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Castle Lichtenberg WCA DL-03140 COTA FBN-312
Nature Reserve Höllental DLFF-0392



Original castle was built in the 12th century. In the 15th century it was successfully defended against the hussites but then in the 16th century destroyed. It was followed a new building, more palace than castle and after another damage in the 17th century in the 30years war it wasn't reconstructed anymore.

Today the 25meter high tower exists plus some surrounding and basement buildings.

Again very short termed, we planned an activity for this nature-reserve which could be combined with a castle-activation. The Höllental Nature-Reserve is well-known for a sparkling mineral water and in the middle of the area is also a hydroelectric power station. When you come via the fasttrack you can see the fontaine of the power station already from large distance.

Access to the inside area is not possible. So we selected a point at the corner of Lichtenberg with a small entrance into the reserve.

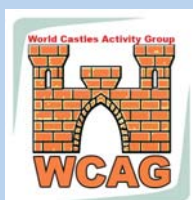
Destination was a bit difficult to reach as there were plenty of construction sites on the whole trip so we were not able to reach the target as originally planned which resulted also in a big time-delay. We were on the air at 0753 UTC with F6JOU as first contact.

At the begin all closer surrounded areas were faded out, no germans and if one appeared of them, mostly only from north sea area.

First full hour was more heavy work than enjoy, as there never any real big interest appeared. We were spotted in the cluster, however conditions really changable all the time.

Only the last hour of the activity then brought some closer stations also into the log with a run of 80 contacts in 30 minutes and then again totally out, no more callers at all. Put a last spot but didn't help anymore.

So finally we reached an acceptable amount of 233 contacts in a bit more than 1,5 hours operation time. The sun was shining a bit but anyway we were cooled down extremely and decided to finish.





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Altogether 29 different countries could be worked, were again the three first places went to Germany (53), Italy and Poland (both 34) followed by Belgium with 17 QSOs.

After dismantling the station we tried to go into the town Lichtenberg directly, to make some photos of the nearby castle, but then were stopped as also the road leading through was closed.

So finally got some Photos from Klaus DL1ASF (thank you) who helped me out. After 75 minutes homedrive the iccold feet came back to life.



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see you next time
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