



DAØWCA - 18.04.2015

WCA DL-04316

Castle Wetterfeld

WWFF DLFF-297

Nature-Reserve Regentalae



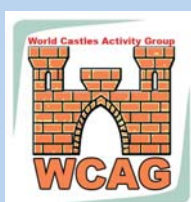
*The hulk of Wetterfeld, also called old castle is the remaining part from a water-castle in the village of Wetterfeld, which belongs to Roding in the bavarian forest. History of the building goes back till the beginning of the 12th century. It has been destroyed several times and rebuild again also after the 30years war. There is still a masoned moat surrounding which could be filled by a watergate when an attack was expected.*



*In the small village Pösing, which belongs also to Roding nearby is the begin of the nature-reserve Regentalae which is with 1427 ha the largest nature-reserve in the upper-palatinate and was released in 2005. It leads from Pösing till Cham along the river Regen and is an important home for a lot of breeding birds.*

*upper part of the Castle Wetterfeld where you can drive through to the other parts, used as residential buildings*

Friday after work was long time thinking about activity. The weather forecast promised dry but cold weather. So when reading the contest-announcements saw the ES-contest for 80/40 meters which made some doubts about the sense and also the holyland-contest maybe would generate some problems on 20 meters. Finally we decided that we will do it anyway, because when weather changes maybe no more possibility in the coming weeks. So we started around 0730 local in the morning with a temperature of 1 C, unbelievable, again frost appeared in the night. Anyway too late to change anything. The tour however was nice, cold but sunny and we arrived there good in time at local-time 0845 in the morning. The maps first showed me, that possible location Nr.1 can't work as not allowed for cars. However when arriving there, the road was free and we had direct access beside the river Regen into the nature reserve. The whole area contains also a large pond which is for swimming in the area but this day no problem. With meanwhile 4 degrees outside there were only a few walker and biker. The first larger area was occupied by us and the usual setup allowed us to be QRV after 15 minutes. The first station OE7CKI at 0705 UTC in the log confirmed us a good signal and we could begin with the usual run. We started directly with full power 100 watt as we had also the second spare battery with us, which would easily last much longer than the planned 3 hours activity. Start on 40 meters was tremendous and after one hour we had 173 stations in the log. We had a steady run until 0815. When moving to 20 meters there was also no problem with the contest so we easy found a clear frequency however of course response was not so high like on 40. After working down the interested stations we moved to 20 CW. Around 09 UTC we switched back to 40 meters and had again a good run there, of course also several disrupter which are getting more and more on that band and believe that they are the only allowed owners of that frequency. Most stations in the log of course were from germany with







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*Location in DLFF-297, my xyl just putting up the flag from S5 WCA-team received for last years participation in the WCA-weekend, location was about 600 meters away from the Castle of Wetterfeld*

109 different in the log but also poland with 55 stations and italy with 44 were following. When interest was getting lower we made several attempts back to 20 meter but meanwhile propagation was bader there and only a few more stations could be worked. Finally we ended with F4FWO on 20 at 0951 as latest contact for this activity and a total of 338 stations in the log, thank you for your call.

73, 44, 11 cu from the next one,

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All reports from previous activites can befound at: <http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>



*a lot of swan enjoying the area*

