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Castle Ilsenbach - Castle Püchersreuth  
DL-04419 - DL-02832 (in DLFF-0093)



Another trip after QRL led me to the two Castles Ilsenbach and Püchersreuth. Was there some years ago for a WCA-weekend. Our club-member Karl DL4RU proposed me a nice location on the „Ilsenberg“ which he used in earlier years also for various contest-activities. Found a nice free meadow-area beside the small road and setup was quickly done.

The start at 1431 UTC on 7 MHz was promising and it went smoothly for about 45 minutes. From the begin on however lot of countries were missing without any propagation to those areas. Then after 1515UTC it dropped down rapidly. I changed several times between 40, 30 and 20 meters however no more success. Often called minutes without any reply. A group of bikers appeared and was settling on the benches on the opposite side of the road. In our talkings about ham-radio and what is the sense of these actions we found out that my colleague who proposed me that location was their teacher in schooltime. So again you see how small the world is. Finally at the end there were just 130 contacts in the log, this time only 25 countries however 6 contacts with USA. The top 3 at this activity were Italy with 24, Poland 18 and Germany 12 contacts.



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