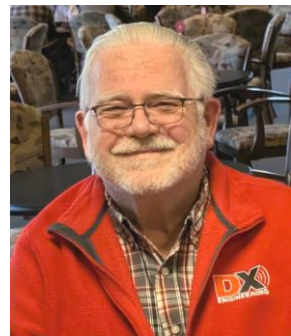


OSPOTA 2025 - Final Results

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Tom, KB8UUZ
OSPOTA Chairman



The 18th annual **Ohio State Parks On The Air** (OSPOTA) 2025 contest is in the history books. The weather was perfect in most of the state 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. Band propagation varied widely across the state. Some stations had very good conditions, others had not so good conditions. It varied more than I expected.



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 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

11-01-25



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OSPOTA 2025 - Log Checking Information



John, WG8X
OSPOTA Log Master



OSPOTA 2025 Log Checking

Log checking for 2025 is officially complete! A huge **thank you** to everyone who participated this year, and as usual, kudos to all who submitted logs.

This year, there were 94 logs submitted. Most used a logging program of some sort. N3FJP OHQP & N1MM Logger + were the winners, accounting for about half of the logs submitted. Other logs used were Genlog, World Radio League, PHP contest logger, HRD, HAMRS, Winlog32, and VLS Logger.

As usual, once I receive the logs, I do a deep dive into the formatting. This ensures that the data is all in the proper columns (Yes, this matters). Once this is finished, all the log files are sent through the Cab Evaluator program which cross checks the logs against one another, creating a list of discrepancies. Once done, I then go through the cross-check sheets one by one to resolve the discrepancies. Finally, the final scores are calculated, and everything is returned to the contest chairman. All this takes about 40 hours of work to complete.

Some of you logged using paper, or on your general logging program, then used adif2cabrillo. Big thanks to **adif2cabrillo.kq4mhe.com version** for creating a preset on his site that made things so much easier.

This year, we had a record number of **Golden** (perfect) **Logs**. Good job!

Unfortunately, we also had a record number of Check Logs and score reductions. Sadly, most of this did not have to happen. The problems could be tracked to 4 different categories.

1. **Busted calls (17.7%):** This happens when someone miscopies a call sign. For example, WG8X becomes W8GX, or K8B becomes K8D.
2. **Busted exchanges (31.3%):** This error happens when someone miscopies part of the exchange. For example, PUN becomes PIN.
3. **Not in log (28.1%):** 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 (13.5%):** Sometimes, the contact is logged by both stations, but at different times. We allow a 10-minute window (+/- 5 minutes). So consider this a heads-up. Get those computer clocks synced up before logging your first contact. If you're paper logging, be sure to note the current UTC time for every 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.

Thanks, and 73!



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18TH Ohio State Parks On The Air 2025 *Final Results*

18th OSPOTA 2024 General Information (based on logs received):

Top score this year: **33,251**

56 Parks activated **69** Parks Contacted

94 Logs submitted **14** Out of state logs submitted

13 Golden Logs (no mistakes) **12 Check Logs**

53 Clubs represented over **255** Hams took part this year

Total QSOs: 7,100 SSB QSOs: 5,936 (83.61%) CW QSOs: 1,164 (16.39%)



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53 Clubs Represented By Participants

Alexandria Radio Club, VA
Alliance Amateur Radio Club, OH (2)
Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula, OH (2)
Athens County Amateur Radio Association, OH
Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club, OH
Black Swamp Amateur Radio Club, OH
Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, OH
Cambridge Area Maker Group, OH
Central Ohio Operators Klub Extra Novice, OH (2)
Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society, OH (2)
Dallas City Troop Amateur Radio Club, TX
Defiance Amateur Radio Club, OH
DeForest Amateur Radio Club, OH
Delaware Amateur Radio Association, OH
Drake Amateur Radio Club - Contest Group, OH
Fayette Amateur Radio Association, OH
Florida Contest Group, FL
Fulton County Amateur Radio Club, OH
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club, OH
Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club, OH (2)
Koomer Ridge Contesters, OH
Lake County Amateur Radio Association, OH (2)
Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association, OH
Madison County Amateur Radio Club, OH
Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association, OH
Marietta Amateur Radio Club, OH
Massillon Amateur Radio Club, OH

