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 Nature Reserve
 Rauner und Haarbachtal
 DLFF-0342



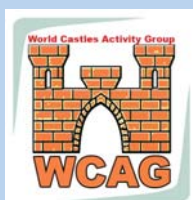
Rauner und Haarbachtal Nature Reserve has a DLFF-number since march 2016. We came through the area, after finishing our DLFF-0489 and DLFF-0490 operations in mid of september. Just a few kilometer before passing the borderline to czech republic, the area winds along the road turning from left side to right side several times, following the stream course. When checking at

home in the WWFF-directory, found out as a big surprise, that there never was any activity before. In our october holiday-week, while driving the baby carriage with our smaller grandson in the morning, we were thinking about an interesting destination in the afternoon. I had a good proposal which brought us to DLFF-0342, maybe my xyl was thinking a bit different but of course she accompanied me. Of course during the week would be not the optimum time, however nobody knows how long this beautiful autumn-weather will keep and the weekend was no possibility, due to the WWDX-contest. So we only had an hour for preparation, packing, writing an e-mail and announcement, but usually all the stuff is stored in prepacked boxes, so not a big task.

The shortest way to the location was about 50 minutes from at home (if no construction site on the way) and leads via czech republic, through the city of Eger and leaving via Vojtanov into saxoniam. On the journey there we had no problems and reached in expected time and the only question was, where we could set up the station because the area along the road means, along the E41, one of the roads there with the highest traffic. So when checking the maps found the sidearm from the area leading to the small village Landwüst as most interesting parking-point, because the sun was shining but of course too cold for an outdoor-



a bit quick and chaotic CW-setup on the backseat





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activation, so shack should be in the car. We could start a bit quicker than expected, as setup could be done easily on the first planned point, so at 1234 we were on the air with IW2BNA as first station. Interest was quick growing but also going down after a first small pile-up. Propagations again very changeable, almost nothing



my xyl Christa just pulling down the long end of the windom-antenna

on 20 meters. After a short intermezzo on 30 we tried our luck on 40m CW and had there a good run. At the end of the pile-up, there also german signals reached higher levels and we moved a last time to 40 meters SSB, where now strong signals expected us and finally leaded to a good end. The total amount of contacts of 2 1/4 working hours was 266 contacts with 32 countries. Beside this also 8 P2P contacts could be done. This time germany reached first place with 72 contacts, followed by italy with 39 and poland with 23 QSO.

Return-trip was not so excellent because the main-road was closed and we needed to pass via Frantiskovy Lazne through the evening traffic there.

Thanks to all stations for calling and of course spotting in the cluster.

Hope to cuagn soon.

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