



OK8WFF/p 08.september 2012 OKFF-086  
Nature-Reserve Kladske Raseliny



*Nature-Reserve „Kladske Raseliny“ is one of the largest and oldest natural reserve in the area of Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad). The marsh-region consisted by 5 different marshes is an absolutely unique example of high marsh in a region with a height of 800/930 meters asl. The total size of the marsh area is 300ha. The marsh-floors are the home of very specific animals and plants. On a 2 kilometer long wooden path you can go directly inside the marsh-area and visit the various species. Kladske Raseliny is the most important area from the national park Slavkovsky Les (Kaiserwald) OKFF-006 and the water is feeding the sources of the famous palace of Kynzsvart.*

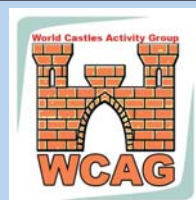


The biggest sea in the reserve Kladske Rybnik the „kinglake“

My first activation of OKFF-006 was in the year 2010, meanwhile made altogether three activations in the area. Until last year there were only 35 OKFFs altogether available. The latest application for new OKFFs was denied as there were too much unactivated areas. Meanwhile time has changed and a lot of countries got additional areas. So this year Petr OK11N did again an application for adding new ones for czech republic and this time with the new WFF-committee the application was accepted. So finally 90 new references has been added to the flora fauna listing. After some searching and checking in the various internet sources I found out that one of the new areas Kladska is not too far away from the location where I made the previous activations from OKFF-006 and also from WCA OK-00273.



my first OK8WFF-QSL from OK8WFF had the area on the front-side but at this time no OKFF-086 was existing





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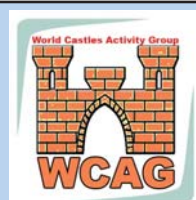
From the town of Kynzvalt it's about 6 kilometers constantly extreme up on a small road through the forest region until you claim the top of Slavkovsky Les. The first view is really overwhelming. With all the visited parks and beautiful places during the past years I have to say that from nature-side it's the most beautiful place where I was for activation until today. With our friend Google-Maps it was easy before to detect an acceptable location for the activity and found it exactly as it was looking on the PC. Most of the area you have no chance to park at all, only this small way we were settling is also the way for the locals to come between the two small-

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When we arrived in the area we immediately started with the setup of the station. While I was pulling up the antenna my xyl prepared the transceiver, headset, logging equipment so we were very fast on the air. The first contact at 0642 was with Luciano I5FLN on 40 meters. He made the number one contact in three of my latest 4 activations. Propagation on 40 meters was again very changeable. We got excellent signal-reports however there never was an absolutely big run. Altogether it was a continuously switching between 40 and 20 meters. 20 was mostly deep down, from time to time it was claiming and had short quick openings. Of course had no chance for internet-access so I was dependant from that stations which were so kind and put me into the clusters. Some promised however didn't, it's a pity. After my fifth



all 235 QSL-cards were put the same day into the buro





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view behind the mobile-shack was worth to see

new-one activation of this year I have to say, that it seems the interest is going down a bit, for sure a reason the problems in WFF-organization of the past. Of course also the propagations especially on 20 meters were mostly not so well the past weeks. There is still a number of stations which are extreme active and still want to work any flora-fauna area. However it seems that the broad mass of stations is still going down and of course is dividing more and more for the high number of activations. That was also the reason why I con-

centrated this time only on SSB and only on 40 and 20 meters. So altogether I was able to make about 250 contacts in the 2,5 hours of operation. However there were 235 unique stations so think most of the very active WFF-hunters were able to get this new counter. Thanks for all stations which were calling in and hope to meet you again from any other destination. Thanks also to my xyl Christa for taking part on the adventure.

You don't need to send a QSL-card. All QSOs were confirmed automatically via german buro. Meanwhile under the call OK8WFF more than 2500 QSOs have been done so far from OKFF-006/OKFF-012/OKFF-086 and confirmed via DARC. Maybe more will follow.

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