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W5LVC POTA activations 1/20/2024


K-3011 – Fort Richardson State Park - TX

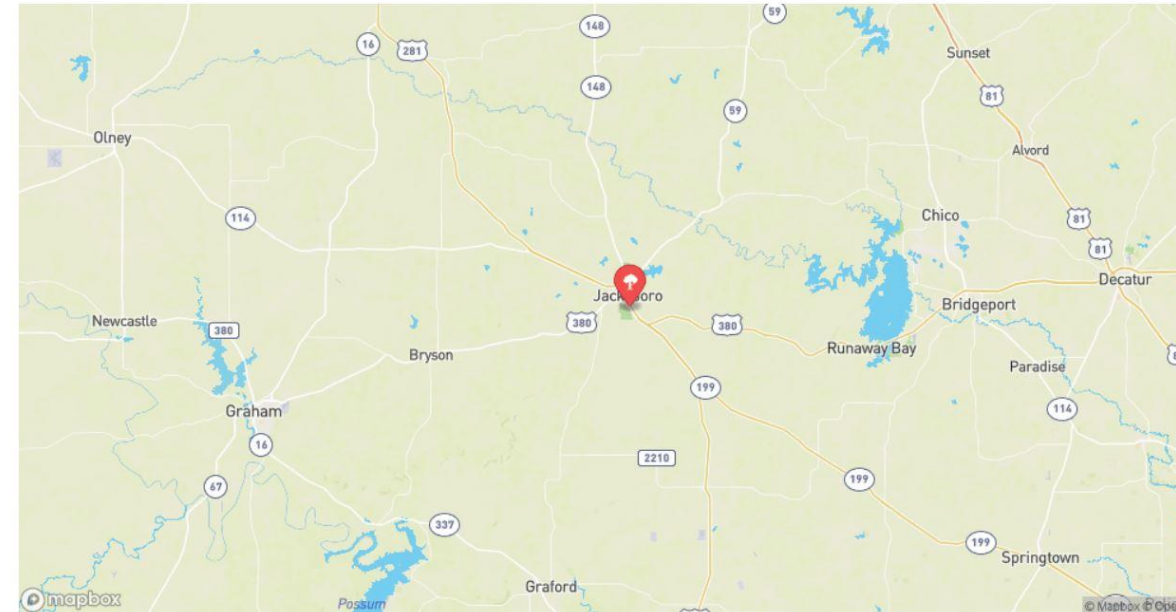
K-3049 – Possum Kingdom State Park - TX

LARA W5LVC – POTA Activation K-3011 – Fort Richardson SP - TX




AE5EZ, N5GG
01/20/24

Fort Richardson State Park

Reference:	K-3011
DXCC Entity:	United States Of America
Location(s):	US-TX
Latitude / Longitude:	33.2055, -98.1571 (EM03we)
Early Shift Award Times:	9:00 UTC to 15:00 UTC
Late Shift Award Times:	1:00 UTC to 9:00 UTC
Website:	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-richardson
Access Methods:	<input checked="" type="button" value="Automobile"/>
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Is Active?	ACTIVE
First Activation:	 KE5ES on 2016-06-25
Stats:	115 activations / 131 attempts (6249 QSOs)



Activations

Date	Callsign	CW	Data	Phone	Total QSOs
2024-01-20	 AE5EZ	11	0	0	11
2024-01-20	 N5GG	26	0	0	26
2024-01-20	 W5LVC	11	0	0	11
2023-11-25	 N1IPB	0	0	11	11