Medina County Amateur Radio Club, OH
Mercer County Amateur Radio Club, PA
Miami County Amateur Radio Club, OH
Mishawaka Amateur Radio Club, IN
Morrow County ARES, OH
Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, OH
North Coast Contesters, OH (3)
Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club, OH
Paducah Amateur Radio Association, KY
Paulding County Ohio Amateur Radio Club, OH
Portage County Amateur Radio Service, OH (7)
Portsmouth Radio Club, OH
Potomac Valley Radio Club, VA
Preble Amateur Radio Association, OH (2)
Seneca Radio Club, OH
Silver Creek Amateur Radio Club, OH
Society of Midwest Contesters, IL
Southwest Columbus Ham Radio Club, OH
Steubenville-Weirton Amateur Radio Club, OH
Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation, OH
Tennessee Contest Group, TN
Union County Amateur Radio Club, OH (2)
Warren County Amateur Radio Association, OH (2)
Wayne Amateur Radio Club, OH
Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club, OH
Williams County Amateur Radio Association, OH



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18th Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest - 2025 - Final Scores



Overall High Score

Team K8BSR in Mary Jane Thurston State Park 33,251

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

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
1	K8BSR	Mary Jane Thurston: KE8UTX KE8UKX K8CAG N8ZGM AB8RC W8NI KF8CNK WB8RG KE8QJV KE8SZL	33,251
2	K8UU	Caesar Creek: WZ8K WE8N KA8IIM KA8STM KD8VWF	14,014
3	W8VTD	Mosquito Lake: K8CPG AB8MO W8CJA KE8ZDB KB8GAB KA8WMF N8HRZ	8,480
4	KE8RV	Madison Lake: N8CWU W8RAQ W8RAY KC8ZKS W8DPK WB8OSU KE8VSY KE8NHH WD8NVN KE8YVG N8HXW	6,981
5	N8CUB	Paint Creek: N8BAP, N8CUB, WD8LSN, KE8PAQ	4,321
6	K8B	Wingfoot Lake: WG8X, N8QE, W8NET, KD8OBA, WB9LBI, KD9ZDY, WD8DAU, K8IV	4,023
7	W8O	Cowan Lake: N8MIQ, N8VSI, W8LEW	3,864
8	K8GQB	Guilford Lake: KF8CYL, K8BXT, K8IKO, KC8JOO	3,240
9	W8HCG	Indian Lake: K2KAR, N4HAI, K8MP	3,021 **
10	W8VP	Blue Rock: N8IMW KE8NI WD8SDH KF8CGY W8FHF KE8ZKR KE8CIN	2,295
11	W8UCO	Delaware: KE8ANU, NX8Y, KD8RGW, KB8YVC, N8IG, N8SNA, KE8VIX, KE8PRP	1,554
12	K8BXQ	Harrison Lake: KD8KBU, KB8ELG, KE8OKA, KE8BHW, KD8ZKE, KC8HDG, AA8YY, W8AN	1,280
13	K8EEN	Mohican: KE8ICI, KC8EVS, KI8N, KE0RYO, W8PEN	1,036 **
14	WF8X	Caesar Creek: AD8FD, KE8YEI, KD8BNR, KF8EMX, KF8CEB, KF8BMC, AB8RG	957
15	KC8OH	Pymatuning: KE8PVL, KC8LAR, KE8GJL, AC8YJ, AD8OI, KC8RJO	594
16	K8GE	Adams Lake: KE8GAD, K8WEH, AB8GJ	575
17	N8QA	Shawnee: KB8SRN, N8WSS, WX8G, W8TBS, KD8WTG	520
18	NO8I	Sycamore: AB8YK, N8VAR, KE8DOC, KE8CVB	476
19	K8VON	Independence Dam: KD8JSP WD8JVV NU8G KB8UPA	90
20	KA8OFE	South Bass Island: W8SRD, W8BNO, WB3AK, KE8YUJ	66 **
21	W8NL	Mt. Gilead: KE8FHG, KF8CMD	CL

