

OVMRC POTA Event At CA-1349 Remic Rapids And Bate Island Conservation Park On 18OCT25

The formal club event held at CA-1349 was well attended with 11 ham club members and 2 non-ham guests attending. The weather was perfect sunshine with temperatures of 15 degrees and light winds. Space weather was also excellent with plenty of range and contacts on many bands.



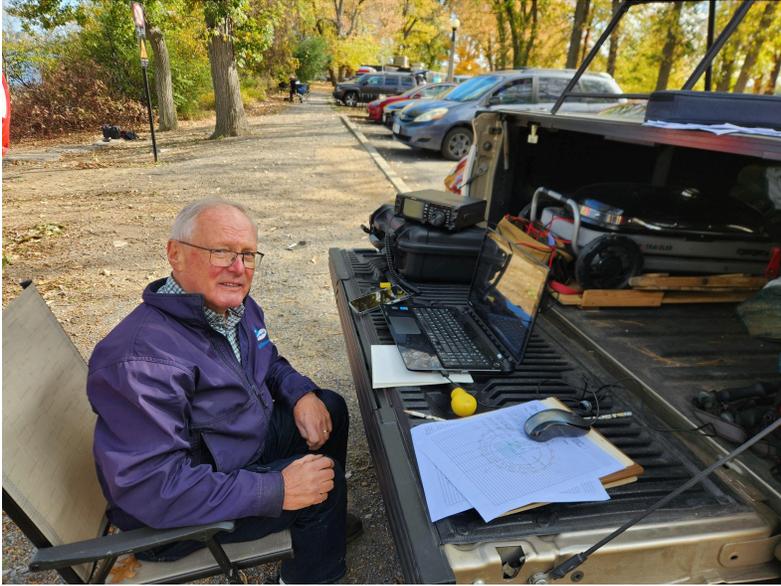
Bate Island is an excellent park for POTA (photo by VA3JYK). The island is surrounded by the skylines of Gatineau and Ottawa on all sides. There is plenty of parking that is well spaced out around the perimeter of the island. Many large trees are spread around the island for shade and for holding up long wire antennas. Food is available from an outdoor restaurant that also has 3 Porta-potties. However I would recommend against setting up near the restaurant as it has a noisy generator that runs non-stop. Also the shore of the island that faces Gatineau is rather loud due to the white noise made by the rapids.



Fred VE3LAF at the radio and his guest Nelson, who is aspiring to become a ham (photo by VE3KTN). The single row of parking spread around the island gives many places perfectly suited for operating with a vehicle mounted antenna.



John VA3JYK and Steve VE3MVK and a vertical antenna with a large mesh ground plane (photo by VE3KTN). The interior of the island is over 100 meters across with wide open spaces that will support whatever large antenna you can dream up.



Russ VE3FSN operating from the tailgate of his pickup truck (photo by VE3KTN).



I operated out of the back seat of my car in a well shaded parking spot facing Ottawa (photo by VE3KTN). The ham stick antenna worked well on 40 meters where I got all of my contacts. This quiet location was far away from the restaurant's generator and the river here has no rapids so it flows silently. The side of the island facing upriver would also be quiet too.

As of this writing 3 logs were uploaded on the POTA web site. Russ VE3FSN had 24 contacts on data and 2 on phone, Steve VE3MVK had 19 contacts on data and I had 26 contacts on voice.

Until the next OVMRC POTA event...
Donald VA3ZZI