Fort Richardson

State Park and Historic Site



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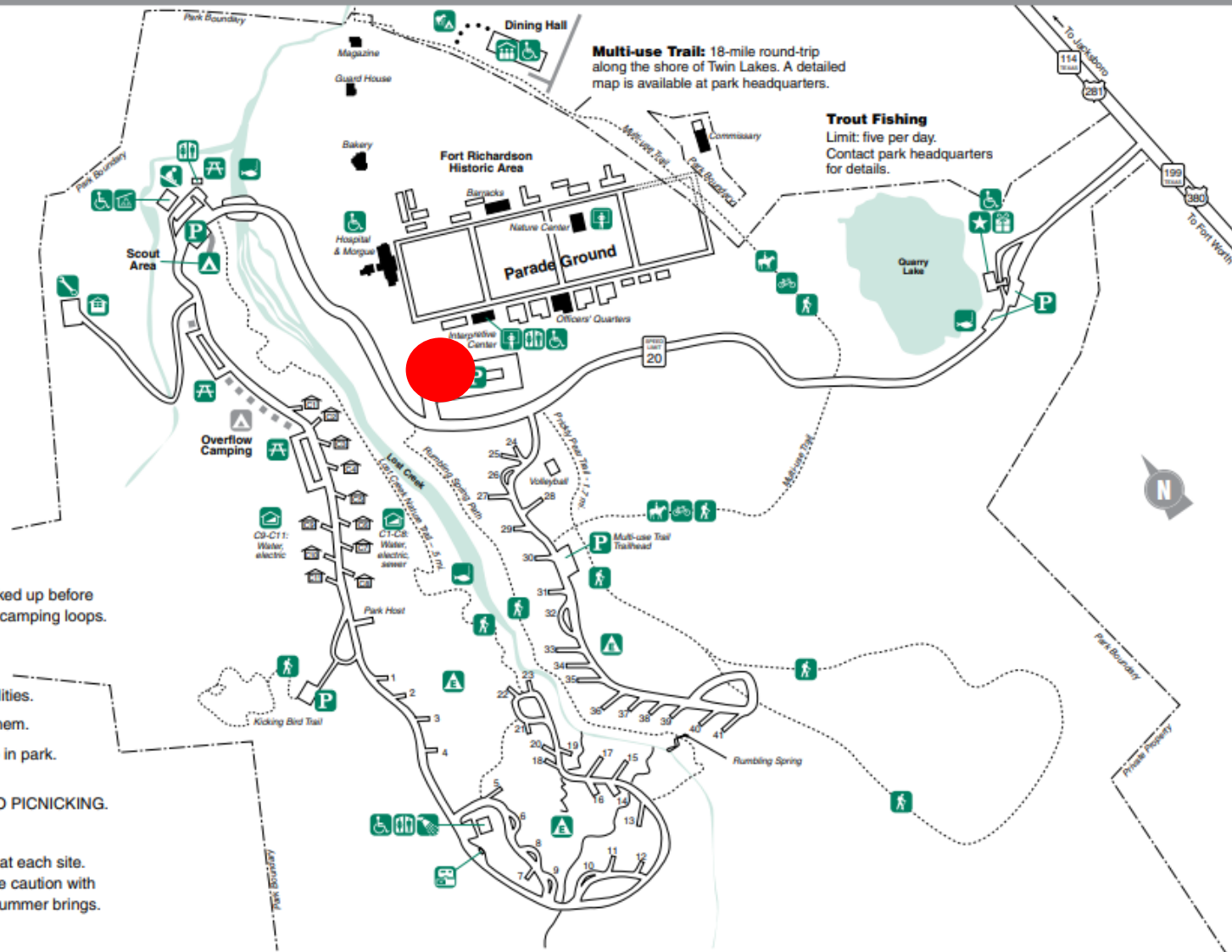
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Texas State Parks Store

Ice, firewood, T-shirts, caps and one-of-a-kind gift items are available at the Texas State Parks Store located in our park headquarters building.

PLEASE NOTE

- Check out time for campsites is noon. or renew permit by 9 a.m. (pending availability).
- Check out time for limited use cabins is 11 a.m. or renew permit by 9 a.m. (pending availability).
- Public consumption or display of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- A maximum of eight people permitted per campsite. Guests must leave the park by 10 p.m. Quiet time is from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- An excess parking fee is required at campsites with more than three vehicles.
- Campsite must be kept clean; all trash must be picked up before leaving. Dumpsters are conveniently located on all camping loops.
- **GRAY WATER AND BLACK WATER MUST BE DISCHARGED ONLY AT DUMP STATIONS.**
- Only one unit per site is permitted to hook up to utilities.
- Pets must be kept on leash. Please pick up after them.
- Valid permit required on windshield of each vehicle in park. All vehicles must remain on pavement.
- Numbered sites are for overnight camping only. **NO PICNICKING.**
- Gathering of firewood is prohibited.
- Campfires are permitted only in fire rings provided at each site. No ground fires are permitted. Please, use extreme caution with any burning materials during the high-fire danger summer brings.



