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Nature-Reserve Pfatterer Au



The nature-reserve Pfatterer Au was added to the DLFF-listing in 2012. The area with a size of 359 ha is a river valley from the river Donau and located between the towns of Regensburg and Straubing.

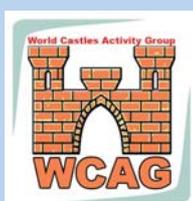
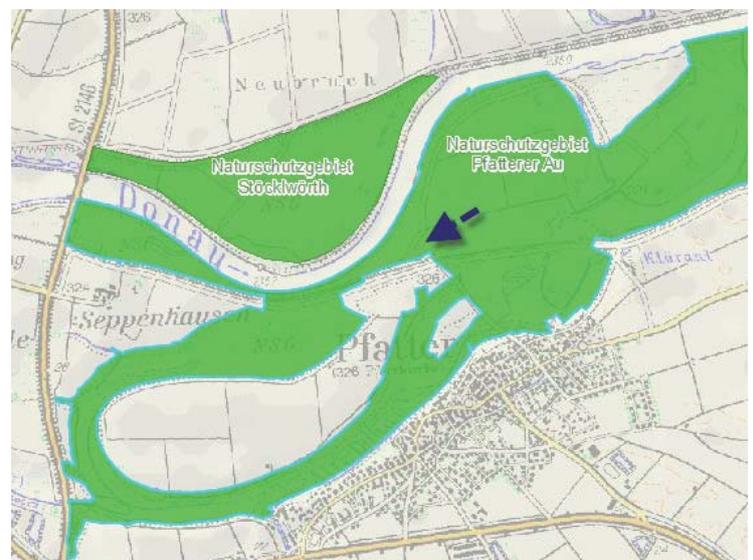


It's easy to reach on the fast-track. As an overwintering area for threatened species of birds the area is of national importance. The only breeding place for the european curlew in the area.

Meanwhile two planned activations needed to be cancelled according to the bad weather. Now we decided short-termed on sunday 19 afternoon to go and activate this one. Regensburg with large

The heart of the nature-reserve with the castle of Wörth in about 5km distance

cities around we didn't expect that this area will not be activated so long. When driving on the fast-track it took us a good hour to arrive and check for an acceptable location. The first decided resting-place was close on the road beside the town of Pfatterer with around 3000 inhabitants. On the first view it was acceptable but then we decided to make an attempt to get more in the centre. Finding in the web a small road which was not fixed but in acceptable condition leading to a watergate in the middle of the area and not forbidden to drive. This brought us to our final destination. With the usual process we were ready to go on the air after around 15 minutes of preparation. At the begin we had temperatures up to 27 degrees. However weather-forecast was not so exciting for the evening. The first attempt on 14MHz was not too good. So after a few contacts moved to 7Mhz were meanwhile also the last





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contest should be over. For sure there were a lot of people outside to enjoy the rare beautiful weather but anyway we had a great number of stations calling at the begin. Most of them from germany , followed by poland and italy. After working down the first around 100 stations it dried out a bit and I switched back to 20 meters. Now the band was in better condition. From time to time also some germans called in on this band however it started to be more and more noisy and the sky getting darker and darker. After 1,25 hours of operation the first thunder were rolling in. I tried a bit longer but it was getting more and more unproductive and the bands were closing. When the first light rain started, we decided to break down to avoid further troubles. In exactly 1,5 hours of operation 191 stations could be worked.



looking nice at the begin

When leaving the area just three kilometers later the real weather arrived with thunder and lightning and extreme intense rainfalls. The weather was moving about back to normality when reaching Regensburg city. But then it restarted so heavy that the rest of the remaining 80 kilometers on the fasttrack we mostly couldn't drive faster than 50km/hour, otherwise you would have seen anything more. The whole road was a big column of slow driving cars. More than happy to be back home the log was entered in the evening and uploaded next day. QSL-cards are on the way.

If you want to look if you are in the log, check:
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