

## **About Parks on the Air**

**Parks On The Air (POTA) is a non-profit organization that supports the use of amateur radio in our state and national parks. Through promotion by Parks On The Air, more people will discover and enjoy our park system. This also directly helps amateur radio meet its charter of providing communications support in times of emergencies, such as after natural disasters.**

**POTA provides a website where amateur radio operators, often called "hams", can find nearby parks. Hams then set up temporary portable radio stations and attempt to contact as many fellow hams as possible. Visiting a park and getting on the air is called an "activation" and after each one, the hams will submit a list of their contacts to POTA. The goals are to activate as many parks as possible and to talk to as many stations as possible. Certificate awards are then given for a number of categories.**

**Hams, like other park visitors, must obey all park regulations and generally leave no trace of their operation after they leave. Some hams have radios in their car and simply operate from the parking lot. Some hams enjoy backpacking and hiking and may explore throughout the park setting up operations almost anywhere. The majority of hams will locate an available picnic or similar area and operate from there.**

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## **Contact Us:**

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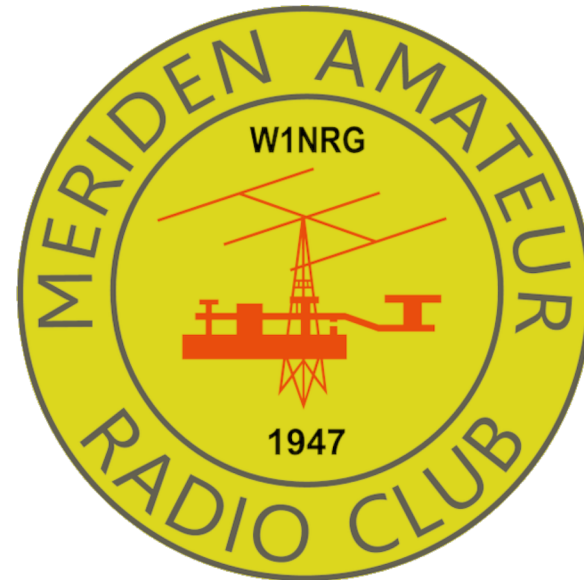
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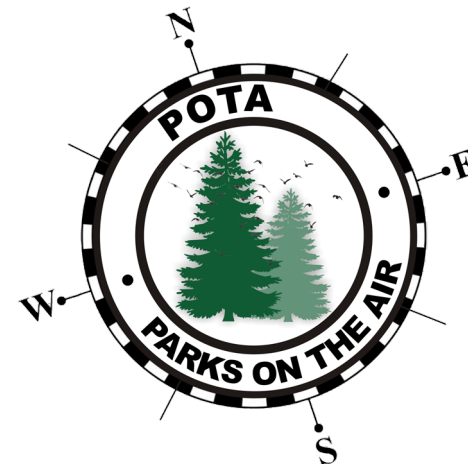
<https://parksontheair.com>

### **ARRL**

<http://www.arrl.org>



# **Parks on the Air**



## Meetings

The Club meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

The 2nd Thursday is a business meeting.  
The 4th Thursday is an activity meeting.

Note that there are no activity meetings in November or December.

## Club Location

**Wallingford Emergency Management  
Hope Hill Firehouse  
143 Hope Hill Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492**

## Club Nets

**6 Meter Net on Mondays  
50.175MHz at 8pm**

**2 Meter Net on Tuesdays  
147.36 PL 162.2 Repeater at 7:00pm**

**10 Meter Net on Tuesdays  
28.375MHz at 8pm**

**Informal Net on Wednesdays  
50.175MHz at 7:00pm**

**Coffee Cup Net on Saturdays  
147.36 PL 162.2 Repeater at 9am**

**Elmer's net on Sundays  
Zoom at 7:30pm**

## Fox Hunts

**'Live' Hunts on Sundays  
146.565MHz at 9:30am**



**There are 136 POTA locations in Connecticut, with more to come.**

**Join Thousands of others on the air to hunt for far off lands, or adventure out to your local parks and become an ACTIVATOR!**

## **4 Basic Steps:**

- 1. Be licensed for the band**
- 2. You and all equipment must be within legal park boundaries**
- 3. Make 10 contacts**
- 4. Submit Log**

# POTA Awards

**Parks on the Air recognizes your dedication with awards available to Activators and Hunters:**

**Activators** are those amateurs who operate portable from within Parks on the Air (POTA) designated parks.

**Hunters** are those amateurs who make contact with Activators who are operating portable from within Parks on the Air (POTA) designated parks

There are several categories based on number of parks, geographic area, and activity.

Standard Awards | Advanced Awards | Geographic Awards | Special Awards

Awards for contacting unique DX entities are in increments of 5, and go up to the 340 available DX entities. We currently have around 130 in our POTA system, and are adding more and more every month!



**Award for Activators only. 1000 QSOs from the same Parks on the Air entity.**