

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,
- Encourage participation by youth (under 18) participants and licensed operators, and
- Provide a venue for Florida amateurs to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.



So what is Florida State Parks on the Air?

- **First** it has the goal of promoting [Parks on the Air](#) as an activity for amateur radio operators to learn how to operate a portable amateur radio station, and to get out and visit the many great national and state parks, trails, and historical sites in the State of Florida. We have 174 wonderful locations to be explored and enjoyed. Learning how to operate portable is a valuable amateur radio operator skill. This is a great way for hams to get **RadioActive!**
- **Contest**
The main event is an annual contest, which is held on the **first Weekend 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 ([park list](#)). 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 to our website for scoring at <https://fspota.org>

Hope you'll join us! If you would like more information, visit our website at fspota.org or subscribe to our Groups.io email messaging service by emailing this address: flspota+subscribe@groups.io



Thanks, and 73 from the event sponsor, W4AC, [Tamiami ARC](#), Venice, FL and the whole Florida State POTA team!