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Nature-Park nördl. oberpfälzer Wald
Castle of Trautenberg DL-02344 BOB-010



The castle of Trautenberg was originally a castle built on a hill by the royal house of Trautenbergers. They were first time named in the 10th century and the castle of Trautenberg was one of the oldest castles in southern germany.



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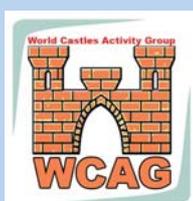
When the Trautenbergers sold their castle and moved to the nearby castle of Reuth the object corrupted more and more. Only one more wall in the wood reminds to the former castle. Nearby in the 16th century from the owners a new palace was built which is meanwhile in private ownership and also not in good condition. Trautenberg is a small hamlet with less than 100 inhabitants.

The owner of DR11COTA, Gerhard DL5AWI asked me, if I like to activate this special-call during the latest month of availability. So I spent the last year with 15 operations of our former special call DP7COTA from various castle-locations, so of course was interested to use now the next COTA-special-call which carries also the special-DOK COTA. We decided at first to activate a castle in my home area. Trautenberg is about 20 minutes away from my home-location and wasn't activated before. The location however is not so perfect as it is a very small town with not too many possibilities to setup the station.

After checking the neighbourhood we found a nice location behind the continental deep drilling station of Windischeschenbach. After finishing the drilling works it acts as an environment station and is a bit above Trautenberg with an excellent RF-location. Additionally its located in the nature-park DLFF-093.

We finally started at 0737 on 40 meters. Setup was done in 15 minutes. Weather was dry after endless weeks of raining one of the first sunny days. After the first call a tremendous pileup started. Always surprising as DLFF-093 is not a rare park. There are several quite active locals living in the park-area. The first hour of operation brought 140 contacts into the log.

When 40 meters dried out I moved to 20 and had there also in the beginning a good opening with about





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35 contacts then conditions changed a bit. Had not so successful attempts in CW on 40 and on 20 meters. Band on 40 was nearly closed now and 20 meters was shortly opening and then closed again in short interval. After a not so effective second hour I moved back to 40 meters SSB and with the first spot there from my friend Günther DC2RK again some stations appeared. About 40 more stations could be logged most of them from Italy, Germany and Poland. At the final end of the operation I switched back again to 20 meters SSB and worked the last ten stations there.



So finally the end-result of the operation were exactly 240 contacts on exactly 2,5 hours of activity. We used a YAESU FT450 powered from a car battery and a double-dipole about 5 meters up. If you want

to look if you are in the log, check:
<http://logsearch.wwff.co>
<http://www.wcagroup.org>
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All reports from previous activities can be found at:

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preparing setup behind the drilling-tower

