

For most DX'ers, hearing all 50 states is quite a task. The task becomes even more difficult when one attempts to hear all 50 at Sunset only. This article deals with the seemingly hopeless feat of logging all of the states at Sunset. However, I have always found it more challenging to log daytimers at Sunset. Thus, this article deals mainly with logging daytime only stations. Tips and suggestions are based on the experiences of the author and other local DX'ers from loggings made in various parts of Southern Ontario. With the exception of a frequency where you might have a local, these tips should be valid for a good part of the North-Eastern United States also. Let's proceed!

- AL:** Alabama is an easy state to hear on Sunset Skip (SSS), thanks to WAAY-1550. However, logging a daytimer is a little more difficult. WEY-1580 [who use the famous "When WEY goes off, Even the Sun goes down" slogan] is by far the easiest daytimer. Also try for WHIY-1190, WKAX-1500 and WRSW-1540. Shouldn't be too difficult.
- AK:** No possible chance for Alaska. From here on, if you don't see a state listed, you might as well move to that state to log it.
- AZ:** Fulltimer KNIX-1580 has supposedly been heard at SSS in Toronto. Perhaps a super opening to the West could get you KASA-1540 or KUAT-1550. Don't bet your only verie from Delaware on it!!
- AR:** My favourite state at SSS. When conditions seem good for MS, AL and KY, you have several opportunities. KPFD & KPCA-1580, KDDA & KXXA-1560, KIEL-1500 and KMCW-1190 are all good bets. KIEL will be the most common AR daytimer, but beware co-channel QRM from WTOP/WLQV/WKAX/WBPN etc. Also note that many AR stations have newscasts from the AR Radio Network before s/off.
- CO:** Very difficult, but not impossible. KPIK-1580 has been logged in February in Ontario. The right cx, probably a once a season opening to the West, might also be a good time to try QXI-1550.
- CT:** WPIF-1500 is heard consistently early at SSS. Easy.
- DE:** WJWL-900 is possible, after CHML is eliminated. If you live anywhere near Hamilton, don't bother!
- FL:** Seems to pop in when cx might seem too auroral to be useful. WYOU on 1550 is the easiest daytimer, and sticks out with its all-Spanish format. Alternatives include WENO-1580, WTAI and WYSE on 1560 and WCRJ-1530.
- GA:** Very similar to Alabama. Smyrna's WYNX (1550) is a big pest. Too bad they aren't a daytimer. With a bit of work, you should be able to log WIAF-1500, WZAL-1540, WIZY-1560, WSSA-1570 and WLPA-1590
- IN:** When SSS cx don't favour Talladega, Pascagoula or Baton Rouge, look for religious WBRI-1500 or WAMJ-1580. More difficult are the 4 on 1540 (WBNI, WADM, WLOI or WMCB) and WRIN-1560.
- IL:** Similar cx to Indiana help. However, there are more possibilities. Nulling the Clear Channel occupants on 1020, 1180 and 1210 will result in WPEO & WCIL (1020), WLDS (1180) and WILY (1210). If you like the 1500's, try for WGEN-1500, WSHY-1560 or WFRL-1570.
- IA:** On a day when DX is coming in from IL and IN, best bet is WOI-640. Also worth consideration: KXRX and KCHA-1580 and KLNG-1560. I'm sorry, but KXEL does not count!!
- KS:** Still waiting for this one. If conditions are right to the area, KSV-1190, KQNK-1530, KEDD-1550 and KABI-1560 appear possible. You should be pleased with just one of these!
- KY:** Easy and there's variety! Clear Channel daytimers WGRK-1540, WBBE (ex-WAXU) and WMTL-1580 are fairly easy. Regional frequency possibilities include WGOH-1370 and WHLN-1410.
- LA:** Moderately difficult state to hear. Auroral cx should give you a shot at KAGY-1510 and WLUX-1550. You can try other clear channel frequencies also.
- ME:** My guess is WRXV-1530. If you've verified Kansas, don't bet the verie on this one!!
- MD:** In order of ease: WPGC-1580, WMDO-1540, WTOW-1570 and WSER-1550. Hints: 'PGC is CHR, WMDO is Spanish, and WTOW is religious.
- MA:** WNTN-1550 used to be a big pest. If you can null WKBW, try for WPOE-1520.
- MI:** Depending on your location in Ontario, WLVM-940 and WKYO-1360 can be heard all day. At SSS, WDEY-1530 is really easy. Others to look for include WDEE-1500, WMLM-1540, WWMN-1570 and WQTK-1580.

