

Woodbridge Wireless Amateur Radio Club Parks on the Air (WARCPOTA)

Fall Competition Rules

1. Eligibility: WARCPOTA is open to all amateurs.
2. Object: To Activate a Park and work as many stations as possible in a 4 hour period, any mode, any band, any power level. A premium is placed on working other parks and contacting Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club members who are participating.
3. Date and Time Period: WARCPOTA 2025 is set to take place October 11th. The competition is ALWAYS the second Saturday of October starting at 1PM and ending at 5PM (5PM UTC to 9PM UTC).
4. Exchange: Stations will use the standard Parks on the Air exchange (found at <https://pota.app/#/>). The one addition is all Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club members should use the call sign extension that shows the state they are located in and all members that currently live out of the state will add an 'X' to the end of that. (For example, W4AD/VA is located in Virginia, and W4AD/TXX is located in Texas and lives outside of Virginia)
5. Misc Rules: Even though this event is a 'contest', it involves the Parks on the Air program, all rules and etiquette that are described for POTA take precedence over anything that has to do with this 'contest'.
6. Scoring: Scores are based on the total number of QSO points made based on the highest power level used per contact times by any multipliers that were gained during the contest plus any bonus points.
 - 6.1. QSO Points:
 - 6.1.1. Phone contact points are calculated by subtracting the highest power level that was used from 100. (If you run the full 100 watts, that will calculate to a score of zero per contact, and it is possible to have negative points.)
 - 6.1.2. CW contact points are calculated by subtracting the highest power level that was used from 50. (If you run the full 50 watts, that will calculate to a score of zero per contact, and it is possible to have negative points.)
 - 6.1.3. Digital contact points are calculated by subtracting the highest power level that was used from 50. (If you run the full 50 watts, that will calculate to a score of zero per contact, and it is possible to have negative points.)
 - 6.2. Multipliers
 - 6.2.1. Sign in to the 2-meter repeater before the contest from 12PM to 1PM (4PM UTC to 5PM UTC) with your call and the park you will be activating from (times three multiplier). The repeater is on a water

tower off Old Bridge Rd in the Woodbridge area at 147.24 MHz with a PL of 107.2 Hz. The repeater is also accessible remotely for participants that are out of town in multiple ways.

- EchoLink via W7IY-R,
- DMR Radio via your own hot spot. Linked to DMR TGIF Talk Group 31744. (Zumspot, DVMega, Openspot, BlueDV, etc should work.)
- Yaesu System Fusion (YSF) via your own hot spot. Linked to YSF 31744.
- Access via IAX2 protocol. Provides connectivity for IAXRPT Windows app and DVSwitch Mobile Android app.
- Allstar to Allstar node link. You can link your own Allstar node to the repeater's node.

6.2.2. Each park that you activate

6.2.3. Each additional station that activates the park you are at (times one half multiplier, reducing your score by half).

6.2.4. Each Park to Park contact.

6.2.5. Each Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club member contacted.

6.2.6. Each Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club member that is contacted out of the state that you live in is a times three multiplier, if they live outside of VA it is a times five multiplier.

6.2.7. Each Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club member that lives out of state and participates from home will get a times five multiplier for any Woodbridge Wireless member contacted, and a times three multiplier for any park contacted. If they are activating a park site there is an additional multiplier.

6.3. Bonus Points

6.3.1. If you have another operator working at your station and Activate the park (one transmitter only) will be a 0.5 multiplier for each additional operator. (For example: if your score is 100 and there are 3 additional operators, the final score will be 250)

6.3.2. Logs and all pertaining information submitted on October 19th will receive an additional 2 times multiplier. The final log submitted on October 19th will receive -5000 (yes, negative) points instead of the multiplier.

7. Submitting logs and information.

7.1. All information will be emailed to WARCPOTA@gmail.com before the end of October. Include your call sign in the subject line, and also the word 'Hunter' if you were only Hunting parks instead of Activating a park. Information sent shall include the POTA log in either the ADIF format used

for POTA, or a copy of the handwritten log will be acceptable as well, The WARCPOA Score Sheet, and a picture of your setup (if possible).

7.2. If you are a Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club member who lives or operated out of state, please mention that in the email, there is special logging required that will adjust your score.

7.3. No logs will be admitted if they have not been uploaded to <https://pota.app/#/> or if they do not include the WARCPOA information sheet.

8. Awards: The categories for awards to be assigned are as follows.

8.1. Highest Activator score in Virginia.

8.2. Highest Activator score outside of Virginia.

8.3. Highest Hunter score.

8.4. Worst score of the competition.