LEGEND

- Headquarters
- State Parks Store
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Parking
- Interpretive Center
- Dining Hall
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Tent Sites
- Water and Electric Sites
- Equestrian Sites
- Dump Station
- Limited Cabins
- Bank Fishing
- Hiking Trail
- Biking Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- Picnic Area
- Group Picnic
- Playground
- Maintenance
- Residence

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[K-3011 Fort Richardson State Park](#)


P2P W5LVC (AE5EZ) to N5GG

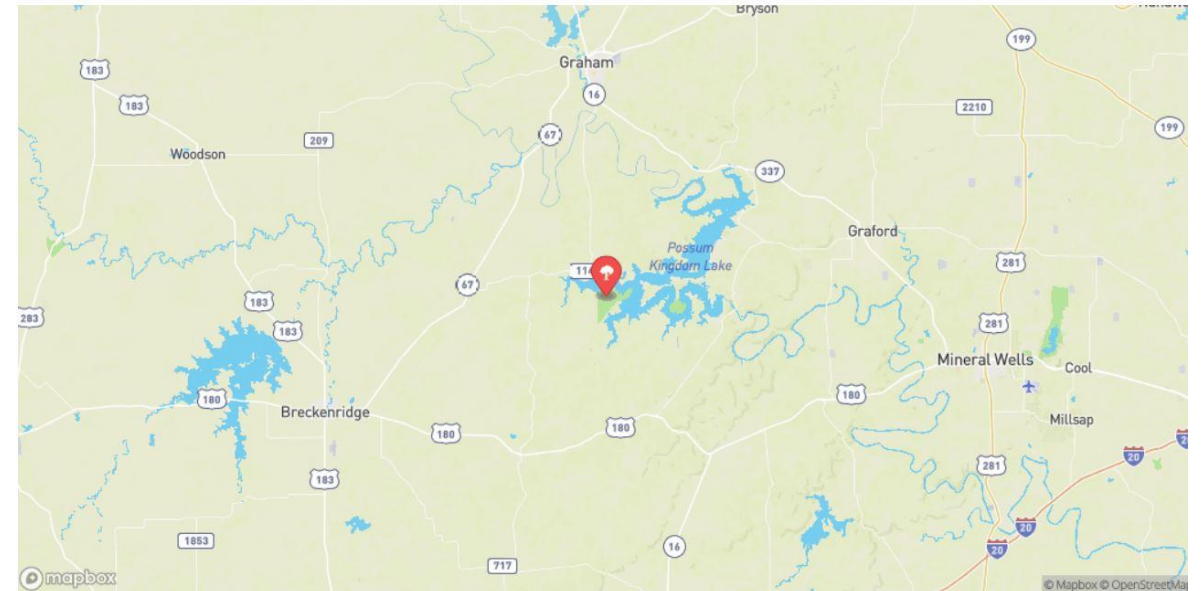
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N5GG





01/20/24

Possum Kingdom State Park

Reference:	K-3049
DXCC Entity:	United States Of America
Location(s):	US-TX
Latitude / Longitude:	32.8696, -98.5666 (EM02ru)
Early Shift Award Times:	9:00 UTC to 15:00 UTC
Late Shift Award Times:	1:00 UTC to 9:00 UTC
Website:	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/possum-kingdom
Access Methods:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Automobile
Activation Methods:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Automobile <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/> Pedestrian
Is Active?	ACTIVE
First Activation:	 N4CD on 2017-02-27
Stats:	153 activations / 160 attempts (12651 QSOs)



Activations

Date	Callsign	CW	Data	Phone	Total QSOs
2024-01-20	 W5LVC	40	0	0	40
2024-01-20	 N5GG	40	0	0	40
2023-12-03	 KG5ZZA	0	0	56	56
2023-11-25	 W9DAE	0	0	156	156



