

# 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-five state parks as possible. Making contacts from an Ohio State Park to other Ohio State Parks is the goal all stations should strive for. 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 inside an Ohio State Park.

#### **Contest Period**

Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 1600 UTC to 2400 UTC.

#### **Frequencies, Bands and Modes**

- Modes: AM, SSB, CW, Digital (Digital = PSK-31, RTTY, etc.) - may be worked on these bands: **80, 40, 20, 15, 10** and **6** 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.
- No soliciting for contacts via any means.
- Stations may be worked once on each band regardless of mode.

## Suggested Frequencies

These are only *suggested* frequencies. Operators should use good amateur radio practices and be considerate of others - do not cause interference.

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



## Entry Categories

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

### *Entry Category Definitions:*

**Single Operator Entry:** One person (one call sign) 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 person performs the operating and logging functions. Multi-operator entries may employ multiple transmitters simultaneously. One call sign used.

## Exchange

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

*Example: "K8BF, ADA"*

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

*Example: "K8BF, Ohio"*

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

*Example: "KD4BF, Georgia" or "VE3BF, Ontario"*

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

*Example: "XE1BF, 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
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
Lake Hope	LHO

Ohio State Park	Park ID
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
North Bass Island	NBI
Oak Point	OPT
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
Wingfoot Lake	WLK
Wolf Run	WRN

### Scoring

- QSO POINTS - Each complete non-duplicate contact is worth one point.
- MULTIPLIERS - Multipliers are the **75** Ohio State Parks.
- FINAL SCORE - Multiply QSO points by the total number of multipliers.



Example:

K8BF operating from Punderson State Park (PUN) -

10 contacts on 80 meters, 15 contacts on 40 meters, 12 contacts on 15 meters, Total Contacts = 37, Number of different Ohio State Parks contacted = 10, Total score = 10 x 37 = 370

## Miscellaneous

- Call signs and exchange information must be received, confirmed and logged 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, Country or Province at the same time.
- No individual shall make a QSO utilizing more than one callsign.
- Stations inside an Ohio State Park must make a minimum of three contacts with two of those contacts being made to another (different) Ohio State Park station.
- Club or Multi-operator entries may only use one call sign during the contest.
- A scoring summary sheet **MUST** be included with all logs. Example: If you operate at two different Ohio State Parks during the contest, you will need two summary sheets and two logs.
- Decisions of the Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest Committee are final.

## Reporting

- 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. One entry sheet per Ohio State Park; example: If you activate three Ohio State Parks, send in three Summary Sheets and three Logs. All entries must use the official OSPOTA park identifiers for logging and the received exchange from Ohio stations.
- Logs must clearly indicate **UTC time** (*not local time*), Band, Mode, Call Sign Contacted, State/Province/DX, and Ohio State Park Identifier received for all QSOs as applicable.
- **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 contest committee.
- Paper logs must be sent to the address listed below and must be postmarked no later than 21 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 listed below and must be sent in no later that 21 days after the end of the contest.
- Paper entry forms and operating aids (rules, summary sheet, 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>
- Final results will be posted on the Ohio State Parks On The Air web site.



## Awards

### Framed Certificates will be awarded to:

- Top Single Operator entry - Low Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top Single Operator entry - High Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top Multi-Op/Club entry- Low Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top Multi-Op/Club entry - High Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top Individual in Ohio, not in an Ohio State Park
- Top Non-Ohio Individual
- Overall High Score Entry

### Certificates will be awarded to:

- Top 2-5 Single Operator entries - Low Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top 2-5 Single Operator entries - High Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top 2-5 Multi-Op/Club entries - Low Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top 2-5 Multi-Op/Club entries - High Power in an Ohio State Park category
- Top 2-5 Individuals Ohio
- Top 2-5 Non-Ohio Individuals
- Club having the most Ohio State Parks activated
- Club having the most entries submitted by their members

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

## Mailing Address for Paper Logs

**Ohio State Parks On The Air  
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Parkman, OH 44080**

Entries may be e-mailed to: [W8PT@portcars.org](mailto:W8PT@portcars.org)

More information about this event can be found at the  
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