



CANPARKS Program

Promoting Amateur Radio in Canada's Great Outdoors

Sponsored by the Atlantic Canada DX & Contest Group

1. Spirit of CANPARKS

- CANPARKS exists to celebrate amateur radio in the outdoors and to encourage fellowship among operators.
- The program does not compete with or replace any other radiosport initiative. Instead, it welcomes co-activations with other programs, present or future.
- The focus is always on fun, learning, and building positive amateur radio experiences.

2. Qualifying Parks

- Any publicly accessible park in Canada may qualify, regardless of ownership (federal, provincial, municipal, private, or community-managed).
- Parks must allow free access without restrictions.
- Supporters may submit parks for inclusion before or after an activation; the CANPARKS team will review requests.
- Parks used primarily for sporting events that lack a natural or nature-based focus may not qualify.
- Nature reserves, wildlife areas or any location without PARK in its title may not qualify for the CANPARKS program.

3. Roles in the Program

- Activators: Amateur operators who travel to parks, set up equipment, and make contacts.
- Hunters: Amateur operators who make two-way contacts with activators.
- Both groups are equally crucial to the success of CANPARKS.

4. Valid Contacts

- A valid contact is any two-way radio exchange between an activator and a hunter.
- Repeater contacts do count, but calling CQ on a repeater is discouraged.
- Operators are encouraged to use a variety of bands and modes to enhance the experience.

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5. Valid Activations

- A valid activation requires the station to be set up entirely within the park boundaries.
- Exceptions: For environmentally sensitive, religious, cultural, or military sites, activations from a nearby location (within 250m) are acceptable.
- The minimum number of contacts for a valid activation is 13, representing Canada's 10 provinces and three territories.
- Contacts do not need to be made in one single activation. Once an activator hits 13 contacts, the system will reflect the park as activated and credit given to the activator. Any additional contacts will be added to their overall total.
- Operators are encouraged to share photos, stories, and lessons learned to inspire others.
- Multi-location activations are permitted, otherwise known as "#ers".

6. Logging & Submissions

- All activation logs must be submitted through the HamLog program.
- A moderator reviews logs for approval.
- There is no time limit for submitting logs, but timely submissions help keep the program vibrant and up to date.

7. Community & Fellowship

- CANPARKS encourages operators to mentor newcomers, share knowledge, and promote safe, respectful operating practices.
- The program values collaboration over competition to strengthen Canada's amateur radio community.
- Activators and hunters are invited to celebrate each other's successes and encourage participation across all regions.

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8. Use of the CANPARKS Logo

- The CANPARKS logo symbolizes fellowship and the spirit of amateur radio in Canada's great outdoors.
- Supporters are encouraged to use the logo freely on:
 - QSL cards
 - YouTube videos
 - Social media posts
 - Online profiles
 - Event promotions
- There are no restrictions on its use for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- The logo is meant to be a badge of pride for all activators, hunters, and program supporters.

Suggested Branding Blurb for Online Use:

"CANPARKS is a Canadian amateur radio program that promotes fellowship, fun, and the outdoors by activating parks across the country. Learn more and get on the air with us!"

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CANPARKS Code of Fellowship

Connecting People, Parks, and Radio Across Canada

As a supporter of the CANPARKS Program, I commit to:

Respect for Nature

- Leave every park as I found it, or better.
- Operate with care in sensitive environments.
- Follow all posted rules and respect cultural, religious, and historical sites.

Respect for Radio

- Strive for clear, courteous, and friendly contacts.
- Encourage newcomers and share knowledge freely.
- Use repeaters responsibly and avoid unnecessary disruption.

Respect for Community

- Value both Activators and Hunters equally.
- Celebrate the accomplishments of others.
- Promote fellowship over competition.

Respect for Canada

- Honour the diversity of our provinces and territories.
- Showcase the beauty of Canadian parks to the world.
- Carry the spirit of amateur radio wherever I go.

CANPARKS is not about points or prizes — it's about people, places, and the joy of radio.

CANPARKS Motto

"Connecting Parks, Connecting People."

CANPARKS is about more than contacts — connecting people, nature, and radio across Canada.

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