** = Golden Log CL = Check Log

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

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
		---- No Entries In This Category for 2025 ----	

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

#	Call	Park Name/Team	Final Score
1	N8XCC	Hueston Woods: N8XCC, N8XC	10,935
2	KC3GFU	Malabar Farms: KC3GFU, WF8U	4,071
3	KY8C	Salt Fork: N8WJ KF8EFG K8AL KB3RDR N8RAF	3,304
4	KC8AAV	Burr Oak: KC8QDQ, KE8WJJ, WT8E, KC8QDP	2,900 **
5	W8CWO	Jefferson Lake: WD8SAB KE8VMG W8PIK WD8IJ N8KRO W8PAB K6RBV KE8ZJT	2,900
6	AD8FQ	West Branch: AD8FQ, AD8IR	2,384
7	W8UKE	Strouds Run: W8VQ, N8XWO, KD8FRQ, WD8RIF	1,350
8	W8AJT	Hueston Woods: KE8BWQ W8VUV WB8TCB W2TBQ KE1TLG AD8LO N8KYX N8SDR	1,260
9	W8HH	Muskingum: WD8JFT, KE8RBY	1,134
10	K8ZT	Nelson Kennedy Ledges: K8ZT, WA3JAT	1,088
11	KE8FJX	Independence Dam: N8OXO, N8LOV	612
12	N8BC	Headlands: WB8PHI, N8IJG, KB8BKE, N8WCL, KF8AIM	112
13	W8QLY	Lake Milton: KD8NZF, KF8BFD, K8MSH	CL

** = Golden Log CL = Check Log



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MSH - Multi Op-Single Radio-High Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
No Entries in 2025 for this Category		

SH - Single Op-High Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
N8OCJ	Buck Creek	420 **

** = Golden Log

MPO - Multi Park Operator		
Call	Park Names/Scores	Final Score
K8RYU	Hocking Hills: 720 Scioto Trail: 1702 Tar Hollow: 8 - Check Log Lake White: 172	2,642

SL : Single Op - Low Power - In a Park			
#	Call	Park Name	Final Score
1	KF8AHK	North Bass Island	10,290
2	K8MD	Forked Run	6,240
3	KB8UEY	Caesar Creek	5,440
4	KD8BBK	North Bass Island	4,646
5	N3GJ	Geneva	4,551
6	K8RGI	Oak Point	4,095
7	K8FAY	Deer Creek	3,432
8	KD8UPX	Caesar Creek	2,176
9	K8BTU	Alum Creek	1,596
10	K8RR	East Fork	1,113
11	KI8R	A.W.Marion	872
12	NU8Y	East Harbor	714
13	WB8UBR	Stonelick	672
14	WA8RR	South Bass Island	496
15	KC8JC	Salt Fork	480
16	AF1K	West Branch	396
17	W8CX	Indian Lake	345
18	KC8RJS	Quail Hollow	252
19	KF8DPO	Lake Loramie	192
20	W8WRC	Mosquito Lake	190
21	KD8UFE	Buckeye Lake	182
22	K8RYK	Pymatuning	180
23	W8LBR	Beaver Creek	138
24	AC8OW	Catawba Island	52
25	KB8ZR	Caesar Creek	48
26	N8NB	Mosquito Lake	30
27	KD8CGH	Tinkers Creek	CL
28	KD8YPY	Little Miami	CL
29	KD8ZZR	Findlay	CL
30	KE8HFM	Little Miami	CL
31	N8CJ	Buckeye Lake	CL
32	W8CBG	Buckeye Lake	CL
33	W8DWW	Kiser Lake	CL
34	W8EOG	Caesar Creek	CL
35	W8NP	Portage Lakes	CL

CL = Check Log



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In Ohio - Not In Park (NOT)	
Call	Final Score
KB8UHN	513
AA8DL	408
KE8FWZ	374 **
KB8UUZ	110 **
KA8SBI	25 **
KE8HTV	9