Possum Kingdom

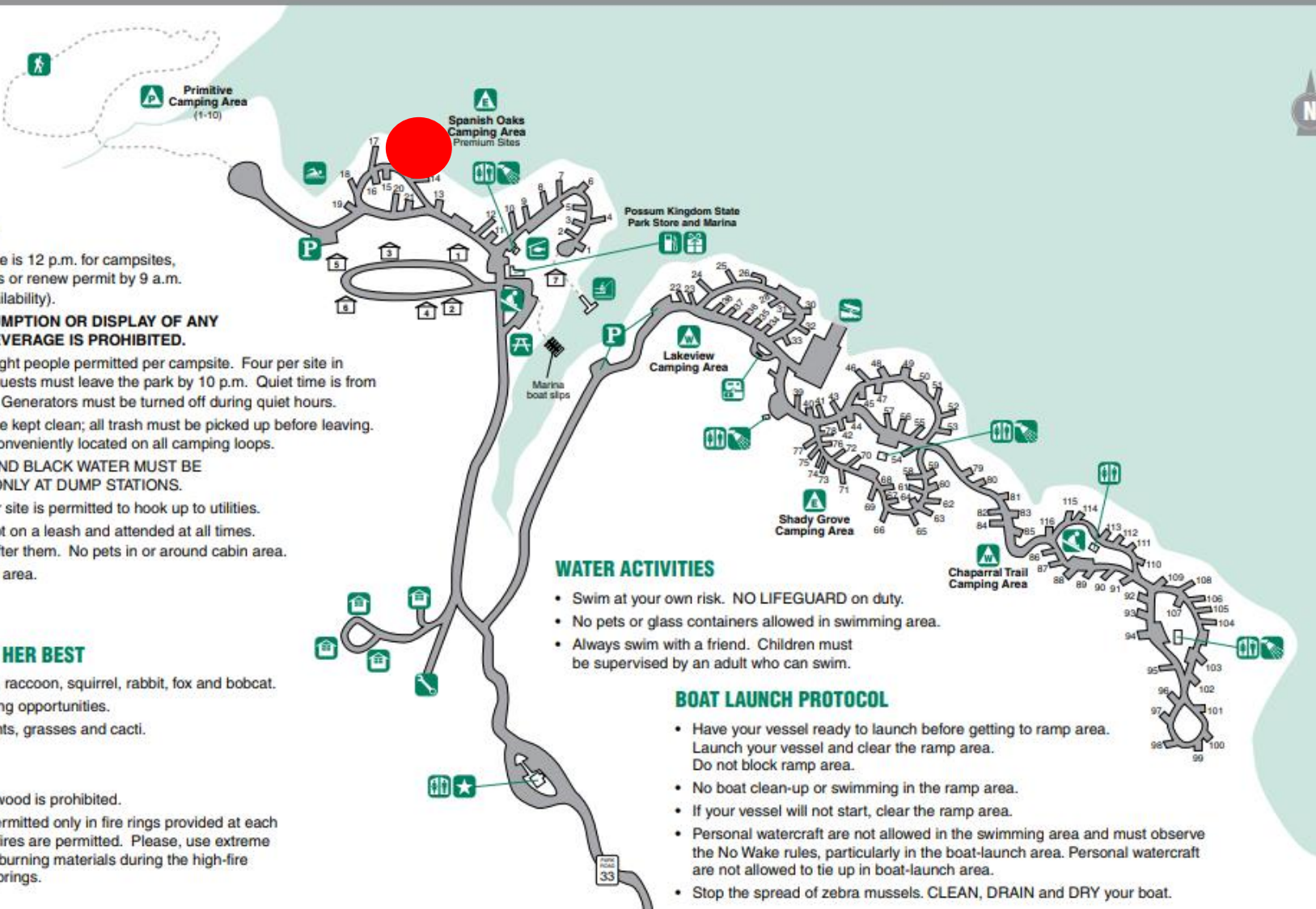
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PLEASE NOTE

