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## Tips for Activators

**Planning**

Read & understand the rules – not sure – ask at [vkffaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:vkffaustralia@gmail.com)

- WWFF website - [wwff.co/directory](http://wwff.co/directory)  
Latitude / Longitude – general location, some references have multiple areas  
Previous activation and activator details
- ParksNPeaks website - [parksnpeaks.org](http://parksnpeaks.org)  
Additional information  
Activation history ?  
Boundary file open in Google Earth – some references
- Activator blogs

Activation bands and modes – more bands and modes available equals more QSOs.  
Review propagation forecasts and reports – what bands are active at what times.

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### Preparation

Checklist: radios, antennas, cables, masts, rope, battery, chair, table, UTC clock, etc

Batteries charged – vehicle battery \*\*

Logging app installed and tested - VK port-a-log, Ham2K POLO, Parks & Peaks iOS app

Safety - food, water, shade, sunscreen, let someone know, weather, PLB, etc

Reference details, maps, logging material, camera, accommodation, permits, etc

Additional opportunities and requirements – SANPCPA, SOTA, SiOTA, IOTA, contest

Activation alerts – [parksnpeaks.org](https://parksnpeaks.org), [www.wvff.co/agenda](https://www.wvff.co/agenda), Facebook, SOTAwatch

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### Activation .

Check and confirm you are inside the VKFF reference boundary

Use the best practical antenna and radio available

Set up out of the way of other park users

Be aware of trip hazards – natural and man made

Be mindful of compliance with Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 – in the particular the EME standard - [www.legislation.gov.au](https://www.legislation.gov.au)

Check for spots from other activators – P2P QSO opportunity \*\*

Find a clear frequency, listen then ask, several times, if the frequency is clear.

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### Activation . .

Spot your activation:

- [parksnpeaks.org](http://parksnpeaks.org) - VK and ZL focused, some DX station watch here
- [wwff.co/dx-cluster](http://wwff.co/dx-cluster) - DX focused
- [www.cqgma.org/wwff/smartwwff](http://www.cqgma.org/wwff/smartwwff) - DX focused \*\*
- Logging applications
- Facebook
- Messenger group, SMS group

Call CQ – call frequently:

- “CQ PARKS” or “CQ WWFF” or “CQ Worldwide Flora Fauna”
- Use a voice keyer \*\*

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### Activation . . .

Work the hunters – use your preferred method and stick with it

- first copied, first worked. Tail enders win. Ask for partially heard call
- portable stations first, QRP and mobile second, P2P, then all others \*\*
- call region numbers \*\*
- give appropriate signal reports.

Always use the same method to request more hunters

- “73 44 your call sign (in phonetics) QRZ?”
- “73 44 your call sign (in phonetics) activation VKFF-xxxx QRZ?”
- call CQ again

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### Activation . . . .

Keep your log up to date, log only in UTC time

Respot when changing frequency, when QSO rates slows down, fix incorrect spot

Be aware of phantom QSOs where the hunter attempts to match your rhythm but clearly can't hear you

If a pile up gets too hard – change frequency, change band and/or mode, re-spot and start afresh.

QRT spot \*\*

**When packing up, review your equipment checklist, look and check around the area, leave nothing behind.**

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## Tips for Activators

### After the activation . . . .

Once back home unpack

Repair any faulty equipment

Charge batteries ready for next activation

Check and double check your log, then submit your log to the State or Territory representative for where the activated park is located.

Always submit your activation log, regardless of the number of QSOs made.

**Hunters only get credit from submitted activator logs.**

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## Tips for Hunters

### Hunting WWFF .

Check posted alerts - [parksnpeaks.org](http://parksnpeaks.org), [wwff.co/agenda](http://wwff.co/agenda)

Monitor spotting sites - [parksnpeaks.org](http://parksnpeaks.org), [wwff.co/dx-cluster](http://wwff.co/dx-cluster),  
[www.cqgma.org/wwff/smartwwff](http://www.cqgma.org/wwff/smartwwff)

Have your favourite spotting app running

Read the comments in alerts and spots

Be at or within earshot of your radio listening on 7.144 MHz LSB \*\*

Listen, listen, listen, – only call if you can hear and copy the activator's call sign

Observe and follow the activators style

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## Tips for Hunters

### Hunting WWFF . .

Listen, time when to call, listen and be patient

Always use NATO phonetics and your full call sign when answering a CQ call or QRZ request \*\*

Give appropriate signal reports

Keep exchanges brief – be guided by the activator

If you spot an activator – do it immediately after the QSO, with the correct frequency, mode and WWFF reference.

A delayed spot, after the activator has changed frequency, is worse than no spot at all.

Make your station as flexible as possible, more bands and modes available equals more hunter QSOs

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