



DAØWCA - 12.04.2015

WCA DL-04298

Altenstädter Schloss in Erbendorf

WWFF DLFF-119

Nature-Park Steinwald



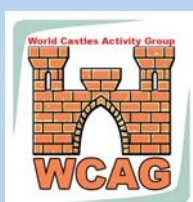
The name Altenstadt comes from the previous name of the settlement which became later a part of the formed town of Erbendorf. The current castle was built in the 16th century but then had been destroyed by a fire. Several added buildings followed before in 1832 another big fire the building destroyed. Meanwhile it 's in private ownership.



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Naturepark Steinwald is always an easy task for us. We are not living in the park-area but not too far away. So after the terrible saturday-conditions from the day before, we wanted to have another look and check whats going on. This was the 13th time, active from DLFF-119 and meanwhile the activated german castle number number44. The road around the castle is very small and nearly

impossible to find there a location for an activity. So we moved a bit down on a parking-array of a super-market. At the beginning the whole area was absolutely free and we tried to setup the station. After the first start we found out that the nearby located fence resulted in a bad SWR. The FT450 has a small-tuner inside however is not able to get down the SWR too much. So after first attempt we moved antenna-position and turned the end of the windom-legs more into another direction between two trees. This time SWR was better however only in a restricted band-area. So we started around 7.137 and the first station who found us, was our friend Karl DL1JKK from COTA-team who is also a very active castle-activator and helps with the uploads from castle-logs into WCA and COTA-database. After his first spot appeared in the cluster the usual run started. In the meantime, the collectors of castles are a more and more growing community were we met a lot of them from dozens of various locations and is always a great fun to meet again. Against the WWFF-activity from one day before, were all closed areas including germany were totally faded out, this day we had again normal propagation to DL as well. So log was continously filling and in the same time also our location was more and more filling around us. After an empty parking-area at the beginning the cars came closer and closer. It took a bit more than one hour until the number of interested stations was getting lower. Then we moved to 20 meters and had there also a not too big, however steady running opening with a lot of stations filling the log. When finally a big truck arrived in the parking-area which wanted to load up the super-market with supply, we finally de-





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QTH at super-market under the castle

decided to leave the area. Altogether the operating time was 1,5 hours with a result of 190 stations in the log. Database-file was the same evening uploaded into COTA and WWFF-database and will follow to the WCA-database in the coming days.

Thanks for the QSO/SWL-report. Again, it's not required that you send a card to DAØWCA as we don't collect cards but you will receive automatically a QSL-card. Also for SWLs not required to send a card, just send a mail with

your QSO-data to da0cw@u23.de and we will put a card into the buro for you.

73, 44, 11 cu from the next one, Manfred DF6EX

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