- CHECK OUT time is 12 p.m. for campsites, 11 a.m. for cabins or renew permit by 9 a.m. (pending site availability).
- **PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OR DISPLAY OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IS PROHIBITED.**
- A maximum of eight people permitted per campsite. Four per site in primitive area. Guests must leave the park by 10 p.m. Quiet time is from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. Generators must be turned off during quiet hours.
- Campsite must be kept clean; all trash must be picked up before leaving. Dumpsters are conveniently located on all camping loops.
- **GRAY WATER AND BLACK WATER MUST BE DISCHARGED ONLY AT DUMP STATIONS.**
- Only one unit per site is permitted to hook up to utilities.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and attended at all times. Please pick up after them. No pets in or around cabin area.
- No tents in cabin area.

SEE NATURE AT HER BEST

- Deer, wild turkey, raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, fox and bobcat.
- Exceptional birding opportunities.
- Native trees, plants, grasses and cacti.

FIRES

- Gathering of firewood is prohibited.
- Campfires are permitted only in fire rings provided at each site. No ground fires are permitted. Please, use extreme caution with any burning materials during the high-fire danger summer brings.

WATER ACTIVITIES

- Swim at your own risk. NO LIFEGUARD on duty.
- No pets or glass containers allowed in swimming area.
- Always swim with a friend. Children must be supervised by an adult who can swim.

BOAT LAUNCH PROTOCOL

- Have your vessel ready to launch before getting to ramp area. Launch your vessel and clear the ramp area. Do not block ramp area.
- No boat clean-up or swimming in the ramp area.
- If your vessel will not start, clear the ramp area.
- Personal watercraft are not allowed in the swimming area and must observe the No Wake rules, particularly in the boat-launch area. Personal watercraft are not allowed to tie up in boat-launch area.
- Stop the spread of zebra mussels. CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY your boat.

LEGEND

- ★ Headquarters
- 🚻 Restrooms
- 🚿 Showers
- ⛺ Primitive Campsites
- ⛺ Water Only Tent Sites
- ⛺ Water and Electric Sites
- 🗑️ Dump Station
- 🏠 Cabins
- 🚶 Hiking Trail
- 🍷 Picnic Area
- 🏊 Designated Swimming Area
- P Parking
- 🚤 Boat Ramp
- 🎣 Fishing Pier
- 🐟 Fish Cleaning
- 🎡 Playground
- 🛒 Park Store
- ⛽ Gas Pump
- 🏠 Residence
- 🔧 Maintenance