** = Golden Log



Outside Ohio (OUT)		
Call	State	Final Score
N3CU	PA	2640
WB9HFK	IL	918
W9RWG	IN	682
KA5VZG	TN	616
NU4N	KY	195
KM4IAJ	VA	90
WA4JA	TN	64 **
N9EDL	IN	49 **
AA5AH	TX	25 **
AB1XQ	VT	16 **
K2KT	VA	16
WA3INC	NY	11 **
KC5DCT	TX	4
WO4O	FL	1

** = Golden Log



OSPOTA 25 - QSO Breakdown		
Total QSOs:	7,100	
SSB QSOs:	5,936	83.61%
CW QSOs:	1,164	16.39%



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Park Listing showing Activated and Contacted in 2025

Ohio State Park	ID	Activated	Contacted
Adams Lake	ADA	x	x
Alum Creek	ALU	x	x
A. W. Marion	AWM	x	x
Barkcamp	BAR		
Beaver Creek	BEA	x	x
Blue Rock	BLU	x	x
Buck Creek	BCK	x	x
Buckeye Lake	BKL	x	x
Burr Oak	BUR	x	x
Caesar Creek	CAE	x	x
Catawba Island	CAT	x	x
Cowan Lake	COW	x	x
Deer Creek	DEE	x	x
Delaware	DEL		x
Dillon	DIL		
East Fork	EFK	x	x
East Harbor	EHB	x	x
Findley	FIN	x	x
Forked Run	FOR	x	x
Geneva	GEN	x	x
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM		
Great Council	GRC		
Great Seal	GSL		
Guilford Lake	GLK	x	x
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	x	x
Jackson Lake	JAC		
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
Lake Hope	LHO		x

Ohio State Park	ID	Activated	Contacted
Lake Logan	LOG		x
Lake Loramie	LOR	x	x
Lake Milton	LML	x	x
Lake White	LWT	x	x
Little Miami	LMI	x	x
Madison Lake	MLK	x	x
Malabar Farm	MAL	x	x
Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD		x
Mary Jane Thurston	MJT	x	x
Maumee Bay	MBY		x
Middle Bass Island	MBI		x
Mohican	MOH	x	x
Mosquito Lake	MST	x	x
Mt. Gilead	MTG	x	x
Muskingum River	MUS	x	x
Nelson Kennedy Ledges	NKL	x	x
North Bass Island	NBI	x	x
Oak Point	OPT	x	x
Paint Creek	PTC	x	x
Pike Lake	PLK		x
Portage Lakes	POR	x	x
Punderson	PUN		x
Pymatuning	PYM	x	x
Quail Hollow	QHL	x	x
Rocky Fork	RFK		x
Salt Fork	SFK	x	x
Scioto Trail	STR	x	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	x	x
West Branch	WBR	x	x
Wingfoot Lake	WLK	x	x
Wolf Run	WRN		x
		56	69

Parks Activated = 56 (Log sent in)
Parks Contacted = 69



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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	25
Adams Lake	ADA					X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X	X	X
Alum Creek	ALU			X	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	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	X
Blue Rock	BLU	X		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	X
Buckeye Lake	BKL	X	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	X
Catawba Island	CAT					X	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		X
Deer Creek	DEE		X	X	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		X
East Harbor	EHB			X	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	X
Forked Run	FOR		X	X	X			X				X		X	X				X
Geneva	GEN			X	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		X
Harrison Lake	HLK					X	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	X
Hocking Hills	HOC	X		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	X
Independence Dam	IDM				X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Indian Lake	ILK	X		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	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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Ohio State Park	ID	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lake Loramie	LOR			X	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	X
Lake White	LWT		X	X	X	X	X	N3	-	-	N3		X					X	X
Little Miami	LMI			X	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	X
Malabar Farm	MAL			X	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			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	X
Mosquito Lake	MST	X	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		X
Muskingum River	MUS			X		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		X
North Bass Island	NBI						X						X	X					X
Oak Point	OPT							X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Paint Creek	PTC			X	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	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			X
Quail Hollow	QHL	X	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	X
Scioto Trail	STR		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X	X		X
Shawnee	SHA				X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X
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Stonelick	STO	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Tar Hollow	TAR			X	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	X
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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 - Was available for OSPOTA in 2025

