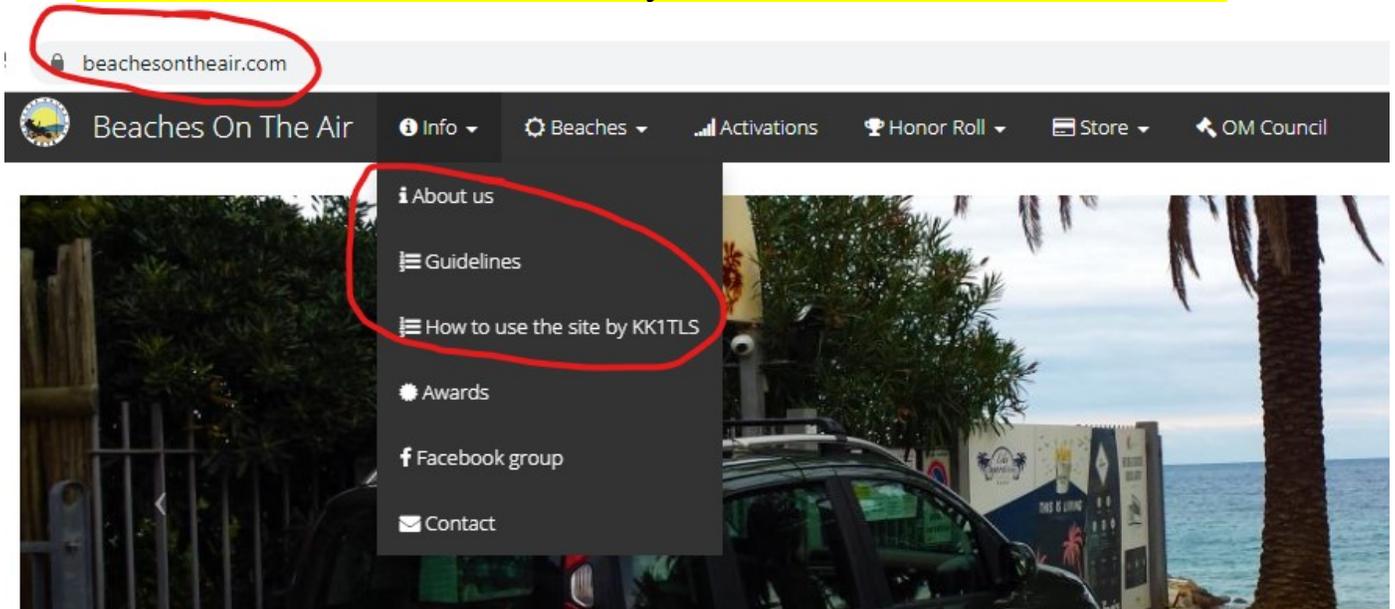


This will be a short (don't count on it) review of the process of activating a BOTA Beach. When TEAM KK1TLS got started in BOTA, I was a fairly new ham and new to POTA and WWFF activating Parks, Wildlife Refuges, State Trails and such. Several of the State Parks we activated were also Beaches and Islands. When we found BOTA, we thought we might as well take advantage of the multiple programs. We now find ourselves activating State Parks, Beaches, US Islands, IOTA Islands, and Lighthouses all at the same time. We have now activated 138+ areas and it is getting more fun each time. Our favorite is sitting in the sand on a beach, on an Island, in front of a lighthouse.

Probably the most important beginning step is PLANNING! You need to research the beach you want to activate, see if it is listed on the BOTA website, plan a sponsorship of the beach if it is not, list the activation on the website and FaceBook page, and make sure you have the correct equipment. I'll add some links to help with some of those thing later. The first thing to do is to make sure you join the BeachesOnTheAir.com website. That is where you will find and list all the information to start and finish an activation.

- ◆ Sign in to the BOTA website and read the ABOUT US, GUIDELINES, and HOW TO USE THE SITE... Many of the instructions are there!!!!!!



- ◆
- ◆ Go to the BEACH FINDER from the top menu under BEACHES

beachesontheair.com/beaches/finder?status=1&title=Pine&field_municipality_value=&title_1=&title_2=

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BEACHES / BEACH FINDER

Beach finder

Displaying 1 - 50 of 100 beaches

Published status: Yes

Beach name contains: Pine

Municipality contains:

Region contains:

DXCC entity contains:

Apply

Beach name	Region	Country
1000 Mt. N-O Pineta Platani	Sicilia	
400 Mt. Dx Fosso Spinetto	Lazio	
Bar La Pineta	Toscana	
Beach 9 (Pine Tree Beach)	Pennsylvania	
Big Pines Day Use Area	Michigan	
Cala dels Pinets	Castellón	
Camping La Pineta	Molise	
Currituck S Beach Access at Pine Island	North Carolina	
East Avon Rd In Pine Beach Boro	New Jersey	

User menu

- My account
- Add activation
- My chaser activity
- My shopping cart
- Administer chaser submissions
- Logout

Who's online?

