County Amateur Radio Service (7)	AC8RH, AD8IR, K8IV, KA8TOA, KB8UUZ, N8QE, WG8X
Portsmouth Radio Club	N8QA
Preble Amateur Radio Association	N8XC
Queen City Emergency Net	N2HTE
Sandusky Radio Experimental League	W8LBZ
Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association	AC8RH
Stillwater Amateur Radio Club	KD8DRY
Steubenville-Weirton Amateur Radio Club	W8CWO
Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation	KC8AAV
Swamp Fox Contest Group (South Carolina)	KA2G
Union County Amateur Radio Club	KD8UFE
Vinton County Amateur Radio Club	W8VCO
Warren Amateur Radio Association (2)	K8CPG, W8VTD



17th Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest - 2024 - Final Scores



Overall High Score

Team K8BSR in Harrison Lake State Park 39,739

MML : Multi Op - Multi Radio - Low Power - In an Ohio State Park

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
1	K8BSR	Harrison Lake / KE4DRB, AB8RC, KD8OEY, KE8UKX, KD8TGB, KB3KLT, KB3CMT, KE8UTX, KE8QJV, KE8SZL	39,739
2	K8VON	Independence Dam / W8NI, WD8JVV, KD8JSP, W8UY, KD8UPA, WZ8Q	26,765
3	W8ATM	Quail Hollow / N8OH, N8XY, AD8NN, KF8BNI, W8VE, W8HRF, KE8OWD, KE8ARB	26,230
4	K8IV	Punderson / K3GP, N8AMY, K8IV, K8FF	23,684
5	N8BAP	Paint Creek / N8BAP, N8CUB, WD8LSN, KB8DOT, KE8YVO	15,744
6	K8UU	Caesar Creek / WE8N, KA8IIM, WZ8K, KD8VWF, KY8U	15,340
7	KE8RV	Madison Lake / N8CWU, W8RAY, N8UPC	12,716
8	W8VTD	Mosquito Lake / AG8GM, W8CJA, KC8JFP, KE8TNW, KA8WMF, N8HRZ	10,320
9	W8WRC	Beaver Creek / KE8YMU, KE8VOJ, KE8YJX, KE8VOB, N3YQM	9,216
10	K8BXQ	Harrison Lake / KD8KBU, KD8OEP, KB8ELG, KD8ZKE, KE8ITJ, KG8XG, W8AN, AA8YY	6,026
11	K8SCH	Little Miami / K8SCH, KD8OOB, N3VQW	3,799
12	K8EEN	Mohican / K18N, N8RLW, KE8ICI, N8PPF, W8PEN	2,880
13	NO8I	Sycamore / KE8ZQH, AB8YK, N8VAR	2,727
14	N8QA	Shawnee / KB8SRN, N8JEN, N8MRB, KD8WTG, KC8PRW, WX8G, W8MST	2,560
15	K8PRC	Portage Lakes / N3JJT, N8IVJ, KE8IDH, KD8ENV	2,516
16	K8CY	Geneva / N8YFF, N8NYI, KC8KEB, W8RNG, K3YP	2,025
17	W8LBZ	East Harbor / KM8YOR, KE8DZL, KA8VDW, KQ8E, KC8BOV, KB4DWR	1,695
18	W8L	Maumee Bay / WB8RG, W8MAL, KE8IJU, KE8IJV, W8VHS, N8LPQ, KC8UFV, KB8OTP, WD8PNZ	671
19	W8CWO	Jefferson Lake / N8GD, K6RBV, KE8ZJT, KE8VMG, KD8JBN, KF8AVX, KE8SCX, W8DWK, KE8NKV, WD8IJ, N8KRO	630
20	W8DGN	Hueston Woods / AC8ZU,	560
21	W8NP	Portage Lakes / KE8SDQ, W8DEA, KD8SMO, KC8LYG	238

MMH : Multi Op - Single Radio - High Power - In an Ohio State Park

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
- - - - No Entries In This Category for 2024 - - - -			

