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HOW POTA WORKS

POTA = Parks on the Air

POTA is a ham radio activity where one operator activates a park and other hams try to contact them.

1 Go to a park

An activator goes to an eligible park and sets up a portable radio station.



2 Get on the air

The activator calls “CQ POTA” and may post a spot online so hunters can find them.



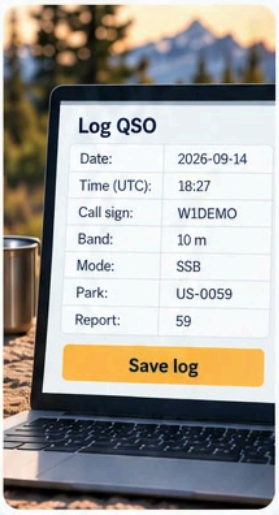
3 Hunters make contact

Hunters listen from home, from the car or almost anywhere, and make a quick contact with the activator.



4 Log the contact

The activator logs every contact and uploads the log. Hunters get credit for the park automatically.



Key terms

- **Activator:** the operator in the park.
- **Hunter:** the operator contacting the park.
- **QSO:** a radio contact.
- **Spot:** an online notice that helps hunters find the activator.

Good to know

- You need an amateur radio license to transmit.
- 10 contacts in one UTC day make a valid activation.
- Technicians can work parks on 10 m voice, on 6 m and 2 m, and with FT8.
- Hunters can join from almost anywhere.

IN SHORT

One ham operates from a park, other hams contact them, and everyone logs the QSO.

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