

Logging for OSPOTA 2026

As usual, I'm doing an article this year on logging options for OSPOTA. Most of the choices I'll discuss aren't new; I covered them in 2025. However, we have a new player on the field this year that I'm particularly excited about.

First, let's take a look back at what was available last year. These are all good options, and all can generate the Cabrillo file needed for an OSPOTA entry.

- **N3FJP OH QSO Party Log** – With a simple data-file swap, this program works well for OSPOTA. It's reasonably priced and straightforward to use. Setup instructions can be found at https://ospota.org/Files/N3FJP_Hack_Rev1.pdf, and the software is available at n3fjp.com.
- **N1MM Logger+** – This powerful contest logger supports OSPOTA through the use of a UDC (User Defined Contest) file. Detailed setup instructions and up-to-date files are available at https://ospota.org/Files/N1MM_for_OSPOTA.zip.
- **GenLog** – Although its interface may look a little dated, many operators continue to recommend GenLog for its reliability. More information is available at qsl.net/w3km/genfeats.htm.
- **World Radio League** – This logger supports OSPOTA and can generate Cabrillo files. I've personally used it for POTA with good results, although I haven't yet tested it with OSPOTA. A community review would be especially welcome. You can explore it further at worldradioleague.com.
- **Other logging programs** – Other programs used by OSPOTA operators include PHP Contest Logger, HRD, HAMRS, Winlog32, and VLS Logger.
- **Paper logging or your general logging program** – If you prefer to log on paper or use your regular logging program, you can use adif2cabrillo.kq4mhe.com to create the Cabrillo file needed for submission.

Ham2K PoLo: The New Player

The new player on the field is **Ham2K PoLo**. If you've been involved in POTA activating recently, you've probably heard of (or used) this program. Recently, their development team added support for several Parks On The Air contests, including OSPOTA!

The reason I'm excited about PoLo is simple:

1. There are no "under-the-hood" setup instructions required to make it work with OSPOTA

2. The data-entry form accepts the OSPOTA abbreviations.
3. After the contest, the files PoLo produces contain the proper park designators.

PoLo creates a Cabrillo folder containing the file needed for your OSPOTA entry, but it can also create ADI files that follow the POTA and WWFF standards.

Let's look at an example.

Suppose you're operating OSPOTA from West Branch State Park (WBR), and have told PoLo setup that, in addition to OSPOTA, you'll be submitting my logs to POTA (US-1999) and WWFF (KFF-1999) as well.

After the contest, PoLo will export four log files:

one ADI file each for POTA and WWFF, with the appropriate park numbers.

One complete ADI file that can import into your main logging program

And a properly formatted Cabrillo file for submission to logs@ospota.org.

PoLo runs on both tablets and phones and is available through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. According to the Ham2K forum, a new Windows- and Linux-compatible version, called **HaLo**, is on its way. It sounds like by this time next year, HaLo may be the logging program we'll be talking about.

You can read more about PoLo at <https://polo.ham2k.com/>, including information available through the forum. There is also a "Buy Me a Coffee" link on the website if you'd like to show your appreciation. The program is free, but please consider making a donation to support future development. The manual is also available through the website.

I'm not going to go into great depth here, since I've already written one article about PoLo (<https://www.onallbands.com/ham-radio-operating-insights-ham2k-portable-logger-polo/>), and another article is scheduled to be published on August 28.

For OSPOTA operators who also participate in POTA or WWFF, I think PoLo (and eventually HaLo) will be a particularly attractive option. It has the potential to make logging a contest and then getting those contacts into your other logging systems remarkably simple.

And that's it for this time. As with any contest logger, check it out ahead of time. And see if it is a good fit for you. 73 DE WG8X