MSL : Multi Op - Single Radio - Low Power - In an Ohio State Park

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
1	N8XC	Hueston Woods / N8XC, N8XCC	14,500
2	KY8C	Salt Fork / KB3RDR, K8AL, N8RAF, KY8C	5,676
3	AD8IR	Wingfoot Lake / AD8IR, AD8FQ	5,320
4	KE8FJX	Independence Dam / N8OXQ, KB8UHG, KE8FME, N8LOV	3,526
5	K8GE	Adams Lake / KE8GAD, K8TFG, K8WEH, KE8KEK, KE8TTQ, KB8JTJ	2,838
6	K8LGN	Lake Logan / KD8PSB, AF8E	2,368
7	W8VP	Blue Rock / WD8SDH, W8FHF, KE8NI, N8IMW, KE8CIN, KE8ZKR	1,976
8	N8VSI	Little Miami / N8VSI, N8MIQ	1,590
9	KD8DRY	Harrison Lake / KD8DRY, KD8YPPY, KE8HFM	1,008
10	W8UKE	Strouds Run / KD8FRQ, N8XWO, KD8KNC, KC8JRV, WD8RIF	450
11	W8VCO	Lake Alma / W8MLP, KD8SM	380



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MSH : Multi Op - Single - Radio - High Power - In an Ohio State Park

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
1	KC8AAV	Burr Oak / KC8AAV, KC8QDQ, N8UVM, WT8E, KE8SIQ, KD8KZG	11,359

/R : Rover - In Ohio State Parks

#	Call	Park Names - Park Score	Final Score
1	K8RYU/R	Great Seal - 403 Lake Logan - 924 Hocking Hills - 924 Tar Hollow - 544	2,795

SH : Single Op - High Power - In a Park

#	Call	Park Name	Final Score
1	N8OCJ	Madison Lake	1,456

SL : Single Op - Low Power - In a Park

#	Call	Park Name	Final Score
1	KD8BBK	Salt Fork	14,248
2	KF8AHK	Salt Fork	8,843
3	K8RGI	Oak Point	7,880
4	AC8RH	Barkcamp	7,128
5	K8MD	Findley	6,160
6	WA8RR	South Bass Island	3,712
7	K8RR	Lake White	3,267
8	K8FAY	Deer Creek	3,080
9	WB8UBR	Stonelick	2,576
10	KE8PAQ	Lake Logan	1,980
11	KC8RJS	Lake Milton	1,596
12	K8BL	Headlands Beach	1,479
13	N2HTE	Stonelick	1,026
14	KE8WBJ	Maumee Bay	897
16	W8WFD	Wolf Run	760
17	NF8U	Muskingum River	594
18	KD8UFE	A.W. Marion	280
19	K8ZT	Tinkers Creek	276
20	AF1K	Tinkers Creek	240
21	K8CSR	Wolf Run	210
22	KC8OH	Headlands Beach	Check Log
23	KC8ZKS	Buck Creek	Check Log



INOH : In Ohio - Not In Park

#	Call	Final Score
1	K8CPG	3,328
2	N8CJ	1,794
3	KB8UUZ	1,620
4	KQ4YC	1,575
5	AA8DL	1,287
6	N8QE	1,044
7	K8IYO	754
8	KE8JVX	750
9	W8EOT	621
10	K8SCA	500
11	KA8TOA	418
12	KF8I	288
13	KD8UZS	210
14	KE8ZRM	196
15	WG8X	25

OUT : Outside Ohio

#	Call	State/DX	Final Score
1	N3CU	PA	1,872
2	WB9HFK	IL	672
3	W9RWG	MI	475
4	VE2GT	Quebec	110
5	W8RU	MI	56
6	KA2G	SC	36
7	KD2REH	NY	25
8	KB8UEY	NH	16
9	N1ADX	MA	9
10	KA5VZG	TN	1



