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Nature Reserve Lerautal DLFF-0449



Lerautal is a nature reserve in north-eastern-bavaria in the area close to the city of Weiden. Just above the valley is the Castle Leuchtenberg. The remaining parts of the castle are also used as open air theatre for the yearly happening castle festivals.

After a longer break in the open-air activities due to health problems we tried the first time on June 10th to come back.

Our first activity from Castle Leuchtenberg was in 2011, one of our WCA-starting-points. We were upper on the hill, directly in the village Leuchtenberg just 100 meters beside the building. This time

our plan was to drive down to the valley to be just in the qualifying distance at the entrance of the valley. Just 10 kilometer before planned destination the road was totally closed for reparings.



There was the only way to surround the area in a wider distance and we were short before to stop, as it was not clear at this point if we could move there at all. The whole action costed us about 45 minutes until we found a place to come into the destination.

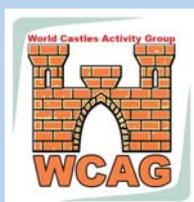
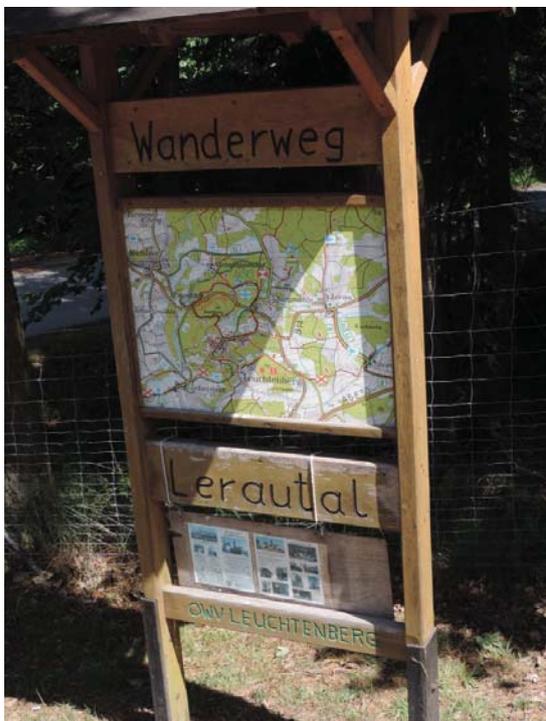
The area is a paradise for walker, biker and hiker. On extensive ways you can tour through the mountainous area down along the valley of the small river Lerau.

We were ready to go on the air at 0712 UTC and YU1FE replied our first call. First minutes were a bit awaiting how propagation will be and till the first WWFF-hunters found us.

Then the pile-up was rapidly growing, we had a good and clear frequency around 7.144 and a good signal from our side was confirmed by several stations.

The band was not totally open for the shorter distances inside germany and the closer countries like OK, OE but there were often periods were that stations came up out of the QSB and produced stabile 59 signals and often the conditions that directions again disappeared after 5 minutes or so.

So we preferred again the method to work by numbers as it gua-





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ranted us to hear also the weaker signals. Over the whole operation we finally could work 80 german stations and in total hand out the new multiplier to 270 stations. Also 20 meters was a bit better this time, compared to the latest portable-operation. We made around 50 CW contacts however of course again the interest was much higher in SSB and in the final minutes we had again a small pile-up there.

Hopefully we could give DLFF-0449 to most of the stations which were interes-

ted, of course if not, a second chance will come. Our location was totally covered by trees so we had to drive to the next parking area to take a picture of the small village Leuchtenberg which was just a few hundred meters away but not visible. Finally contacts with 28 countries were done. Last contact with DL6PI at 0916 UTC.

Beside WWFF- and DLFF-database the log was also loaded into COTA and WCA-database. Thanks to all callers in the two hour activity and hope to meet you from another location.

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see you next time  
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