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National Nature Monument Komorni Hurka



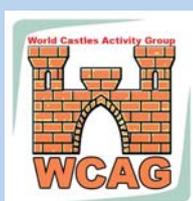
National Nature Monument Komorni Hurka is located near the cities of Frantiskovy Lazne and Cheb. The total size covers an area of 7.08 ha. The Komorni Hurka Hill belongs to the group of the youngest active volcanoes in Czech Republic and was active about 700000 years ago. Komorni Hurka was detected in 1773 by Ignaz von Born. There is also not too far away the absolut youngest active volcano in Czech Republic the Zelezna Hurka which was discovered in 1823 by german poet Johan Wolfgang von Goethe while touring through the area . The national nature monument is open to the public and can be accessed on a trail which leads you through the area.



There are altogether 10 OKFF-nature-reserves surrounding the area of the city of Cheb. There are plenty of new areas in Czech Republic however lot of them never can be activated with the exception of portable-equipment going by foot there. So when studying the maps during the past months and activate three of them until now I found also the Komorni Hurka area OKFF-0242 which is not too far away from our end of april-operation to Nature-Reserve America, just about 6 kilometers. However the area is only bordering on two places on the surrounding road passing from Frantiskovy Lazne to Komorni dvur. Our first thrill was when arriving in Frantiskovy Lazne that that road was closed due to construction works. After we found an alternative route when arriving

right picture shows the village of Komorni dvur

at Komorni Hurka found out that the originally planned operation-location was deep under water by the extensive rain-falls from the previous days. So possibilities were quite limited and again I was just minutes before to cancel the mission. Latest possibility was just at the entrance for a farmer. So we decided to rest there and putting up just the minimum needed equipment to pull down everything in a short period. So as we were late right now we wanted to loose no more minute for experiments and just started. The first station made it in the log was F5NYZ. When the second station at 0753 UTC SQ9CWO spotted us in the cluster it started to run quickly





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start of the trail into the area

very efficient. Of course the people told me that comparing with previous operations the signal was weaker however better weak than no activity. In the middle of the operation made just only one short cut and tried 20 meters without to much success, so rapidly moved back to 40 meters. Just one day ago checking carefully the WWFF-site found out that there was an activity before from here

done by OK1TFD. The call was very familiar for me as Frantisek was calling me during my OKFF-0351 operation and told me that he is in Pomezí (just 15 kilometers away). So there were already 77 stations who had the OKFF-0242 confirmed before, however there was a big number still needing. So our activity lasted exactly 1 1/4 hours which brought 183 stations into the log when the farmer appeared and we had to move down everything in a very quick way as the road beside is very small and the farmer was blocking the road with his machine. After just throwing everything into the back of the car we were leaving and repacking everything in a more sorted order a few kilometers later. So whole operation was like sitting on a flash point. This time the number one country was Italy with 41 contacts before Germany with 40 and Poland with 28 contacts.

About 30 minutes after we left the area there was an earthquake with strength 4.5 with the centre at Nový Kostel about 15 kilometers away from Frantiskovy Lázně which could be detected easily in the whole area. So there are very often seismic events in the area but this one was the strongest since 1987.

73, 44, 11 and good health to all of you. Cu from the next one

Logs already were uploaded in the online-database:
<http://logsearch.wwff.co>

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All reports from previous activities can be found at: <http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>

