

# MY POTA Activation

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Chino Hills State Park

K-1139 activated on May 25th, 2023

### ACTIVATION #

11

### CONTACTS

15

### P2Ps

2

### PREVIOUS ACTIVATIONS

1

### MODE

SSB

### RADIO

Yaesu FT-891

### ANTENNA

Chameleon MPAS 2.0  
in the vertical configuration staked to the ground.

### POWER

100W using a 30Ah  
Bioenno battery.



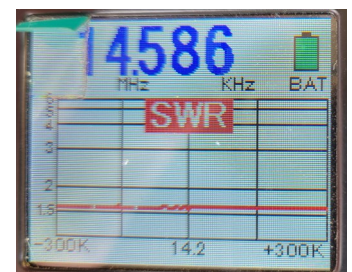
In that shifting moment between sleep and being awake, my mind was working hard to determine first, that I wanted to do a POTA activation, and two, what park I wanted to visit. I mustered the mental energy to decide to do so by creating a plan, and then to execute the plan. If you are reading this, it means I worked the plan.

For ninety percent of the time, I was the only person at the horse park area of the park. I sat on a small flat, maybe two acres in size, surrounded by hilltops all around. My solitude was blanketed by a grey, gloomy, and overcast sky. The sky looked like so many dirty pillows packed tightly together, stretching to the horizon.

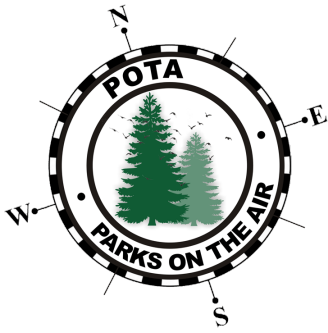
It was cool, but not cold; a nice temperature to do a POTA activation.

After my setup was completed, I was on the air by 11:20 local time. I first started on the 15m band with no luck. I then dropped to the 20m band and stayed there for the remainder of the time. However, for over 30 minutes no one answered my CQs. My mood became as grey as the sky. I decided if I did not get a contact within one hour, I was going to pack it up. Fifteen minutes before my self-imposed deadline, I got a call!

These are a few things I heard: my audio was great, my signal strong, there is a lot of QRN on the band, and of course the ever-present QSB. When the band be-



No tuner needed with that SWR trace!



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#### About K-1139

Chino Hills State Park is nestled in the foothills surrounded by the communities of Corona, Chino Hills, Yorba Linda, and Brea. The State Routes 57, 71, 91, and 142 border or are the near the park for easy traveling and accessibility from almost anywhere in Southern California. The 2 most common rattlesnakes you will see here are the Southern Pacific Rattlesnake and the Red Diamond Rattlesnake. The SoPac is the one you will most likely run into in the park. If you do see a rattlesnake while hiking, stop and wait until it leaves the area.

haved, I generally got 57s or 59s for a signal report. Still, it took a little over an hour to get fifteen contacts.



As I was eating lunch, I noticed movement off to my left. A coyote emerged from the brush near a picnic table, and he was stalking some prey. It was hard to tell him apart from the background as his coat matched the brush from which

he emerged. He was ready to pounce when I took another spoonful of my beef stroganoff. By the time I looked up again, he was 25 yards further to my left evidently without a meal. He calmly walked back into the brush.

I was prepared for the activation: cell phone, tablet, battery, paper, and pencil. Two things went wrong: first, I had no cell coverage unlike the last



time I was there. The second thing that went south was my tablet. As I was trying to enter the first contact, the computer gave me the fickle finger of fate and refused to cooperate. A paper log it is.

After my 15th QSO, I waited another 10 minutes to get number sixteen to no avail. I went QRT shortly afterwards satisfied at another successful activation.

Ciao for niao...  
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