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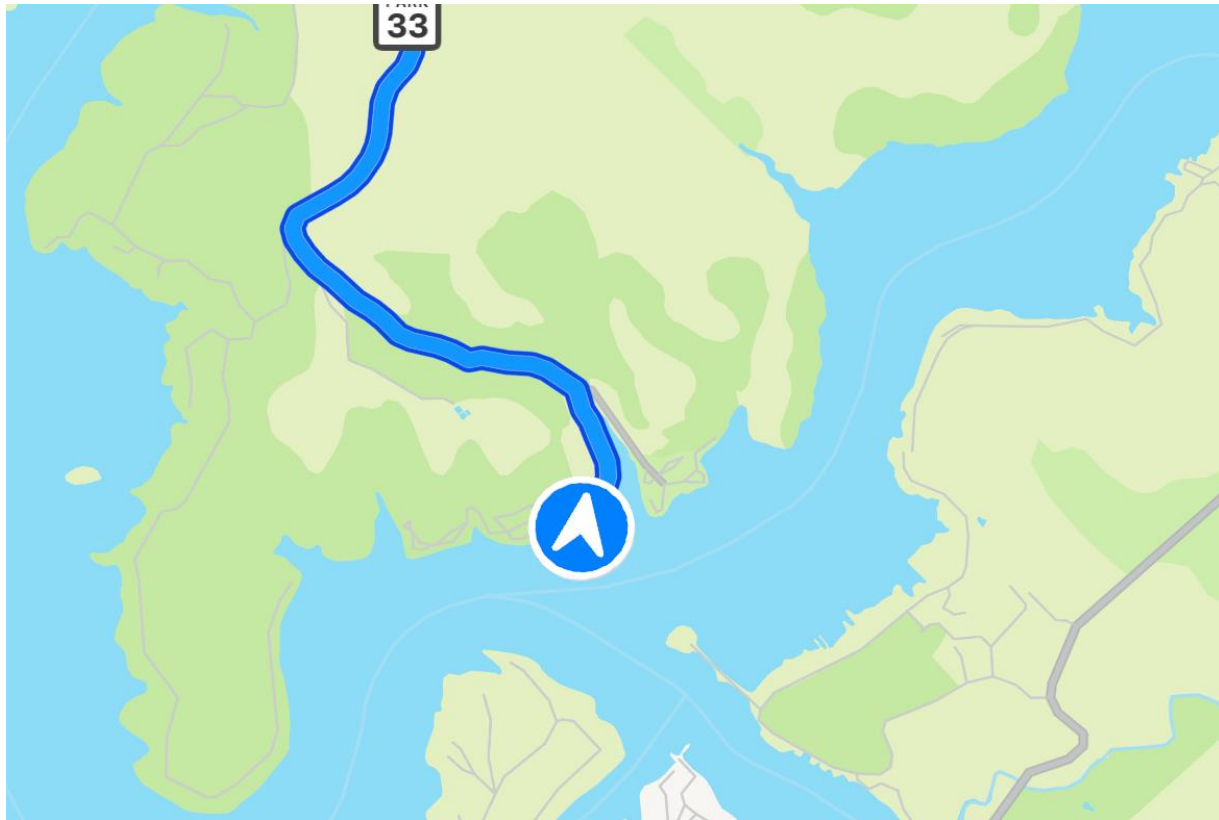
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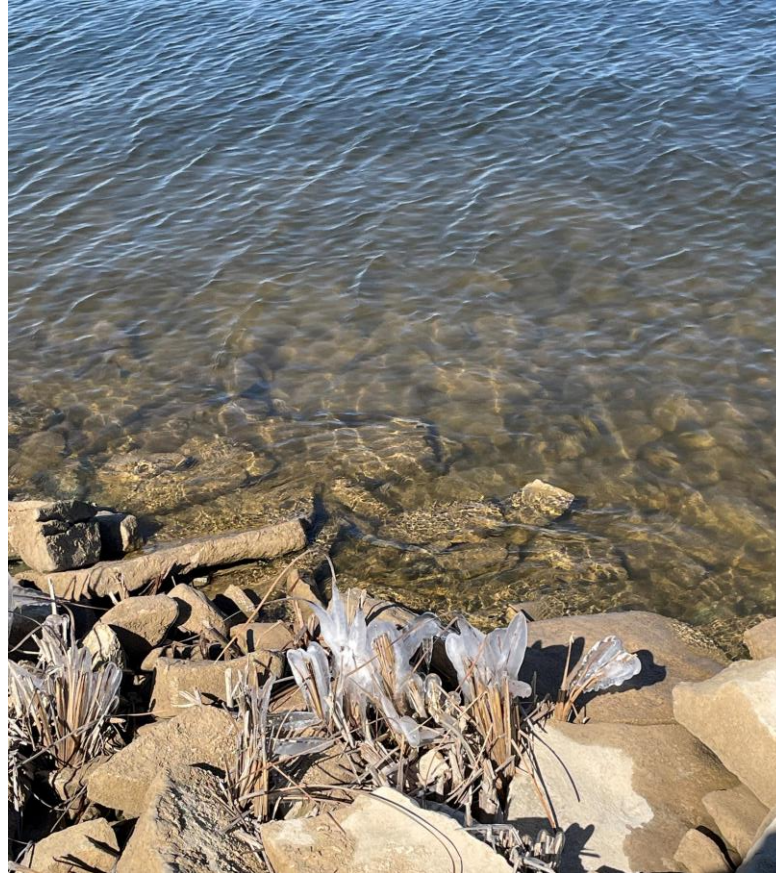
Getting there



Setting up



It's COLD!!!