Not all activated parks sent a log in for scoring

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Activated Parks 2008-2025

1 November 2025



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Thanks goes out to the 255 ham radio operators, club calls and loggers that submitted logs for the 18th annual Ohio State Parks On The Air contest

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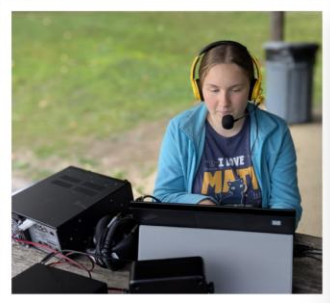


OSPOTA 2025 Photos and Soapbox Comments

AD8FQ - West Branch State Park



Team AD8FQ: AD8FQ, AD8IR



AF1K - West Branch State Park



Once more OSPOTA was blessed with a beautiful day to operate outdoors in a contest!

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 and Daisy, the guard dog.



W8UKE - Strouds Run State Park



Band conditions were rough this year, with only one QSO being made on 80m. We're looking forward to OSPOTA 2026!

73, Eric McFadden, WD8RIF

K8B - Wingfoot Lake State Park



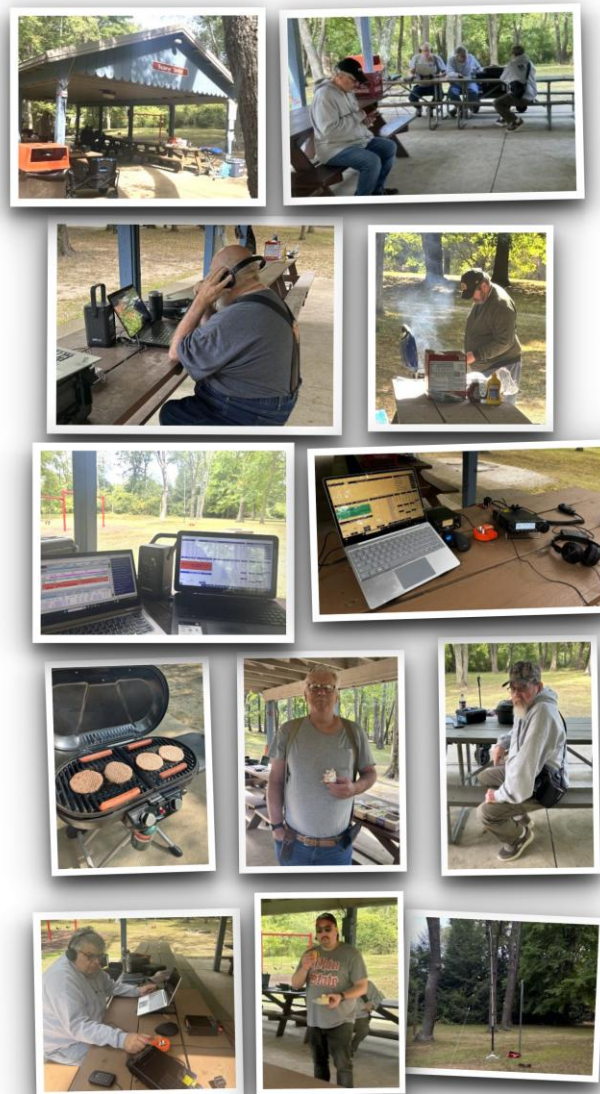
Several members of PCARS ventured out this year to Wingfoot Lake State Park (WLK) for OSPOTA '25. Using a special 1 By 1 callsign (K8B), we contacted 27 Ohio State Parks, and several states/countries. Conditions were OK early on, before going into the dumper late in the afternoon.

Gene, W8NET erected an 80/40 dipole using the DX Engineering design. In addition, we used an End Fed Half Wave (EFHW), and an 80-10M Linked Dipole.

