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 Castle Drahthammer + Castle Grötschenreuth
 in Nature-Park Steinwald DLFF-0119
 DL-02829 + DL-04950

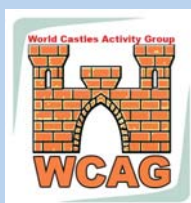


Castle Drahthammer At german castle day 2013 we were active from the castle Grötschenreuth DL-02829. Found later out that there is also the Castle Drahthammer DL-04950 not too far away. So we selected this time a location qualifying for both castles.

Castle Drahthammer was built between 1745 and 1750. Castle is in private ownership and can't be visited. In 2013 we made 215 contacts from here. Castle Grötschenreuth is directly inside the small village and Castle Drahthammer is at the outer edge where we set up our camp.

Castle Grötschenreuth

Location was near the Steinwald-bikeway and very silent before a tractor appeared. We started at 0719 UTC with IW2ETR as the first station. We spent most of the activity on 40 Meter SSB, did some short attempts on 20 but not too successful. Propagation were bad there and band was very silent. So major activity happened on 7 MHz. We got 165





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stations in the log during the first hour.

As 20 meters was nearly a total blackout from there, we just caught 27 different countries with the highest number of contacts with Germany (65), followed by Italy (43 and Poland (30).

Our total operating time was 1 hour and 49 minutes. Then also 40 meters almost dried out. We did some attempts also in CW but not so much resonance there.

Last contact was done with DH1PAL at 0908 UTC.

Final result of the activity 237 contacts, which are already confirmed for both references and DLFF as well.

Again this time we had some rabbits as visitors on the nearby field.

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see you next time
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