Operating



Stiff
Fingers...

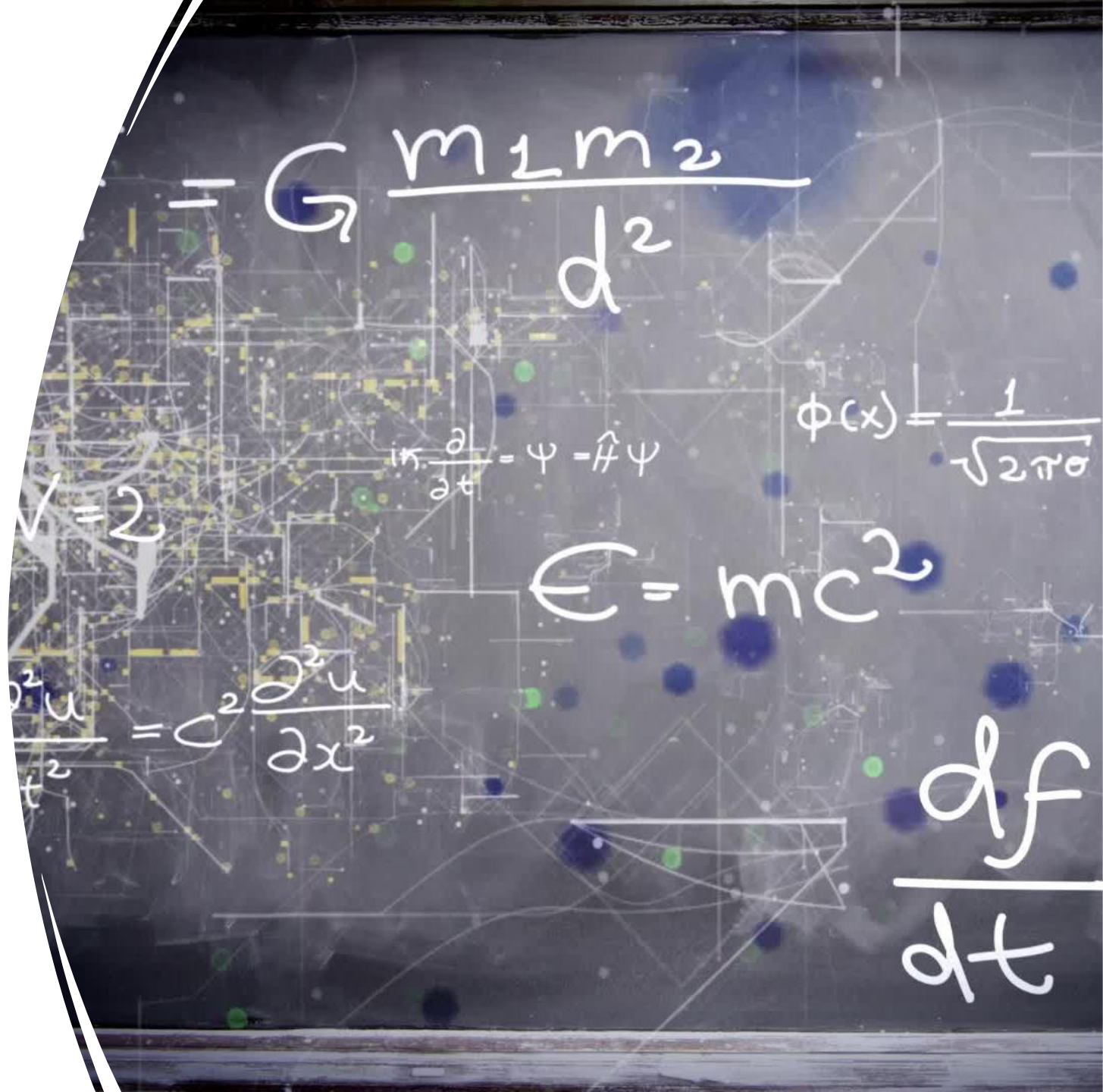




Warming up
again...

