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DL-02346 Castle of Weissenstein
Nature-Park Steinwald



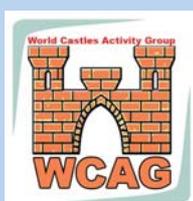
The Castle of Weissenstein appeared first time in the 13th century in some documents. During some acts of war a lot of damages happened on the building so Earl Johann II of Nürnberg allowed to rebuild and improve the Veste Weissenstein, at the ending 14th century Albrecht Notthafft XII was the owner of Weissenstein and founded the generation of Weissensteiner until their history ended in 1712. The castle was on this location a very remarkable building but was after 1560 no longer used and declined more and more. In 1995 there was only the castle-keep plus two smaller walls visible. The association Steinwaldia in Pullenreuth invested lot of energy, work and money between 1996 and 2000 digging out



Castle of Weissenstein on a beautiful sunny day

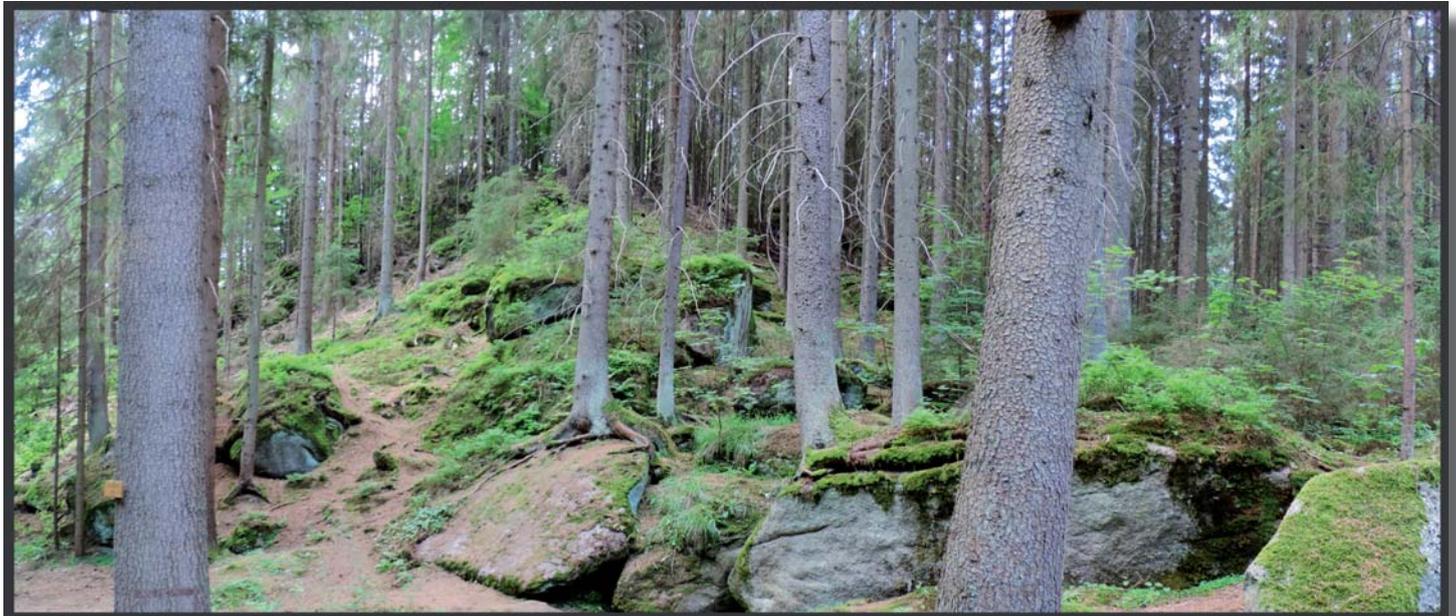
the walls, saving them from collapse and rebuilding the damaged areas. The Castle is at 860 meters above sea-level and gives you a beautiful surrounding view. An information-pavillon shows the process of reconstruction of the buildings and welcomes the wanderers for resting. There is also a stand were theater and concerts can be presented.

Just after my latest alpine WWFF-activations a week ago, we decided to go for antenna-testing with some mobile-antennas. DL-02346 was also my first castle-activation in 2011 were we made altogether about 760 contacts from the same location. There is a big wanderer parking-array under the peak with the castle on top. So the tests were made with three different antenna-types on top of the car and a lot of different results. Testing the HF20 and the HF40 from Diamond against the Outbacker 2000. Propagation was not so good this day. Made at first some 40 meter CW-contacts with the HF40 and changed





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A typical scenery in Nature-Park Steinwald which shows where „stonewood“ comes from !

later to the HF20 with not so good results on 20 so finally used the Outbacker there and altogether got around 40 stations in the log, however could work also stations from USA and far-east. Anyway it was late the temperature was extremely high and a lot of insects around made it not a funny task at all. Beside some insects you can find on such warm days also a bit different animals like shown on the pictures. They also like the beautiful warm underground and enjoy the relaxing between the stones there.

All contacts will be confirmed via the buro automatically.

Logs will be put in the online-databases:

<http://logsearch.wfff.co>

<http://www.wcagroup.org>



All reports from previous activities can be found at:

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

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