Contact logging was done using the N3FJP Hacked software in non-networked mode. Rigs were a pair of Yaesu FT-891s running 100W

Our operation made good use of the return of CW to the contest. Of our 159 contacts, 60% of them were CW. I'm hoping for similar numbers from other stations when the results are posted.

Big thanks to all the ops this year (WG8X, N8QE, W8NET, KD8OBA, WB9LBI, KD9ZDY, WD8DAU, K8IV) who came out to operate with us at Wingfoot Lake State Park.



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K8RR - East Fork State Park



Just want to add that conditions for OSPOTA on that Saturday afternoon were some of the worst on HF that I had ever experienced. No 80M contacts at all is unprecedented, and 40M was lousy, which made it very difficult to work Ohio State Parks. Better luck next time! I had to set up in the car due to rain in the morning. The skies cleared up, but the bands did not cooperate.

73, Rod, K8RR

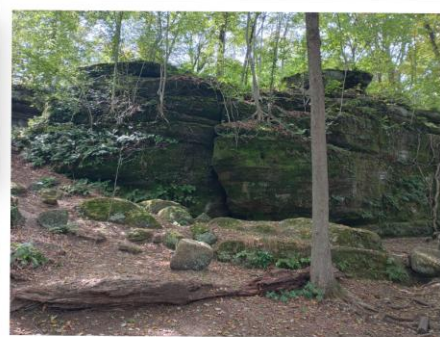


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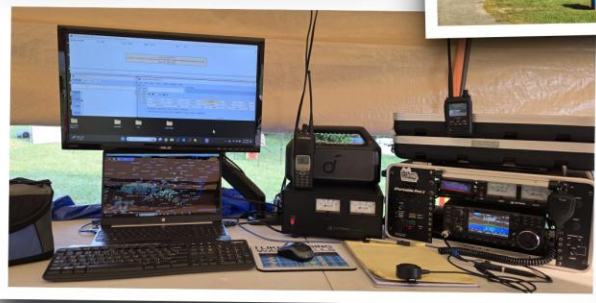
K8BXQ - Harrison Lake State Park



K8ZT - Nelson-Kennedy Ledges State Park

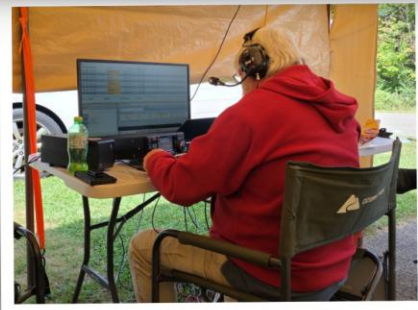


K8UU - Caesar Creek State Park



Our group is getting older and some just come out and visit during events. These are the only pictures I have. Glenn WE8N is in the red. I am in the camo Ken KD8VWF. We really enjoy getting together and doing our radio hobby but sure seems like things are winding down a little each year. Thank you guys again for all you do for us OSPOTA people.

73, Ken



W8O - Cowan Lake State Park



KC3GFU - Malabar Farm State Park



This year we operated from the Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm State Park (MAL), a filming spot from the classic movie Shawshank Redemption. The weather was gorgeous, the bands were brutal, and our score wasn't what we dreamed of ... but we had an absolute blast! We look forward to this contest year after year and we are already excited for 2026. Thanks to everyone on the air for showing patience and resilience.



- Amanda, KC3GFU & Chris, WF8U

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KC8RJS - Quail Hollow State Park



I don't have a lot to say, this was my first time at this park. I set up in the parking lot near the foot trails. I ran a 80M double bazooka at 55ft and a 40M a few feet below the 80M both as an inverted V. Got some great signal reports on the 80M



I used this app called Trees to get a rough estimate of how my support tree was, just need your distance from the base, take a couple readings and viola some basic trig yields fairly close results.



I was hoping for more parks on the air, only a few that I did hear I couldn't work.

73, George Meleski KC8RJS

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KD8CGH - Tinkers Creek State Park



I had planned to operate from the shelter but saw the day before that it had been reserved, so I set up out of the back of my car. I set up early and made a few POTA contacts first. Turns out no one ever showed up to use the shelter.



