

CNPOTA 2019 Update: November-December 2019 TCA



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The following CNPOTA update is as of October 8, 2019:

The Canadian National Parks On The Air (CNPOTA) is a program intended to encourage Amateur Radio operations from units operated by Parks Canada throughout 2019. CNPOTA was developed and is maintained by a group of dedicated volunteer Amateurs in the Halifax, Nova Scotia area.

For the CNPOTA program an “activator” operates in parks, and a “chaser” operates anywhere to try to contact park activators. A “rove” is a trip to operate Amateur Radio from several defined locations.

Two new category leader boards have been added to the cnpota.ca website and all five leader boards can now be viewed without signing into the site.

The new leader boards are:

1) “Just Chasers” – A leader board for operators who have only been chasers. You won’t find any activators on this board.

2) “One and Done” – In this leader board, Parks Canada units are only counted once. There are no additional points awarded for different band/mode combinations. The maximum possible score on this leader board is 220.

CNPOTA stats as of October 8:

- 132 of 220 Parks Canada sites have been activated.
- The cnpota.ca website has 754 subscribers.
- 242 individuals have uploaded logs to the site.
- 2,797 log files have been uploaded.
- 370 activations have been attempted.
- 341 activations have been confirmed so far.
- 5,053 QSOs have been confirmed.
(5 confirmed QSOs are required to confirm an activation).
- About 15,908 QSOs have been uploaded. We don’t have an exact count because some users upload non-CNPOTA QSOs or upload the same QSO multiple times.
- There have been confirmed activations in 8 of the 12 provinces: AB, BC, NB, NL, NS, ON, PE and QC.
- There are still no QSOs uploaded for MB, NT, NU, SK or YT.
- There are 10 Chasers on the CNPOTA Honour Roll.
- There are 5 Five-Star Activators.



The November-December 2019 TCA features two articles about CNPOTA 2019:

From May 11-18, Peter Kobak, K0BAK, completed an 8-day 4,352 kilometre rove through New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia visiting 26 sites and logging 892 QSOs to make 33 confirmed activations. Part 2 of his article starts on page 31 of the November-December 2019 TCA.

On page 50, Marcy Lui, VE7JT and Fred Orsetti, VE7IO, describe how “Amateur Radio Makes History at the Fort”. Here is an excerpt: “As an Amateur Radio operator and a Fort Langley National Historic site volunteer, it was always a dream for me (Marcy, VE7JT) to activate the ‘Fort’ at Fort Langley, British Columbia. In November 20, 2018, I received a RAC Bulletin about the Canadian National Parks On The Air event and my reaction was – YES, YES, YES – the opportunity had arrived!”

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