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Park Listing showing Activated and Contacted in 2024

Ohio State Park	ID	Activated	Contacted
Adams Lake	ADA	X	X
Alum Creek	ALU		
A. W. Marion	AWM	X	X
Barkcamp	BAR	X	X
Beaver Creek	BEA	X	X
Blue Rock	BLU	X	X
Buck Creek	BCK	X	X
Buckeye Lake	BKL		X
Burr Oak	BUR	X	X
Caesar Creek	CAE	X	X
Catawba Island	CAT		X
Cowan Lake	COW		X
Deer Creek	DEE	X	X
Delaware	DEL		
Dillon	DIL		
East Fork	EFK		X
East Harbor	EHB	X	X
Findley	FIN	X	X
Forked Run	FOR		X
Geneva	GEN	X	X
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM		X
Great Seal	GSL	X	X
Guilford Lake	GLK		
Harrison Lake	HLK	X	X
Headlands Beach	HEA	X	X
Hocking Hills	HOC	X	X
Hueston Woods	HUE	X	X
Independence Dam	IDM	X	X
Indian Lake	ILK		
Jackson Lake	JAC		X
Jefferson Lake	JEF	X	X
John Bryan	JOB		
Jesse Owens	JEO		X
Kelleys Island	KEL		X
Kiser Lake	KLK	X	X
Lake Alma	LAL	X	X
Lake Hope	LHO		
Lake Logan	LOG	X	X

Ohio State Park	ID	Activated	Contacted
Lake Loramie	LOR		
Lake Milton	LML	X	X
Lake White	LWT	X	X
Little Miami	LMI	X	X
Madison Lake	MLK	X	X
Malabar Farm	MAL		X
Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD		X
Mary Jane Thurston	MJT		
Maumee Bay	MBY	X	X
Middle Bass Island	MBI		
Mohican	MOH	X	X
Mosquito Lake	MST	X	X
Mt. Gilead	MTG		X
Muskingum River	MUS	X	X
Nelson Kennedy Ledges	NKL		
North Bass Island	NBI		
Oak Point	OPT	X	X
Paint Creek	PTC	X	X
Pike Lake	PLK		X
Portage Lakes	POR	X	X
Punderson	PUN	X	X
Pymatuning	PYM		X
Quail Hollow	QHL	X	X
Rocky Fork	RFK		X
Salt Fork	SFK	X	X
Scioto Trail	STR		X
Shawnee	SHA	X	X
South Bass Island	SBI	X	X
Stonelick	STO	X	X
Strouds Run	SRN	X	X
Sycamore	SYC	X	X
Tar Hollow	TAR	X	X
Tinkers Creek	TCK	X	X
Van Buren	VAN		
West Branch	WBR		X
Wingfoot Lake	WLK	X	X
Wolf Run	WRN	X	X
		45	62

Parks Activated = 45 (Log sent in)

Parks Contacted = 62 (Some parks may not have sent in a log)



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Ohio State Park	ID	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Adams Lake	ADA					X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X	X
Alum Creek	ALU			X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
A. W. Marion	AWM	X	X	X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Barkcamp	BAR		X			X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Beaver Creek	BEA			X			X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X
Blue Rock	BLU	X		X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Buck Creek	BCK			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Buckeye Lake	BKL	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X		X	X		
Burr Oak	BUR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Caesar Creek	CAE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Catawba Island	CAT					X	X	X	X		X	X	X					
Cleveland Lakefront	CLE	X		X	X	X	N2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cowan Lake	COW	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	
Deer Creek	DEE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Delaware	DEL	X		X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dillon	DIL						X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	
East Fork	EFK				X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
East Harbor	EHB			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X		X
Findley	FIN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Forked Run	FOR		X	X	X			X				X		X	X			
Geneva	GEN			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Great Council	GCL	N5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N5
Great Seal	GSL		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X
Guilford Lake	GLK	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
Harrison Lake	HLK					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Headlands Beach	HEA			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hocking Hills	HOC	X		X	X	X						X	X			X	X	X
Hueston Woods	HUE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Independence Dam	IDM				X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X
Indian Lake	ILK	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
Jackson Lake	JAC	X						X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Jefferson Lake	JEF				X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Jessie Owens	JEO	N4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N4	X	X	X		X	
John Bryan	JOB	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
Kelleys Island	KEL	X				X	X		X				X					
Kiser Lake	KLK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Alma	LAL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Lake Hope	LHO	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lake Logan	LOG			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X



