



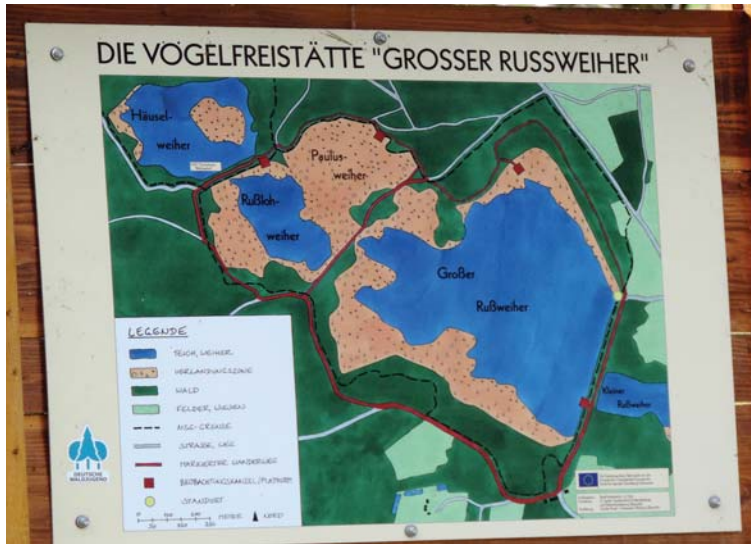
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Nature Reserve Vogelfreistätte Großer Rußweiher

DLFF-0345



Vogelfreistätte Großer Rußweiher contains several ponds were the biggest from is the Große Rußweiher. The nature-reserve is a part of a big lake district which was established in 15th century and refugium for around 100 different bird-species and a lot of amphibians. There is a colony of black-headed gulls with almost 4000 breeding-pairs between march and july there, before leaving in their winter-home. The colony is one of the oldest one in northbavaria and settle there since early 17th century. A pair of odsprey is also nesting and got a few weeks ago new blood. Also sea-eagle can be viewed there. There are several wooden platforms were you can have a view into the beautiful area.



small map from the area

DLFF-0345 was added in early spring 2016 to the german DLFF-listing. The size of the area is around 137 ha and was issued as nature-reserve in 1982 in IUCN-cathegory IV. Location is near the town of Eschenbach in the middle between Weiden and Bayreuth. I personally never before was directly there, however came along on the road very often to the area but never had the time for a closer look.

There is one small road near Großkotzenreuth leading directly to the area but is not allowed to drive on sunday or on public holidays.

As the conditions during the weeks before in the morning were not so pretty, we decided to go there for an afternoon-activity. There is a wide parking range close to the area were we found quickly a good place for the setup.

Just 15 minutes later DA0CW/p was on air on 40 meters were SP9CTW was the first station at 1245 UTC. Indeed propagations specially to the short distance area, this time was better and the log was filling quickly. With germany still there was the effect that sometimes specific areas were faded out totally and 15 minutes later came up to S9-level but anyway these are the conditions. We tried to stay as long as possible on the same frequency to offer the chance for a wide community to get the counter.

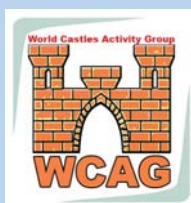
So in the first 45 minutes almost 150 stations made it into the log.

When changing to 20 meters had there also a nice opening first in SSB, later in CW but lasted not too long, so we moved back to 40 meters and put the multiplier out in CW there as well.

In the meantime we had also a short visit of Michael DF4RMI who came along together with his whole family and baby buggy. He is living in the area of Regensburg, but his xyl is from the close city of Pressath. So greetings to Regensburg Michael and thanks for the visit. You can see, hams are everywhere :-)



Especially that area invites for a nice walk around the whole lake and of course there





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isle covered by different species

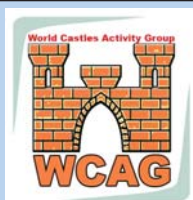
are more than enough restaurants to make a break.

After the CW-pileup ended we moved back again to SSB on 7.145 and could finally work there again a lot of stations.

Finally at 1448 UTC we closed the station with LZ3SM as latest station in the log. In nearly exactly two hours of operation time we worked 296 stations in altogether 34 different DXCC-countries. 45 contacts of them were in



breeding colony

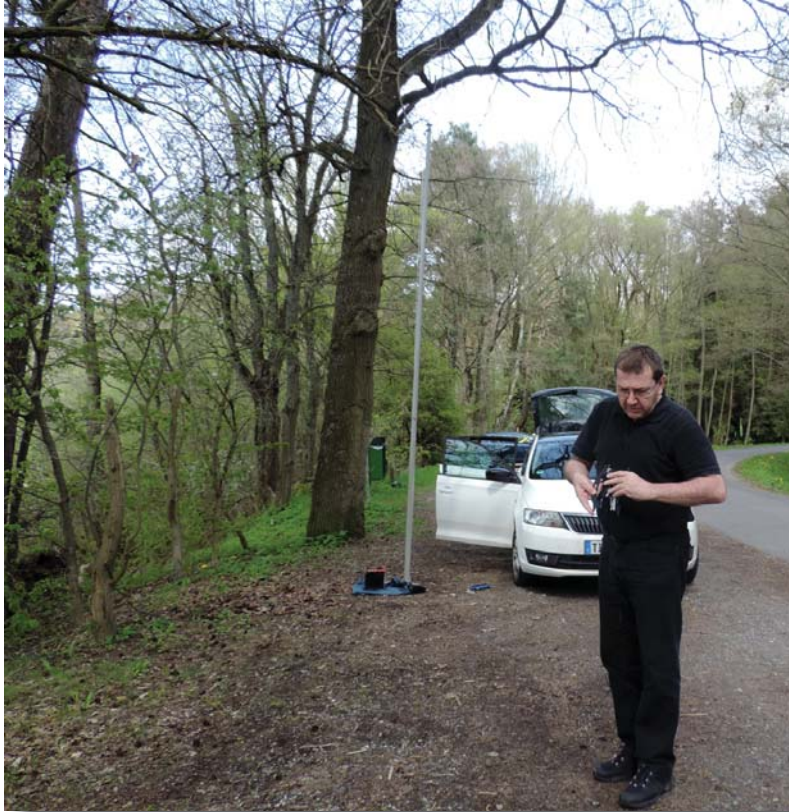




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putting down antenna after a very enjoyable activity

CW. Top countries in this activity were 26% germany, 19% italy, 12% poland. Surprising hungary on place 4 with 5% and croatia as 5th with 4% of the contacts. ODX was a contact with USA. So if you are in the area it's really worth a view. We came back already one week later without transceiver and were touring around the lake. Thanks to all stations who worked us and special thanks to those who spotted us in the cluster and defended the frequency during some short breaks.

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