

Florida State Parks on the Air was started by a group of amateur radio operators from central Florida who love to get out and operate portable in our beautiful home state, with the intent to:

- Promote public awareness of ham radio and Florida's state parks system
- Contribute to the recognition and appreciation of Florida's diverse ecology
- Encourage camaraderie and sportsmanship among Florida's Amateur Radio Operators, and
- Provide a venue for Florida amateurs to get out and enjoy operating in the great outdoors.



So what is Florida State Parks on the Air?

There are two parts of the Florida State Parks on the Air program, each one geared towards different operating styles and interests.

Contest

The main event is an annual contest, which is held on the **first Saturday of April** every year. This is a QSO-party style event, where the goal is to contact as many stations as possible that are operating from within qualifying Florida State Parks (list available at <http://flspota.org/parklist>). There are several entry categories for competitors, including stations operating from within Florida State Parks, stations within Florida, stations in states other than Florida, and DX stations. The contest features electronic log submission, and is fully supported by EI5DI's SD logging software (free version available for contest participants), as well as N1MM+. You can also convert your paper logs and other formats using free software available via our website at <http://flspota.org>.

Worked (and activated) All Parks

The second component of FLSPOTA is an all-year-long, Worked all (and Activated all) Parks program. This provides a real challenge for both chasers and activators, as well as a way to get out and enjoy operating from and learning about Florida's natural landscape all year long. Using the same park codes as the contest, participants can try to contact and/or activate as many qualifying Florida State Parks as possible, over any time period. Keep a log of the parks contacted or activated, and you can apply for certificates denoting 25, 50, 100, and All current qualifying parks. See <http://flspota.org/worked-all-florida-state-parks/> for more details!

Hope you'll join us! If you would like more information, visit flspota.org/contact.

Thanks and 73 from KK4FEM and the whole FLSPOTA team!