

Parks on the Air Chaser / Hunter

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Canadian
National Parks
ON THE AIR **2019**



Ohio State Parks On The Air



Beaches On The Air

Amateur radio from the beach

What is a Chaser / Hunter ?

We are the other part of the activity of activating a park!

Once an Activator gets into a park and posts him or her self on one of the Parks on the Air sites, we try to work them. It gives them a contact and us credit for working a park.

The Activator is responsible for reporting the contacts to the WWFF or POTA. The Chaser just needs to be registered with WWFF and POTA to get awards

Registering with WWFF

- WWFF
 - [Registration Form < WWFF — WordPress](#)
 - Fill in the necessary information

Please use your **Callsign** as your username!

Username

Email

Callsigns and DXCC information

Primary Callsign *
Primary callsign

Other Callsigns
Comma separated list of secondary (eg previous) callsigns. Do not specify prefixes or suffixes as these are included automatically.

Continent *
Please select your continent
AF ▼

DXCC *
Please enter your DXCC abbreviation (eg G for England, VK for Australia)

Registration confirmation will be emailed to you.

Registering with POTA

- POTA
 - <https://parksontheair.com/>
 - <https://pota.app/#/signup>
 - Follow the instructions

Finding Parks

- Once you have registered, the reporting of the contacts is done by the Activator.
- To find out the parks on the air at any given time, I use two Parks Spotting Programs.
 - POTA
 - <https://pota.app/#/>
 - WWFF
 - [WWFFwatch DX-cluster | WWFF](#)

Chasing Parks

- Types of stations chasing parks (Just some examples)
 - Fixed
 - Chasing the parks from home
 - Mobile
 - Chasing from a car
 - QRP
 - Using a rig running less than 5 watts. Saying **QRP** will aid in getting the activators attention. Most times the Chaser will only say QRP.
 - Park to Park
 - Calling a park from another park. Saying **Park to Park** will aid in getting the activators attention. Most times the Chaser will only say Park to Park.

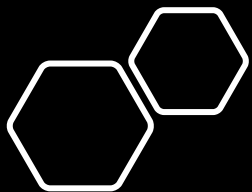
Activations

Contest Activation

- Many park activations will occur during contests. For example, QSO Parties. Some QSO Parties will focus on Parks only.
- Pay attention to the contest rules. This way the Activator will not have to spend time explaining what they need to log your call for WWFF / POTA and the contest.

Activation Etiquette

- Be sure to listen to the Activator to see how they are controlling the flow. Most Activators will put out a call for YL, QRP, Mobile or Park to Park every now and then, to give everyone a chance. They might also be listening for a specific region or State. The key here is LISTEN!



Chasing Tools

- I have developed a spreadsheet to monitor the POTA spotting program and compare it to parks I have confirmed. A sample is below.
- I will make a blank copy available to anyone that wants one. Just email me at lou_maggio@hotmail.com
- Email is good on QRZ.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Park	Lou Conf	Lou WU	Salli Conf	Salli WU	Freq	Location	Mode	Lou	Salli	Lou WU	Salli WU
2	K-6539	0	0	0	0	10111.0	US-TX	CW	0	0	K-4117	K-6722
3	K-4962	0	0	0	0	14063.0	US-NH	CW	0	0	VE-5535	VE-5535
4	K-4559	K-4559	0	K-4559	0	140635	US-FL		111	111	K-TEST	K-1455
5	K-9295	K-9295	0	K-9295	0	14064.0	US-IA	CW	111	111	K-5131	K-5131
6	K-7494	0	0	0	0	14066.0	US-NV	CW	0	0	K-2759	K-2759
7	K-6555	K-6555	0	K-6555	0	14074.0	US-TX	FT8	111	111	K-5973	K-5973
8	K-3641	0	0	0	0	14074.0	US-FL	FT8	0	0	K-0619	K-1962
9	K-4757	K-4757	0	K-4757	0	14221	US-MA	SSB	111	111	VE-5053	K-4692
10	K-2201	K-2201	0	K-2201	0	14237	US-GA	SSB	111	111	K-7640	K-1287
11	K-7688	0	0	0	0	14245	US-OK	SSB	0	0	K-3172	K-3043
12	K-2746	K-2746	0	0	0	14250	US-NC	SSB	111	0	K-8628	K-5856
13	K-2710	0	0	0	0	14255	US-NM	SSB	0	0	K-4849	K-4359
14	K-3586	0	0	0	0	14260	US-CA	SSB	0	0	I-0253	K-7206
15	K-3597	0	0	0	0	14265	US-CA	SSB	0	0	VE-4672	K-7181
16	K-1873	K-1873	0	K-1873	0	14272	US-FL		111	111	VE-0184	K-9288
17	K-3416	K-3416	0	K-3416	0	14277	US-CA	SSB	111	111	K-2151	K-3187
18	K-2202	0	0	K-2202	0	14287	US-GA	SSB	0	111	K-9036	K-4484
19	K-7528	0	0	0	0	14287	US-CT	SSB	0	0	K-3640	K-9656
20	K-4509	K-4509	0	K-4509	0	14318	US-NC	SSB	111	111	CT-0068	K-1386
21	K-0642	K-0642	0	K-0642	0	18140	MS,US-AL,US	SSB	111	111	VEFF-1009	K-4338

