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Nature Reserve Gmünder Au

DLFF-0346



*Gmünder Au is located near the city of Wörth/Donau between the cities of Regensburg and Deggendorf. In the year 1851 they made there a straightening of the river Donau. Anyway it's separated by a dam the area will be every year flooded by Donau-water as it's connected at the east end and takes part on the water-dynamic of the river. It consists by large meadows, tarns and accretion zones. Direct entry in the area is not allowed but there are some smaller roads which*

*are inside and also some smaller settlements. Size is 184 ha. It's an important breeding and wintering-area for a lot of bird-species.*

After the not too successful attempt one day before I was in doubt on friday-evening if we should go or not. However weather-forecast was very good. As it's a bigger trip to go there, we decided to combine this tour with an additional activity from DLFF-0347 later the day. Originally planned to do one in the morning the other in the afternoon but then detected that I had overseen the italian contest that day which started on midday. So rescheduled we started earlier in the morning and arrived at Gmünder Au at 0615 UTC. As there should appear a lot of sun we used the first bit shadowed place beside a water-house at the entry of the area just 50 meters away of the fasttrack A3.

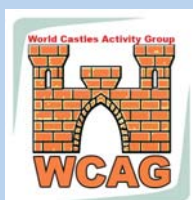
This was also a good position as the small road this day was also a part of a bike-event were a lot of bikers came along and we didn't disturb them.

We started at 0636 UTC with DF1YQ on 7.144 as first station followed by 110 other stations in the next 30 minutes. So the start was very nice also with several german stations but not from all areas. There were lot of germans who had no conditions at all, mainly to the northern direction it went with beautiful signals.

At the end of the operation we moved between 20 and 40 meters without too many success.

20 meters mostly was dead and we got only a few contacts together and always tried again our luck on 40.

We reached 27 countries from there. There was always heavy QSL, so one friend asked me, „can you please take up also my colleague?“, but didn't hear anything from him and 10 minutes later the colleague called in with 59+10. So as the time schedule was very rough we didn't any attempt in CW from here as we wanted to work







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*shadow beside the water-house close to the fasttrack*

down as many as possible without too many changes. Also spots in the cluster didn't help anymore at the end so we finished with R7AY as latest station on 20meters at 0807 UTC.

So we had 254 contacts in 90 minutes operating time which was more than expected. 24% with germany, 17% with italy and 17% with poland.

We moved down antenna, every other stuff was only provisoric packed on the back-seat as the second targed was just 30 minutes away from and we took a smaller road into direction of Straubing for the conclusion.

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