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Nature Reserve Torflohe und Pfrentschwiese
DLFF-0307



In the 14th century the area was a very large pond with a total size of 450 ha. In the mid-age it was the largest man-made barrier-lake in whole bavaria.

After the dehydration in the 19th century the area was used for agriculture and forestry. Since 1987 it's a nature-reserve IUCN-cathegory IV with a large diversity of different plants.

More than one year ago tried the first time to accessing the area without success. So it was in the to-do-list with the extreme-portable-equipment.

On 22nd of july we were ready to go. We consisted by Konrad DH6RAE and Manfred DF6EX.

After about one hour drive we reached the area and started with the search for a suitable location. Originally there was the plan to do maybe a side-trip to the czech-side, as there is also a nature-reserve very close. However finally we found our location more on the lower side of the DLFF, a bit away from OK-border. Distance through the wood should be around 1,5 kilometer on a very bad way. When we arrived at a fork leading into different directions we were unsure where to go. A friendly jogger came along and explained us that the left way would be the right one and we will come to a barrier. This decision costed us an additional kilometer on very bad way because finally the way ended in front of a small river with no chance to pass.

So finally we had to go back and choose the second possibility and after another 500 meter we reached the barrier, our entrance into DLFF-0307.

Weather was always looking like rain or possibly thunderstorm and we started quickly with the setup. Beside a lot of insects, mitches which were very aggressive we didn't meet any other people that day. Our first caller was SP4SHW at 0722 UTC, so we were mainly active on 40 meters with a good first hour with 175 contacts. 2nd hour then was not too productive and we changed between 20 and 40 and back, but nowhere too much interest.

In the last hour we added another 100 contacts into the log.

In the meantime also antenna was flying down from the mast, however no greater damage on the operators and the equipment.

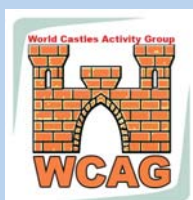
CW was no option as under these working-conditions



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355 contacts



way into the area





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View to Pfrentschweiher on our return-way

no good possibility to set up the additional equipment. Finally we also decided with the incalculable weather not to go to czech and instead extend the german operation a bit. In the 3 hours we finally got 355 stations into the log, using 40 and 20 SSB only. Altogether 29 countries with 82 contacts to germany, 66 to italy and 44 to poland made it a successful trip. Last contact was with PA3KOE.

We had the luck that it always looked like rain but never appeared. The only shower we became was when crossing on the homeway a wood yard which was equipped with an automatic sprinkler-system

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see you next time
Manfred DF6EX

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Konrad DH6RAE getting the final shower