The radio pictured is a FX-4CF 20 watt HF transceiver. My main antenna was a PAR 40/20/10 EFHW strung up to a line in a tree. I had success making contacts everywhere but Ohio. Thinking I needed to go NVIS I set up my old

Super Antenna YP1 as a V close to the ground. Unfortunately it didn't do any better.



KE8RV - Madison Lake State Park



Everyone arrived between 7 and 8 am.

Proceeded to blow off the shelter floor with the leaf blower and began to setup operations. One of the early fellows had already begun setting up his stations out in the open using a couple verticals or their regular POTA setups. The club then hoisted two dipole antennas 80 and 40 in the trees which went very well.



At ten we started on 80 and got a few contacts, then switched to 40 where most of the activity was. \$0 seemed to be the best band for the rest of the day. We used, for the first time, the World Radio League software to log which worked very well for the way our operation was setup. This system needs internet which was provided by a hot spot on loan

from the library. This is a cloud based system so networking all the stations together was very easy. Throughout the day people came and went but did not operate. No non-ham visitors or park officials stopped to inquire what was going on. It was very cold in the morning at the end of the day it finally warmed up. Everyone left around 4 PM so they could go watch the OSU - Grambling football game. Larry N8CWU



KF8AHK & KD8BBK - North Bass Island State Park

Once upon a time....

Our OSPOTA adventures took us to North Bass Island (aka Isle Saint George) where we operated from opposite ends of the island. Tony (KD8BBK)



operated from the chapel area not far from the landing strip and I (Dale KF8AHK) ventured to the south end for some separation, eliminating any interference. We were able to keep in touch with our HT radios. It was a beautiful day on the island with cool temps., sun and a light breeze. We flew in on a chartered Cherokee 6 passenger plane with just enough room for us and all the radio gear, etc. We both used wires mounted high up in the trees. The band conditions were pretty good in the morning but tapered off as the day went on. We had a great time!



The cost for the flight was \$100.00 per person round trip. You have to reserve ahead of time and they are OK with cancellations due to weather, etc. No charge for cancellations as far as I know. Just let them know as soon as possible. Payment is made when you arrive for your flight. We used Griffing Flying Services located at Port Clinton. The staff



is friendly and the pilot was very nice and accommodating with loading all the radio gear. <https://flygriffing.com/>



It's a very unique place with only about 6 residents. The Islanders are friendly and will answer any

questions you might have. There are no amenities on the island, however I think there was a porta-john at the docks. They are remodeling a building at the docks, so maybe in the future there will be some items available such as snacks and water. That's just a guess. Make sure you take plenty of drinking water if you go. Anyone should feel free to contact me with any questions about activating the island. My email is available on my QRZ page.



73, Dale KF8AHK

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N8XCC - Hueston Woods State Park



This year was more difficult to make contacts than the last three years. 80 meters usually hands us a lot of parks right away but the band didn't show up at all except for a few local contacts. 40 was the go to all day but wasn't consistent with a few good runs but mostly calling CQ, sometimes 5 to 10 minutes, without a response. 20 was mostly long and wasn't active enough to come off of 40. Watched the band scope for CW and pounced on a few but, voice was still more active for us. Another big thanks for the Hamilton Group, W8AJT, for inviting us across the lake for a shrimp boil and great conversation after the contest. 73 and CU next year!

Jesse Walker, N8XCC



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W8HCG - Indian Lake State Park



Karen (K2KAR), Joe (K8MP), and I activated Indian Lake State Park in Logan County for Ohio State Parks on the Air. We used our new club callsign W8HCG - Hilliard Contest Group. The site worked out great—while RVs were across the road, we had no immediate neighbors, and plenty of trees at the north end of the park for antennas.

We put up the DXCommander and laid out the radials, only to discover a few broken radial wires. No problem—we stripped the ends and wrapped them around the wing nuts. Around an hour before sunset, Joe (K8MP) rolled in and quickly shot a line over a tree to hang his 40m bazooka. Afterward, we drove to a local Mexican restaurant for dinner before turning in. Karen and I slept in her Subaru that night. It felt just like Field Day!

