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Nature Reserve Naturwaldreservat Hengstberg

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Naturwald-Reservat Hengstberg surrounds the 651meters high Hengstberg in the nature-park Fichtelgebirge. It's bordering czechrepublic with a distance of just 200 meters.

As the weather forecast for the coming-weeks was not so good and there also no bigger contest announced we started on july 06.
Temperature should reach around 30 degrees at midday so early morning was a must. However finding a suitable location took us longer than expected so we appeared around 0645 UTC first time on the air. When reaching the entry found, that location would be not so effective and decided to go 500 meters more with our luggage to probably have a bit better takeoff in the middle of the wood. So of course location is
not best for hamradio at all, however perfect for „Make nature your shack". One station was working all time on 20 meters phone and CW, the other switched between the bands 80/40/30meters. After a small pileup at the begin the bands were quickly closing more and more. Conditions all the time were changing extreme. One area coming in with 59 in the next





5 minutes was not reachable at all. Howevar this makes the target! Doing everything under provisoric conditions and make the best of.

Over the working time the only visitors we had, were about 10 biger and jogger.
Beside them only a lot of mitches, wasp and some smaller animals came along.
Around 1000 UTC we closed both stations as the bands dried out totally and there was no more interest. Temperatur was claiming the 30 degrees and shining in our necks. After 304 contacts into 30 coun-

Konrad DH6RAE and Manfred DF6EX at the two stations in the wood
tries we closed down. This time germany made the first place with 53 contacts, followed by itaty and poland.

It was a physical intensive trip, so a short stop for a cool drink on the homeway was an absolut must.

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