



DAØCW/p 15.june 2013 DLFF-098  
Nature-Park Oberpfälzer Wald  
Castle of Obermurach DL-02824 BOB-033



The Castle of Obermurach *appeared the first time in the early 12th century in the history. The castle resides on a hill in a height of 585 meters asl. It was built by the earl of Sulzbach to control the trading routes along to bohemia and also to protect the colonies in that area.*



Castle of Obermurach

*In 1428 and 1433 during the Hussite Wars the castle was beleaguered without success by mercenaries. During the 30 years war the castle was included in the electorate bavaria. In the early 19th century the castle was sold to a private owner and degenerated more and more. In 1844 the kingdom bavaria*

*bought the castle back and in several steps the building was restored during the 20th century. Last restoration works happened in 2011 on the tower. The castle is located near the town Oberviechtach and is the whole year open for visitors. When you drive up the small town Obermurach, there is a shield were you can find out the location from the castle-attendant from which you get the key for the building plus an additional documentation about the castle.*

After packing everything at the previous location we had to drive about 30 kilometer to reach the next destination. Saw the castle the first time in 2011, were also intensive restauration-works were in process and you couldn't see the whole building as there was a skeleton surrounding.

This time for World-Castle-Weekend it was time to return, the castle meanwhile received also the required castle-numbers.

At around 1115 UTC my xyl and me arrived at the location where the setup-position this time was found more quickly with an excellent view to the castle and also a good rf-location.

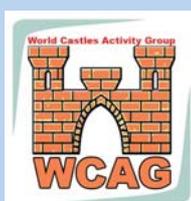
Anyway conditions this day were not nice. So 40 at the beginning was nearly dead.

For the afternoon-activity I used our standard club-callsign DAØCW/p.

Had also no internet-connection there, so I tried my luck on 20 meters.

This band was now a bit better and had a small row with about 45 stations, before it dried out.

CW was not so productive, a lot of contest-activities there.





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the car-shack for DAØCW/p with 25 degrees outside

the afternoon-activity was again around 140 contacts. So finally we packed around 1300 utc and started for the trip back home. The day was quite exhausting, so sunday was planned to regenerate a bit for QRL. Only on sunday evening, I made a short activity with DR11COTA again from my home castle Falkenberg DL-02335. So I ended up with about 350 contacts from World Castle-Weekend in total.

Result in the last year was nearly the same.

Hope that I could hand out one or more interesting points for you.

Logs will be put in the online-databases:

<http://logsearch.wwff.co>

<http://www.wcagroup.org>

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All reports from previous activites can be found at:

<http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>

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After moving again to 40 meters, the band was now a bit better and it was possible to work down a few stations. However some areas were nearly blanked out totally. Germany was only possible into a few areas. There was only a small number of italian and polish stations which could be worked. Normally these are the nations with the highest interest in castle-hunting. At the end of the operation I switched for a final attempt back to 20 meters and worked there some russian, ukrainian and spanish friends.

Total result from the

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World Castle Activator Group #036

COTA-Team-Germany #037

COTA-Team-Russia COTA-RU #011

