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Castle Ottengrün WCA DL-04949



*view to the castle Ernestgrün DL-05054 in the middle with the hotel area on the left side*

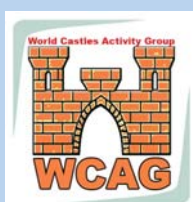


*building up between the castles*

After long winter-time I tried to make a first view to the outside-conditions on the bands. I heard a lot of feedback on the bad conditions from the log-participants, so at the end of april I started for the first check from my own.

It was also time to update the checklist with the needed things for the portable-operations in the new year. Some of them require hand-carrier so more important to have everything on board when in the field.

So our destination for the first time were the castles of Ernestgrün and Ottengrün. Both are in acceptable distance and there was a recreation of the road between the two small villages





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DL-04949 Castle Ottengrün was only available from the side. Frontview much nicer however not accessible.

and a special parking area was made which is almost exactly in the middle between the two castles in a distance of around 500 meters to each.

We were on the air at 0807 UTC. The whole operation was frustrating as after a few contacts the bands dried out and all the usual directions were unproductive. We had also cluster-connection but without conditions this also doesn't help too much.

So in almost two hours we just got around 70 contacts.

Anyhow, these were two castles which were never active before. That was also the reason why I took the decision that I will not drive out during castle day at 01.may, because when propagation is so bad the efforts are not

rentable. Instead of this I activated at may 01 my home-castle DL-02834 and planned to wait with the first bigger activation until propagations getting a bit up.

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