Saturday morning started with coffee and setting up a 10'x10' canopy. Two tables became our “shack,” and by 10 AM we were on the air. Joe was back early to finish his antenna, and soon we were calling CQ. It was tough at times to track down other Ohio parks, but we made plenty of Midwest contacts, snagged a few West Coast stations, and even worked some DX.



Karen jumped right in and ran several pileups like a pro. Joe and I tag-teamed between CW and SSB, filling the log all afternoon. The K3 gave us a scare, but we traced it to a flaky MFJ tuner that had been problematic since Field Day. Once we pulled it out, everything ran smoothly. Later, I realized that hammering CQ in Morse Code into an End Fed Half Wave rated at 250 watts wasn't the best idea—the SWR crept up, and when I took it down, the balun was still warm!

Between us, we had three radios on site (K3, K4, and a TenTec Omni VI Plus), three antennas (80m EFHW, 40m bazooka, and a 80m DXCommander), three laptops, and our home 5G WiFi as an easy way to network the laptops, and to look for spots on line. Plenty of gear, plenty of learning, and lots of laughs. We wrapped up the weekend with dinner at Texas Roadhouse in Marysville. Our server was fantastic, and we even got to share a little about ham radio with her manager. It was the perfect ending to a weekend of radio, camping, and good company.

Lessons Learned

1. Don't worry about your score—just have fun.
2. Bring backups for everything that could fail.
3. Test your equipment before you head out.
4. Use a checklist! (We didn't forget anything this trip!)

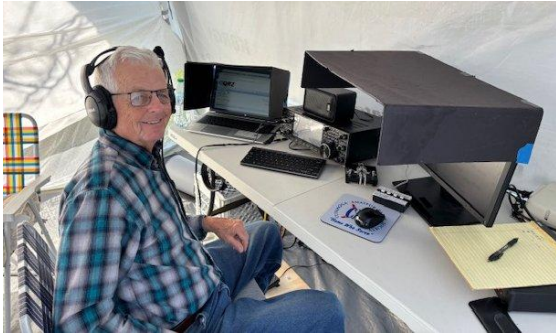
73, Tom, N4HAI

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WA8RR - South Bass Island State Park

K8RGI - Oak Point State Park

This year my brother Richard, WA8RR, and I (K8RGI) set up in a lot across from the airport on Put-in-Bay. Richard activated South Bass Island State Park, and I activated Oak Point State Park. We started at about 7:00pm on Friday night putting up our canopy and separate masts for our antennas. We had to use headlights from one of our cars to finish.



Saturday we were back at the site at about 7:00am and proceeded to put up our antennas. Richard used his GRV-5 and I used my inverted-V fan dipole. These antennas gave each of access to all the HF bands. We then installed our equipment in the tent and started the generator. We made several contacts to make sure everything was working.

We went on the air at 10:00am and started to make contacts. Richard started on 40 meters and I started on 20 meters. 40 meters was good for contacting the state parks and 20 meters was good for points. The bands started good but just like last year went dead as we moved into the afternoon.

The weather was very good this year. We didn't have the windy conditions from last year. 73, Robert, K8RGI



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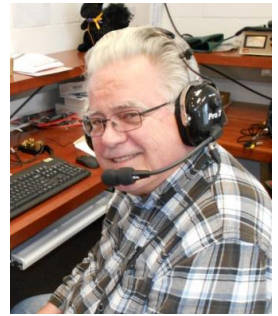


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19th OSPOTA - Sept. 12, 2026 - Make Plans Now

Tom, KB8UUZ
OSPOTA Chairman



Nineteenth Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Amateur Radio Contest - 2026

Make sure to mark your calendar for the 2026 Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest – September 12, 2026. 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 beautiful state parks 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 19th annual OSPOTA – Make plans now to be active in OSPOTA 2026.

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](https://groups.io/g/OSPOTA) 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 2026 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).

So – pick a park and make your plans now for OSPOTA 2024 !!!!!

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

Questions? Email: INFO@ospota.org



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



He never lets me make a contact.....



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