Chasing Hints

- Run as much power as you need for the activator to hear you. They are probably operating battery power. That might fool you into thinking that band conditions are bad.
- If you can't break a pileup, listen to another park. I usually see 10 – 90 parks on at any given time. You should be able to find one that is "lonely"
- Very often operators will be doing a twofer. They will be giving credit for more than one park.
- As you get to know the activators, they might send you an email with the schedule of the parks they are planning to operate in.
- If you are going to re-spot a park, be sure to carry the park id's
- Relays are usually OK. That is where you help out a calling station by clearing up his / her call with the Activator or letting the Activator know a DX or QRP station is calling them.
- While chasing, you might come across a park that has meaning for you and you want to confirm it, exchange a QSL if it is very unusual. I always send an email to that operator. I did that to get the pictures for my next slide.

Alcatraz Island



Chaser Certificates - WWFF

- WWFF
 - Login, Logsearch, National Awards
 - Request the award you are eligible for
 - The Certificate will be emailed to you.

KFF ?	1380	KFF-H-HR[1300] Issued
	47	KFF[States]-H-42 Issued
LAFF ?	0	LAFF-H
LUFF ?	0	LUFF-H
LXFF ?	0	LXFF-H
LYFF ?	1	LYFF-H
LZFF ?	2	LZFF-H
OEFF ?	1	OEFF-H
OHFF ?	1	OHFF-H
OKFF ?	93	OKFF-H-PlatinumIII Issued
OMFF ?	0	OMFF-H
ONFF ?	21	ONFF-H-Bronze Issued
OZFF ?	6	OZFF-H-5 Issued
PAFF ?	4	PAFF-H
PYFF ?	3	PYFF-H
RFF ?	4	RFF-H
SMFF ?	1	SMFF-H
SPFF ?	10	SPFF-H
SVFF ?	1	SVFF-H
UNFF ?	1	UNFF-H
URFF ?	1	URFF-H
VEFF ?	222	VEFF-H-HonourRoll Issued
VKFF ?	24	VKFF-H-Silver Issued

Chaser Certificates - POTA

- Login, My Awards
- Download and print the Certificate

My Awards				
Search for Callsigns & Parks				
Earned Awards				
Date First Granted	Award Name	Description	Badge	Endorsements
2021-12-20 17:41	Acacia Koaia Hunter	Working 3500 different units		
2021-10-23 16:03	Argyroxiphium Sandwicense Hunter	Working 3000 different units		
2021-09-13 03:01	Heliconia Angusta Hunter	Working 2500 different units		
2021-08-24 21:52	Oasis Hunter	Worked a single entity 20 times		
2021-07-14 16:38	Glandularia Tampensis Hunter	Working 2000 different units		40M
2020-11-15 17:25	Worked All States	Working 50 states / Dist of Columbia		
2020-08-08 17:03	Echinacea Paradoxa Hunter	Working 1500 different units		20M, 40M
2020-02-22 03:06	New Years Hunter	Making contacts as a hunter in the first week of the year		2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
2020-02-02 07:02	Support Your Parks Hunter	Making Any Contacts as a Hunter During a Support Your Parks Event		Autumn 2018, Autumn 2019, Autumn 2020, Autumn 2021, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021
2019-06-02 19:30	Western Prairie Fringed Orchid Hunter	Working 1000 different units		20M, 40M

Honor Roll - Canada



KFF Honor Roll



The certificate is set against a background image of a geyser erupting in a park setting. It features several logos: WWFF (World Wide Flora & Fauna) in the top left, KFF (KFF World Wildlife & Plants) in the top right, and a blue ribbon award with the number 1300 on the right side. The text is centered and reads: "Nature's Our Shack" in a script font, followed by "HUNTER" in bold yellow letters, and "KFF HONOR ROLL" in large, stylized yellow letters. Below this, "NO2C" is written in large white letters. A paragraph states: "Has made two-way contact with 1300 unique references in the WWFF-KFF Program". At the bottom, it provides the date (10/19/2021), serial number (448), location (Yellowstone National Park, WY), and the name of the awards manager (Norm Meyers, N9MM).

 "Nature's Our Shack"⁹⁹
HUNTER
KFF HONOR ROLL
NO2C
Has made two-way contact
with 1300 unique references
in the WWFF-KFF Program


Date: 10/19/2021
Serial Number: 448
Yellowstone National Park, WY
Norm Meyers, N9MM
KFF Awards Manager

Australian - Silver



UK – Ireland Award



WWFF –
DXFF Award
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My Current POTA Award – 3600 Parks

Acacia Koaia



3500

Hunter Award

Photo: David Eickhoff



That
Lou Maggio
NO2C

has submitted proof of working
3500 unique reference areas
in the Parks on the Air program,
this certificate is hereby
presented in recognition of this
outstanding achievement.

Jason Johnston, W3AAX, POTA Coordinator

12/20/2021

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