

Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc.



(PCARS)

Ohio State Parks On The Air



Official Contest Rules

Purpose

To promote public awareness of ham radio and Ohio's beautiful state parks system; to contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology; and to promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio operators.

Objective

To have competing stations, individual or club, operating from as many of Ohio's seventy-three state parks as possible. Note: Non-Ohio stations may work only Ohio stations located in an Ohio State Park; Ohio stations not located in an Ohio State Park may only contact stations operating from an Ohio State Park.

Contest Period

Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 1600 UTC to 2400 UTC.

Frequencies, Bands and Modes

- All modes: AM, FM, SSB, CW, Digital (Digital = PSK-31, RTTY, etc.) - may be worked on these HF and VHF bands: **80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6** and **2** meters.
- Please honor all band plans. All CW contacts must be in the CW portion of the bands.
- No credit for contacts made through repeaters.
- Stations may be worked once per mode on each band; i.e. KD8CKP may be worked on both 40 CW and 40 SSB for point credit.

Suggested Frequencies

Band (Meters)	CW (MHz)	Phone (MHz)
80	3.545	3.825
40	7.045	7.200
20	14.045	14.250
15	21.045	21.300
10	28.045	28.450
6	50.045	50.145
2	144.055	144.250

Entry Categories

- Club Station or Multi-Op low power (10 watts or less) located at an Ohio State Park
- Club Station or Multi-Op high power (11 watts or higher) located at an Ohio State Park
- Single Operator low power (10 watts or less) located at an Ohio State Park
- Single Operator high power (11 watts or higher) located at an Ohio State Park
- Single Operator inside Ohio
- Single Operator outside of Ohio

Entry Category Definitions:

Single Operator Entry: One person performs all operating and logging functions. Only one transmitted signal is permitted on the air at any time.

Club Station or Multi-Op Entry: Entries where more than one operator performs the operating and logging functions. Multi-operator entries may employ multiple transmitters simultaneously.

Special Category – Club entries will be checked to see which club activates the greatest number of Ohio State Parks by club member. The tiebreaker will be the aggregate scores of member stations. Make sure the Single Operator's that are members of your club indicate the club name on their summary form.

Exchange

- Stations operating from an Ohio State Park send their call sign, "Ohio" and their Ohio State Park Identifier.

Example: "KD8CKP, Ohio, ADA"

- Ohio stations NOT operating from an Ohio State Park send their call sign and "Ohio".

Example: "KD8CKP, Ohio"

- Non Ohio W/VE stations (including KH6/KL7) send their State or Province.

Example: "VE3CKP, Ontario" or "KD4CKP, Georgia"

- DX stations outside of W/VE send "DX".

Example: "XE1CKP, DX"

Ohio State Park Names and Ohio State Park Exchange Identifiers:

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

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

Scoring

- QSO POINTS - Each complete non-duplicate contact is worth one point.
- MULTIPLIERS - Multipliers are the **73** Ohio State Parks.
- FINAL SCORE - Multiply QSO points by the total number of multipliers.



Example:

KD8CKP operating from Punderson State Park (PUN) -
10 total contacts on 80 meters SSB & CW & Digital
15 total contacts on 40 meters - CW & digital
12 total contacts on 15 meters SSB
Total Contacts = 37
Number of different Ohio State Parks contacted = 10
Total score = 10 x 37 = 370

N3CKP operating from home in Pennsylvania -
5 total contacts on 80 meters SSB & CW & Digital (all in Ohio State Parks)
10 total contacts on 40 meters - CW & digital (all in Ohio State Parks)
15 total contacts on 15 meters SSB (all in Ohio State Parks)
Total Contacts = 30
Number of different Ohio State Parks contacted = 10
Total score = 30 x 10 = 300

Miscellaneous

- Callsigns and exchanged information must be received and confirmed by both stations for a complete QSO.
- No cross-mode contacts.
- CW and Digital contacts must be made in the CW portions of the band.
- No station may claim simultaneous operation of the same call sign in more than one Ohio State Park, State or Province.
- Any transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be subsequently used under any other callsign during the contest period, with the exception of family stations where more than one callsign is assigned to the same address. No individual shall make a QSO utilizing more than one callsign.
- Club or Multi-operator entries may only use one call sign during the contest.
- Decisions of the Ohio State Parks On The Air Committee are final.

Reporting

- Logs must clearly indicate UTC time, Band, Mode, Call Sign Contacted, State/Province/DX, and Ohio State Park Identifier received for all QSOs.
- A scoring summary sheet must be included with all logs (mailed in entries, or e-mailed entries) showing entrant's callsign, operating location, mailing address, and claimed score. All entries must use the official OSPOTA park identifiers for logging and the received exchange from Ohio stations.
- LOGS MUST BE LEGIBLE TO BE SCORED. Any incomplete, illegible or otherwise unable to be scored logs will be considered as check logs at the discretion of the Ohio State Parks On The Air committee.
- Paper logs must be sent to the address listed below and must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest.
- Mailed entries must include both the completed summary sheet and the logs.
- E-mailed logs with a completed summary sheet may be sent to the e-mail address below and must be sent in no later than 30 days after the end of the contest.

- Paper entry forms and operating aids (rules, summary sheets, log sheet, Ohio State Park identifiers, and other information) are available for downloading in PDF format from the Ohio State Parks On The Air web site at: <http://parks.portcars.org>
- Logs that have been received will be listed on the Ohio State Parks On The Air web site.
- Final results will be posted on the Ohio State Parks On The Air web site.

Awards

- Certificates will be awarded to:
- Top five single operator entries - Low Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top five single operator entries - High Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top five club entries - Low Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top five club entries - High Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top five individuals Ohio
- Top five non-Ohio individuals
- The club activating the greatest number of Ohio State Parks

Additional prizes may be awarded for top finishers. Watch the Ohio State Parks On The Air website, <http://parks.portcars.org> for updates.

Mailing Address for Paper Logs

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More information about this event can be found at the
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