- MN:** A toughie; I suggest KDOM-1580 or KBEW-1560.
- MS:** A state that shines during Auroral cx! In order of their likely appearance: WPMP, WAMY and WBSY on 1580, WSAO-1550, WSWG-1540, WXGR-1190, WBPN-1500 and WRFM-1530. WCPC-940 is the easiest way to hear MS, but they no longer are a daytimer. Remember that Stan Krebs AMC/Cadillac/Jeep/etc. loves to advertise on WPMP!
- MO:** When you have good conditions to AR & KY, its time to look for MO. KQXX and KTUI, residents of 1560 kHz, are the best bets, with KSWM-940, KDFN-1500, KBXM-1540 and KESM-1580 also possible.
- NE:** KVSH-940 comes to mind as the only one that has been heard. I can suggest that good cx to the West could also bring in KICS-1550 and KAMI-1580. At any rate, good luck.
- NH:** Best bet is WASR-1420. Co-channel CKPT, WACK and WHK ought to make this one difficult. If you can see CJCL's towers, forget it!!
- NJ:** Average cx will provide you with any of the following. WBRW-1170, WKER-1500 and the 1580 duet of WCRV and WTYO. WCRV visits at SRS quite often also.
- NY:** Even I can get this state! From the Buffalo area, WUFO-1080, WWOL-1120, WHLD-1270 and WJL-1440. A little persistence should net you WSIV-1540 and WCGR-1550 also.
- NC:** Will make it to Ontario, in just about any type of cx. Easiest of the multitudes of daytimers are WJIK-1580 and WHVL-1600. Also worth consideration are WRBX-1530, WQCC-1540 and WUIV-1580. This state should not present anyone with difficulties.
- ND:** KPNW's move from 1170 to 1200 makes this state relatively easy to log, if you are looking for a daytimer. Good cx to the North-West could very well bring in KHND-1540 also. Don't count on it..
- OH:** Very easy. WABQ & WNIO-1540, WBKC & WTOD-1560 and WVKO-1580 should be considered pests, not DX. Daytimers from OH on 1500 and 1520 will take a little more work.
- OK:** A good opening that gets as far as Oklahoma doesn't occur too many times a season. If you think that AR is coming in very well, go for KXVQ-1500 and KLTR-1580. KXVQ likes reception reports!!
- PA:** Pests include WAJE and WANB on 1580. For variety, try the 3 on 940, the 4 on 1310, WBCW-1530 and WPXZ-1540.
- RI:** Dodging co-channel WSAY, WFEA and co. might give you a good chance for WMYD-1370. WRIB-1220 is another possibility if you can escape CHSC.
- SC:** WAGL's 50000 powerful watts wins hands down! They are audible 90% of the time on 1560. With a little more work, you can add WEAC-1500, WPKZ-1540 and WBBR-1580 also.
- SD:** This is merely speculation, but KBHB-810 and KMSD-1510 appear to be the best bets, if conditions are right.
- TN:** Daytimers are almost always audible from TN. WMTS-810, WECO-940, WJTT-1540, WOR1-1550 and WSKT-1580 are the most common ones.
- TX:** Difficult, but not impossible. Great cx give KADO-940 and KTXZ-1560 the edge over other possibilities, such as KTXO-1500 and the 3 on 1580.
- VT:** From time to time, WHWB-1000 and WCFR-1480 are reported. If you live near Toronto, CFRB (1010) and CKAN (1480) should compound the difficulty.
- VA:** WKBA-1550 is by far the easiest daytimer to hear. Other choices include WKCY-1500, WHBG & WBOB-1360, and WILA-1580. No problem.
- WV:** The two prime choices are WEIF-1370 and WXVA-1550. A little time spent at the dial should net you one or both of them.
- WI:** WAUK-1510 is a rare catch. WLKE-1170 and WCCN-1370 are rarer. CX to the North-West of any worthwhile value are rare! Good luck.

There you have it. Realistically, no more than 40 states should be possible, if you are attempting to log daytimers. Among the 40, AZ, CO, DE, KS, ME, MN, SD, and TX will be the most difficult. The above tips should be a good start for you if you are looking for daytimers. There is a slight bias towards the frequencies above 1500.. Being from Toronto, that is where most of the daytimers are logged. If you don't have any problems with locals on 740, 860, 900 or 1010, you should be trying for SSS on the additional frequencies of 730, 850, 900, 990 and 1000!!

Any comments on the above tips, or suggestions on the difficult states are welcomed. Good luck, and happy SSS DX'ing.