



DAØWCA - 18.03.2015

WCA DL-02335

Castle of Falkenberg

WWFF DLFF-143

Nature Reserve Waldnaabtal



One day after the successful start in the outside-season the weather forecast was good and I had the plan to repeat the action again from a different place. The last activity from DLFF-143 happened at the end of 2012. I already made nearly 1000 contacts from there however for sure there would be some new collectors.

With nearly the same time-schedule like one day earlier I left my QRL around 15UTC. DLFF-143 is not too far



DLFF-143 parking array

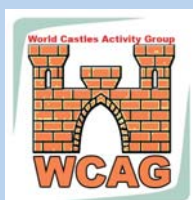
away from my current home-location. The nature-reserve consists mainly by a canyon which leads the river waldnaab through the wood and is very much populated mainly during the summer. There is however only one place where you can reach the outer range of the nature-reserve by car and this is a very often used parking-array for wanderer, biker and so on. In march there is no problem as it's mostly too cold and especially in the late afternoon most people has left. So when arriving there, the whole area

which belongs to the nature-reserve was free however extremely muddy.

This location is also in a qualifying distance to the Castle of Falkenberg DL-02335 which is also not too rare as I made the past years from my current home-location more than 10000 contacts but anyway maybe another multiplier for some collector.

This day conditions were not so well, of course for sure the location was also bader against the day before. QTH is located directly under a large power-line and there was a steady noise from in the receiver.

That day needed five minutes longer for the start as the antenna just after setup was falling down in the mud, Murphy was on board. After the first call also this day Erich DL2JX made it as first station into the log. This day it was running a bit slower, there was big interest, but not so many german stations like the day before and also less russian and ukrainian stations. Big as usual the interest from polish hunters so after the first hour around 147





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Castle of Falkenberg with a lot of construction work around

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However then it was drying out and several calls were unanswered. So I tried my luck also on the other bands. 20 meters were not too many interested stations. Made several attempts also on 40 meter cw and 20 meter CW but also not many stations. The last minutes I tried again on 40 meters phone but finally ended with 171 contacts in the log. This day the darkness came much faster than the day before so was lucky to pack everything right in time. The picture from the castle was taken one day later. There is currently a lot of construction work. In the near future it shall be used as a hotel with conventions in the building nearby. So hopefully a good way to keep that nice castle also in the future in good conditions.

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again quick darkness