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Lake Loramie	LOR			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Lake Milton	LML	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake White	LWT		X	X	X	X	X	N3	-	-	N3		X					X
Little Miami	LMI			X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Madison Lake	MLK	X		X		X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X
Malabar Farm	MAL			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD					X	X	X			X		X		X			
Mary Jane Thurston	MJT	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X			X		
Maumee Bay	MBY			X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X
Middle Bass Island	MBI						X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	
Mohican	MOH			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Mosquito Lake	MST	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mt. Gilead	MTG	X			X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	
Muskingum River	MUS			X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Nelson-Kennedy Ledges	NKL			X	X		X	X			X		X	X		X	X	
North Bass Island	NBI						X						X	X				
Oak Point	OPT							X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Paint Creek	PTC			X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Pike Lake	PLK			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Portage Lakes	POR	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Punderson	PUN	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pymatuning	PYM	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Quail Hollow	QHL	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X			X	X	X
Rocky Fork	RFK			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Salt Fork	SFK	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Scioto Trail	STR		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X	X	
Shawnee	SHA				X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X		X
South Bass Island	SBI	X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Stonelick	STO	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strouds Run	SRN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sycamore	SYC	X		X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X
Tar Hollow	TAR			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X
Tinkers Creek	TCK	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Van Buren	VAN				X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		
West Branch	WBR	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Wingfoot Lake	WLK	N1	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Wolf Run	WRN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
		36	20	57	50	60	63	64	55	50	58	35	64	47	58	60	51	45

N1-Wingfoot Lake became a State Park in 2009

N2-Cleveland Lakefront was dropped as a State Park in mid 2013

N3-Lake White State Park was closed by ODNR - leaking dam 2014 - reopened 2018

N4 - Jessie Owens State Park became a State Park in 2018 - Was available for OSPOTA in 2019

N5 - Great Council State Park became a State Park in 2024 - Will be available for OSPOTA in 2025

Not all activated parks sent a log in for scoring

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Activated Parks 2008-2024

1 November 2024



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Thanks goes out to the 232 stations, ham radio operators, loggers and helpers that submitted logs for the 2023 Ohio State Parks On The Air contest

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AB8RC
AB8YK
AC8RH
AC8ZU
AD8FQ
AD8IR
AD8NN
AF1K
AF8E
AG8GM
K3GP
K3YP
K6RBV
K8AL
K8BL
K8BSR
K8CPG
K8CSR
K8CY
K8EEN
K8FAY
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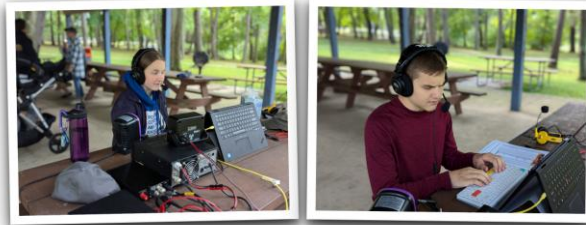


OSPOTA 2024 Photos and Soapbox Comments

AD8IR - Wingfoot Lake State Park



Team AD8IR & AD8FQ



AF1K - Tinkers Creek State Park

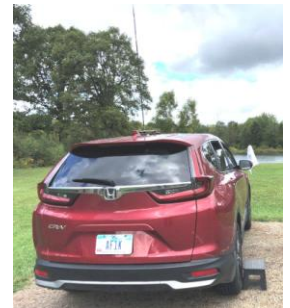


What a beautiful day to operate outdoors in a contest such as OSPOTA!

