

# Simple Portable Stations for POTA and SOTA

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It's possible to assemble a compact station for portable operation and for activating Parks ([POTA](#)) and Summits ([SOTA](#)). A simple portable station can be set up almost anywhere and will provide many enjoyable operating opportunities.



A basic portable station typically consists of:

- A compact battery-powered radio
- A microphone and/or a CW key
- A simple wire antenna (for example, end-fed antennas make good choices)
- A length of coax to connect your radio and antenna
- Some lightweight cord and stakes to anchor your antenna and a collapsible mast
- A means to log contacts such as a pen & a paper logbook or a smartphone app
- A small pack or case to transport your station

You can find information about local parks [here](#) and summits [here](#).