Activation Statistics

- QSOs:
- K-3011 = 37 QSOs / 2 bands / CW
- K-3049 = 40 QSOs / 4 bands / CW



W5LVC POTA band / mode matrix to date

Activated Bands

	160m	80m	60m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m	4m	2m	1.25m	70cm	Other	All Bands
CW	0	0	0	2	2	369	31	60	6	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	491
DATA	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	55	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
PHONE	0	0	0	1	0	26	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Total	0	0	0	3	2	405	31	139	6	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	617

Date	Callsign	Park
2024-01-20	W5LVC	K-3011 Fort Richardson State Park
2024-01-20	W5LVC	K-3049 Possum Kingdom State Park
2023-12-16	W5LVC	K-4423 Spring Creek Forest State Preserve
2023-11-19	W5LVC	K-4371 Lyndon B. Johnson National Grassland
2023-11-18	W5LVC	K-6358 Love Valley Wildlife Management Area
2023-11-18	W5LVC	K-6381 Hickory Creek Wildlife Management Area
2023-10-14	W5LVC	K-4371 Lyndon B. Johnson National Grassland
2023-09-23	W5LVC	K-0548 Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
2023-08-27	W5LVC	K-2996 Cedar Hill State Park
2023-07-29	W5LVC	K-3051 Ray Roberts Lake State Park
2023-05-27	W5LVC	K-2991 Bonham State Park
2023-04-15	W5LVC	K-3032 Lake Whitney State Park

POTA is not perfect... and not always fun... What we learned the hard way...

- Activating 2 geographically separated parks at the same time under the same call sign (2 distinct operators) messes up the online spotting feature
- Activating 1 park as W5LVC/N5GG (station/op) and another as N5GG/N5GG (station/op) on same day messes up the reporting and credit system. Spent quite some time e-mailing with the POTA team over the weekend to fix it
- HAMRS is great for avoiding paper logs, but... BE CAREFUL with the settings, specially when operating as club/op... Log might need massage after the fact
- Activating a park with weather-exposed operation in sub-freezing temperatures is very hard on the body!!! Warm tea and warm clothing is a must!

Getting Ready
for the NEXT
activations...

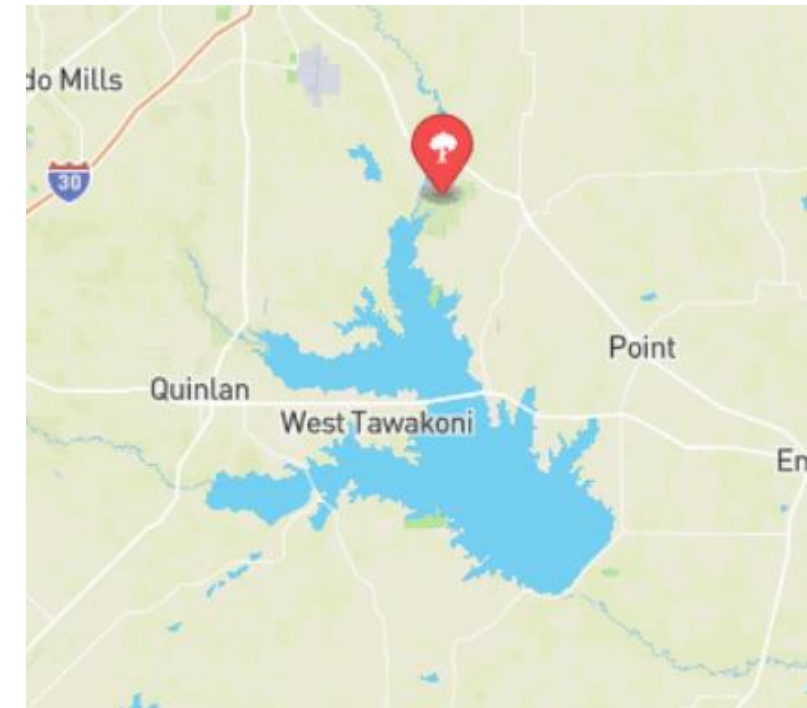
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State Park

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Eisenhower State Park
2/24/24



Tawakoni WMA
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Thank You!



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