I didn't have a new antenna like I had promised myself after last year. But, the weather and everything else made up for it. Sadly though, without a new antenna, I could hear many more OSPOTA parks than what could hear me. What a drag.

But, now I've got no more excuses to not make some changes. Had a couple other Ham visitors too which doubled the fun. Peter Amato (KC8RVD) showed up to run CW for a POTA activation. Then later a grand echelon hammer, which many of all know, Anthony Luscre (K8ZT)

appeared out of now where yelling "CQ OSPOTA CQ OSPOTA!" to get in some fun. Maybe conditions were not as good as they were last year. But, that would not have kept us from having fun. I sure did! I hope to do again in 2025 but with a better antenna set up. I'd like to give a great shout out THANK YOU to all the OSPOTA organizers and PCARS for the work they put in to make this such a great continuing success! 73, de Rich AF1K



KC8RJS - Lake Milton State Park



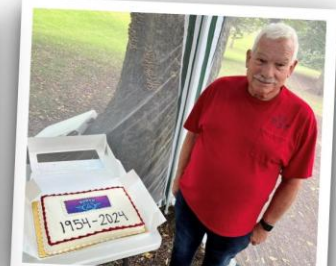
gets to high school.

Thank goodness for trees and knowing my home state park spots to setup at with less than ideal weather. A young boy thought I was a podcaster who was out fishing with his dad. I explained how he wasn't too far off with his first impression. He found it interesting and told him about the hobby and how just the entry level license could help him in harder math and science when he



K8BXQ - Harrison Lake State Park

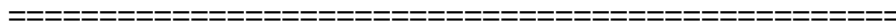
Team: KD8KBU, KD8OEP, KB8ELG, KD8ZKE, KE8ITJ, KG8XG, W8AN, AA8YY



The Fulton County Amateur Radio Club - K8BXQ activated Harrison Lake State Park (HLK).

We held a luncheon during our Ohio State Parks On The Air contest activity to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary.

73, Craig Szczublewski



K8IV - Punderson Lake State Park

The team was comprised of Captain Ed Polack K8IV, Ray Larrick KD8DFL, George Proudfoot K3GP, Tom Sly WB8LCD, Wayne Smith K8FF (my Dad) and Amy Leggiero N8AMY. We invited Katie

Campbell KE8LQR to join us but she was sick and unable to attend.

We set up four stations at Punderson State Park on 80M, 40M, 20M & 15M.

WX included a high of 57 degrees with continuous lake effect rain showers. We were all soaked the whole time even while wearing pancho's & hoodies. The WX was so bad, K8IV turned into a Steelers fan. (HA-HA). (The proof is in the pictures).

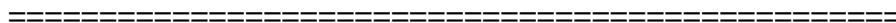
Radio conditions were not as good as in previous years. 80M was very sparse and 20M was not open past NA. Most of the parks were contacted on 40M. Many stations were at or below the noise level which made the contest challenging at times.

I can report that I made QSO's with more YL's than ever before. That was fun. Several parks in ON, and PA & IL were activating which was nice to hear. The 5-watt QRP parks are always a challenge.

I had fun working some PCARS Members during OSPOTA from other parks and home QTH's. I had QSO's with K3LR, K8RR (park near Cincinnati, OH), KB8UUZ, & N8QE.

Team K8IV congratulates all of the other OSPOTA teams that braved the WX and radio conditions to compete in this contest.

73, Amy N8AMY



K8RGI - Oak Point State Park

WA8RR - South Bass Island State Park

Richard Robbins, WA8RR, and I Robert Robbins, K8RGI, traveled to Put-In-Bay to activate two parks, South Bass Island and Oak Point State Parks. We have done this for several years.

