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Nature Reserve Waldnaabtal DLFF-0143
Castle Falkenberg DL-02335



For my next after-QRL-activity I selected an area near my former QTH Falkenberg. Was living in the village from 2012 till 2017, just 1 km away from the nature-reserve.

This was my meanwhile 4th portable operation from there. Had no cellphone connection there, so was dependant that someone will put me into the cluster.

Quick after the beginning there started a very strong noise which appeared like some over horizon radar signal. It came up till S9 and then dissappeared again for one or two minutes.

Additionally to that distortions had some noises from the high-voltage line which was just 20meters above the antenna. So conditions very tricky and short distance very poor. Italy was with 39 con-

tacts number one, followed by germany 14 and belgium and france with 10. When Heinz OZ8QS from Kopenhagen was calling me with 59 signal he asked for my location. When I answered with „parking-area in Waldnaabtal“ to my biggest surprise he told me that he knows it very well. He has relatives in the nearby village of Fuchsmühl.

So really often a wonder how small the world is. Just one hour after my start it was getting quick darker and colder. Location is located behind the wood and when finally ended the activity at 1630 UTC, I could put all my pieces and wires with the flashlight together. Was really surprised about the rapid darkness.

At the end 40meters was no longer usable as the noises and distortions made it impossible to remain there.

The total result of this activity were 157 contacts but anyhow, 37 countries could be reached.

Of course you have to keep in mind that meanwhile in my fourth activity from there 1318 contacts are in the logs with a total of 1090 stations. But you see that there is always a demand for further activities.

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