

Hello OSPOTA Fans,

The 19th annual Ohio State
Parks On The Air (OSPOTA)
contest will be held on
Saturday - September 12, 2026

Ohio State Parks On The Air



This contest as always held on the first Saturday following the Labor Day holiday.
The contest hours are 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am to 6 pm ET).

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



1. To promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio's beautiful state parks system
2. To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology
3. To promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio Operators



Your participation allows 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 other operators in the 76 beautiful Ohio State Parks. Participation is open to all amateur radio operators. You can participate from an Ohio State Park, or from your home, or any other location in or out of Ohio. Join us in the fun of amateur radio.

REMINDER: This is **NOT** a Parks on the Air® POTA activity (started around 2017).

This is the Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest (started in 2008).

Please read the OSPOTA Rules and other information on the OSPOTA website: www.ospota.org

Activity is on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands using CW or SSB.

No digital modes such as RTTY, PSK, or FT4/8.

Be aware only Electronic (Cabrillo files) will be accepted for entries. No text, pdf, csv, adif, bin, photos of logs, paper, etc. Comparing contest logs is somewhat automated and we need your log file in standard Cabrillo format.

As in the past - you can let us know which State Park you plan on activating and we'll keep everyone informed.

Fill out the new form for your planned park info at:

<https://ospota.org/planned-activation-form/>



If you have questions or comments, please email to: INFO@OSPOTA.org

OSPOTA Website: <https://ospota.org/>

OSPOTA IO Group: <https://groups.io/g/OSPOTA>

OSPOTA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OSPOTA>



73 from the OSPOTA Contest Committee
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