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DP44WCA

Nature Reserve Waldnaabtal DLFF-0143  
Castle Falkenberg DL-02335



Nature-Reserve Waldnaabtal was the first time active in 2012 where we put this new area as DP7COTA in the air.

I was living there for almost six years 2010 till 2016 just one kilometer away. As the name already means it's a valley in this case mostly deep in the wood. The conditions to erect there an antenna in the wooden area are not so well.

The most northern tip from the area however is the only way to become active there with a car, all other roads are closed. This parking area is often completely full however on 15th after work when arriving there was the only

car, as the main road through the village was closed for restructuring.

The weather was not so nice than promised in the news, cold with just 9 degrees outside and the sky often was more black than blue.

Sometimes a bit rainy which generated a continuous noise in the radio as there running above your head a huge powerline creating this distortions.

The location directly on the water however generated that day excellent propagations.

Albert S58AL at 1351 was first station in the log and a lot of others followed.

Started as usual on 7 Mhz phone and the pileup so-



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metimes was incredible.

Had again to work by numbers to get rid of the number of calling stations, where most had a high signal strength of S9+ on the meter.

After the begin of the former WFF, which had originally only natureparks and national-parks listed, DLFF-0143 was one of the first nature-reserves which got a number in the directory.



*DLFF-0143 - 2012 (our camp and Günter my super-support)*



*In June 2012 made together with my good friend Günter DC2RK a single-operator activity from there which finally ended in 759 contacts that day. Günter was my helping-hand who was putting in the cluster-spots, changing the antennas, coordinating and communicating with all the visitors there. After long illness Günter died in August this year. So I wish to dedicate this activity to my team-mate Günter DC2RK without his support and interest maybe Team DA0CW never would have reached the currently 80000 contacts. Rest in piece my friend.*



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This time the activity ended with 313 contacts.

35 countries could be reached and also some DX-stations made it into the log.

Top countries:

1. Germany (92)
2. Italy (47)
3. Poland (37)
4. Belgium (16)
5. England (12)

After 40 and 20 SSB moved to CW on both bands however than conditions rapidly went down. So could finally work this time only 17 stations in CW.

In the last years I tried each year to bring the area back in the air. With this now



6th activity raised the number of contacts to almost 2000 contacts.

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