



Wisconsin Parks on the Air

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Purpose

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) is pleased to support the Wisconsin Parks on the Air (WIPOTA) operating contest. This contest is designed to promote public awareness of ham radio within Wisconsin's beautiful state park system.

Objective

To have competing stations operate from as many Wisconsin parks as possible and work hams in other WI parks, as well as hams not located in a park in any state, province or country.

Contest Period

The 3rd Saturday in September each year for seven hours from 11 am until 6 pm local/CDT.

September 15, 2018

General Rules

Bands: 75, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters

Modes: SSB & FM

Power level:

- Inside park: 150 Watts maximum
- Elsewhere: Legal limit

Suggested Frequencies

SSB: 3.860, 7.230, 14.260, 21.350 and 28.400 MHz

FM: 145.55 and 146.58 MHz

Park Defined

The WIPOTA is conducted in state parks, state forests, flowages and recreation areas in Wisconsin. These are defined as 'parks.' Information comes from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management. There is a total of 76 units to choose from for WIPOTA activation. They are documented in the WIPOTA website on a park names & exchange identifiers sheet.

- 49 WI state parks
- 10 WI state forests, including 6 Kettle Moraine units
- 12 WI recreation areas and flowages



Park Rules

- Most WI parks require sticker. You may obtain a day or annual sticker at the park office.
- Check with the park superintendent for advice on where best to set up your operation, including permission to run a generator and set up antennas, if you are not operating directly from your car.
- If you wish to use a generator, be sure it operates quietly.
- Do not operate within camp grounds.
- Operate safely while in the park. Use orange cones and other safety markers to alert other park visitors to your stakes, ground coax and elevated aerials.
- Please leave the parks in better condition than you found them. Be a good Scout!

Exchange

- Call sign and
- WI park abbreviation, or
- State, Province or Country (S/P/C)

Scoring

of QSOs times # of WI parks worked

- Stations may be worked once on each band.
- If you activate any WI park, you may count it as a 'park worked' even if you don't actually contact another station in that park.
- If you operate in a second park, you may rework stations for added QSO count.

Operator categories

- Single transmitter at one time in WI park, regardless of number of operators*
- Multiple operators in WI park using multiple transmitters simultaneously*
- WI operators not in a park
- Non-WI operators

*Must operate physically inside the park.

- If you choose to log as an 'inside a park' category, then at least half of your contest activity must occur while inside a park.
- Only one call sign may be used for multi-op entries.

Log Reporting

Coming later.

Awards

- A Wisconsin plaque will be awarded to the overall high scoring contestant.
- Printed certificates will be mailed to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.
- Personalized certificates of appreciation will be emailed to all other hams who submit a log and who have made at least 10 QSOs during the contest.

Other Considerations

- If you have questions, please email us at info@wipota.com
- Other information and documents may be found at www.wipota.com

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