

## DP7COTA 06.april 2012 DL-03142 FBN-314 The Castle of Hohenberg



The Castle of Hohenberg is located high above the area called "Egertal". Hohenberg is located closed to the border of czech republic. Together with the Plassenburg in Kulmbach Hohenberg was the most important castle in the area Brandenburg-Klumbach-Bayreuth and was an important strategic part on the way to bohemia. The main-parts of the castle were built around the 15th and 16th century. Additional defense walls were added in the 17th century. After the 30 years war the castle lost its strategic importance. In the 20th century most of the destructions were rebuild and the castle meanwhile has a new function as youth hostel and an educational institution with documentations about the borderline. On april 06, I was in the area for some WFF-documentation and decided to take some equipment with me



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and to make a short stop for this castle.

However this time nothing was functional and I had my castle-Waterloo this day.

With a large solar complex not to o far away I had extreme noises coming in a regular time-frame again and again. Also the selection of the antenna was not optimal. I took only the Outbacker-mobile-antenna with me and this antenna often works well, but from time to time it doesn't of course depending from the underground.

I didn't get the antenna working on 40 meters and 20 meters was absolutely worst. Calling and calling without any reply. Sometimes the

whole band was nearly dead. So after several attempts to come to a good end I gave up after bit more than one hour attempts. Finally only 18 contacts could be logged from the new castle. All contacts which are also valid for DLFF-058 naturepark Fichtelgebirge will be posted to WCA-E-Log and EW4DX-WFF-database.

73, 11 till the next time Manfred -DF6EX- World Castle Activator Group #036 COTA-Team-Germany #037

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