We arrived Friday morning and after having lunch we started setting up. This year Richard set up his NIVIS, Near Vertical Incidence Sky Wave Antenna. The center support is only 15 feet high, but it has a large footprint since each



leg is 45 feet long. It is not resonant and therefore requires an antenna tuner.



I set up the mast for my flagpole inverted V antenna that I have used for many years. This antenna allows me to work 80 through 10 meters. I placed all the stakes for the ends of each leg of the inverted V and the upper and lower guy lines but did not put the antenna up. The ground at the South Bass Island state park is very rocky and doesn't go down more than several inches before hitting solid rock. So, it is always a

challenge to find good anchor points for the stakes. The other thing that was against us this year was the wind. The wind speed varied from 15 to 18 mph with occasional higher gusts.

It was chilly but we did not have any rain.

Saturday we were back at the site early and got all our equipment setup and I raised my inverted V antenna. Having the upper guy lines made the antenna a lot more stable than just the individual legs of the inverted V as guy lines. We both had filters on our transceivers so there was no cross interference. The contest started at 10am. We seemed to do very well until mid-afternoon when the bands seemed to dry up.



The contest ended at 6:00 pm and we had everything torn down and in our cars by 7:15 pm. Our preliminary results were OK but not as good as the last time we did this contest in 2022. Richard had made 126 contacts and worked 34 state parks. I had made 203 contacts and worked 37 state parks.

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K8RYU/Rover - Great Seal State Park, Hocking Hills State Park, Lake Logan State Park and Tar Hollow State Park

Sorry - No photos this year. Maybe next year for sure. Only story is getting sent down a road that was just fine only to have it turn into a creek bed. Was lucky to get out, considered abandoning truck and going on foot. No more GPS in SE Ohio...ever.

Comment: Wish more ops would list operations on the web page. I'd never have stopped at LOG, there were 3 other setups there and the time could have been better used at QHL or Pike Lake or Jackson Lake or..... Also too bad more stations don't stay on for the whole 8 hours. By the end there wasn't much to work park wise.

73, de K8RYU/R

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KQ4YC - In Maineville, Ohio - Not in a Park

I had planned to activate Cowan Lake, but was out of town all week and figured I'd do the right thing and clean out the garage.

First thing was getting the ladder out of the way so I could start... hmmm.. I could hang an NVIS dipole from the ladder and work a couple OSPOTA stations while I clean. I had everything ready to go to the park anyway.

...SEVEN HOURS LATER...



Don't ask for a before and after photo of the garage. ha-ha. But I did get over three dozen parks in the log on a beautiful day.

Thanks to all the activators and especially the volunteers organizing the event!

73 - James, KQ4YC

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NF8U - Muskingum River State Park

Operating from Lock 11, at Ellis Dam.



Lock is non functional and was the Northern most lock on the Muskingum River. The river was at one time navigable from Coshocton to Marietta.

73, Mike Casey, NF8U

W8ATM - Quail Hollow State Park

Team: N8OH, N8XY, AD8NN, KF8BNI, W8VE, W8HRF, KE8OWD, KE8ARB

We had a perfect fall-feeling day at Quail Hollow this year. We started the day by getting an Off-Center Fed Dipole up about 90 ft for one station, and a G5RV up about 75/45 ft for the other station using a drone and some spectacular trees.

A few members from area clubs came by to visit and work a few contacts.

The morning started off busy with the bands slowing down around lunchtime. Fun was had by all from opening bell to the last minute of operations.

73, Mike Malloy, N8XY



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W8UKE - Strouds Run State Park

On Saturday, September 7, 2024, members of the Athens County Amateur Radio Association participated in the 17th annual PCARS "Ohio State Parks on the Air" (link), activating Strouds Run State Park at the Bulldog Shelter and operating under the club's callsign, W8UKE.