Latest 1 of 1 users active in 24h

- ◆ Input the beach name to see if it is listed
 1. If the beach name and location comes up correctly, you'll use that information to start your activation listing
 2. If the beach name does not come up, either if is named or spelled differently or it is not part of the system yet... Try a different name or spelling or one of the other fill-in boxes (If the beach is not part of the system, instructions will follow later)

- ◆ Go to ACTIVATION on the right side of the web page

beachesontheair.com/user

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KK1TLS

View Activations Chasers Chasing activity Courses Edit HybridAuth Visitors

Membership points

Name:
Terry L. Sidelinker

Country:
United States

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- ◆ Click on ADD ACTIVATION
- ◆ Fill in the needed information (Instructions are in the INFO area of the menu bar)

beachesontheair.com/node/add/activation

Create Activation

Beach *
Unlisted (38794)

Date *
 All Day?
Day * Month * Year *
15 Jun 2020

Number of QSOs
NO

QRP?
Callsign used

Remarks (Edit summary)

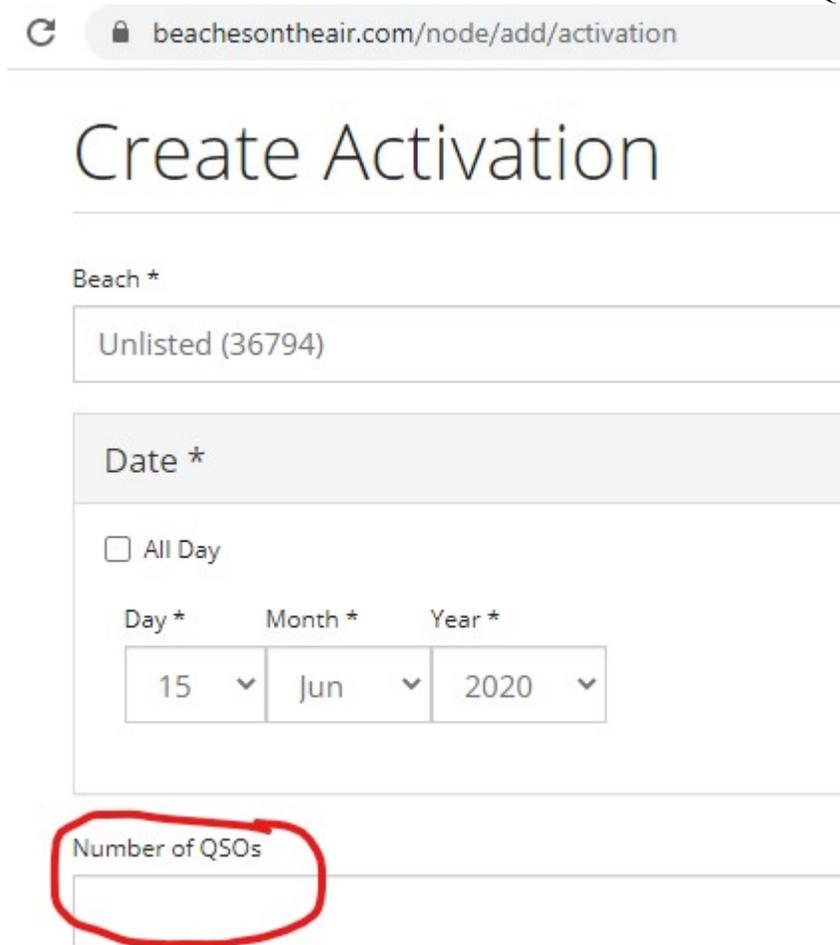
◆ Make sure you add your activation plans to the BOTA FaceBook page

◆ HAVE FUN ACTIVATING!!!!



AFTER THE ACTIVATION

◆ Follow the directions from the INFO tab in the menu bar to add the number of QSO's for the activation



beachesontheair.com/node/add/activation

Create Activation

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Date *

All Day

Day * Month * Year *

15 Jun 2020

Number of QSOs

◆ Activate from the beach (we love sand in our toes), from your car, or from a picnic table

1. There should not be a road between you and the beach

◆ Call CQ CQ CQ... This is KK1TLS for Beaches On The Air activating Honeymoon Island Beach...

Beach number 3251.... CQ BEACHES CQ BEACHES ON THE AIR

1. Promote... Promote... Promote

◆ Log the usual information... Date... Time... Location... Contact Call sign... Band... Frequency... Signal Report both ways

1. Optional: Name... Contact Location

◆ This is based on the HONOR SYSTEM... You will only need the number of confirmed contacts to add to the website under number of contacts

◆ Have Fun!!!

- ◆ A little info about TEAM KK1TLS Portable Operation for BOTA and the other programs
- ◆
- ◆ Yaesu FT-891 100 Watts
- ◆ LDG IT100 Auto Tuner
- ◆ SOTABeam Bandhopper Linked Dipole 20M-30M-40M and 20M-40M in Inverted V configuration
- ◆ Heil ProElite 6 Headphone with boom mic
- ◆ Bienneo 20AH LifePo Batter connected to 50 Watt Solar Panel and Charge Controller
- ◆ Lots of other stuff
- ◆ Below are just a few of the several thousand pictures we have of activations. Be sure to take pictures to share. I have 30 or so videos also that I will put on my new web site hopefully in July 2020. The pictures below are just a couple examples of how we activate... sand, picnic table, car, portable tables, etc.