Participants: Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ - Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV + wife Sheila - Linsey Groeneveld, KC8KNA - John McCutcheon, N8XWO - Drew McDaniel, W8MHV - Eric McFadden, WD8RIF - Miles McFadden, KD8KNC - Vickie McFadden, KB8MAJ + grandson Archer - Len Tough, W8VQ

The station consisted of the club's Elecraft K3 transceiver; a power supply provided by

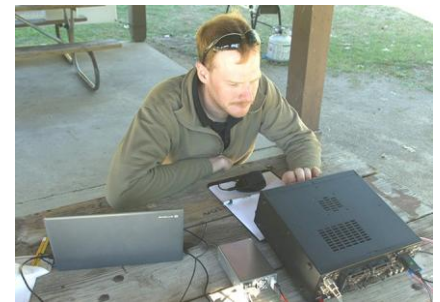
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV; the club's Chameleon EMCOMM III portable wire antenna; and a logging computer and a 2kW inverter-generator provided by Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.



Four members made QSOs. John McCutcheon made the most QSOs, with sixteen. Miles McFadden, KD8KNC, made eight QSOs. Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, made two QSOs, and Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, made one QSO.

Band conditions seemed rough this year. In fact, no activity

whatsoever was heard on the 80m band, and signals on the 40m band were generally weaker than expected and showed signs of fading. This may have been a result of elevated solar numbers leading to absorption of daytime signals on the lower frequencies.



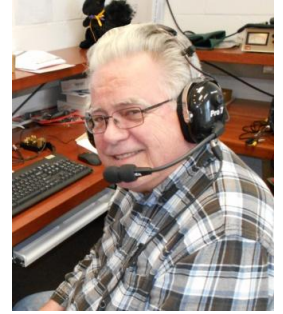
As has become customary, at 5 o'clock those already present were joined by other members and their guests for a potluck.

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18th OSPOTA - Sept. 6, 2025 - Make Plans Now !

Tom, KB8UUZ
OSPOTA Chairman



Eighteenth Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Amateur Radio Contest - 2025

Make sure to mark your calendar for the **2025 Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA)** contest – September 6, 2025. The contest is always held on the first Saturday following the Labor Day holiday. Each year this event has grown and we anticipate another year of growth with even more participating Amateur Radio Operators.

The OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind:

- To promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio's 76 beautiful state park system;
- To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology;
- To promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio Operators



Your participation has allowed these goals to be achieved. We agree it is a lot of fun to get out in a natural setting with your radio and see how well you can do at working operators in the beautiful Ohio State Parks.

This will be the 18th annual OSPOTA – Make plans now to be active in OSPOTA 2025.

Don't forget – Check out the OSPOTA website at www.OSPOTA.org and, we have an OSPOTA E-mail Group located at: <https://groups.io/g/OSPOTA> . The [OSPOTA IO Group page](#) is used for messaging and sharing of information about OSPOTA for all the fans and participants in the OSPOTA contest.

OSPOTA has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OSPOTA/>) and is used before, during and after the contest for updates and to share stories and photos.

As the 2025 contest draws near, we'll be posting on the OSPOTA IO Group page the anticipated 'who's going to be at what Ohio State Park' or 'Planned Park' list as we have in past years. Send your planned park activation information to PlannedParks@ospota.org . Please, include the call sign that will be used and the Ohio State Park you plan to be at. If your plans change, just let us know and we'll update the list. Remember, more than one person or group can be at an Ohio State Park – there are no reserved State Parks.

Note: Some Ohio State Parks are being managed by local park systems, but they are still listed and considered to be Ohio State Parks according to ODNR (Quail Hollow & Tinkers Creek for example).

So – pick a park and make your plans now for OSPOTA 2025 !!!!!

**Take care & 73 from the entire OSPOTA contest Committee:
KB8UUZ, WG8X, W8PT, W8KNO, KB8UHN**

Questions? Email: INFO@ospota.org



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Start Making Plans for the 18th annual *Ohio State Parks On The Air*



September 6, 2025



We'll be listening for you !!!!!



That guy - WG8X - He never lets me make a contact.....



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