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Red Castle - Rotes Schloss

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Naturepark Fichtelgebirge



The castle has different names. Sometimes it was called Waldstein-castle as it´s on top of the Waldstein-mountain. It was built around 1350 by the knights of Sparneck. In the 15th century some of the in earlier times important persons acted as robber-knights and hijacked some prominent persons which were in relationship

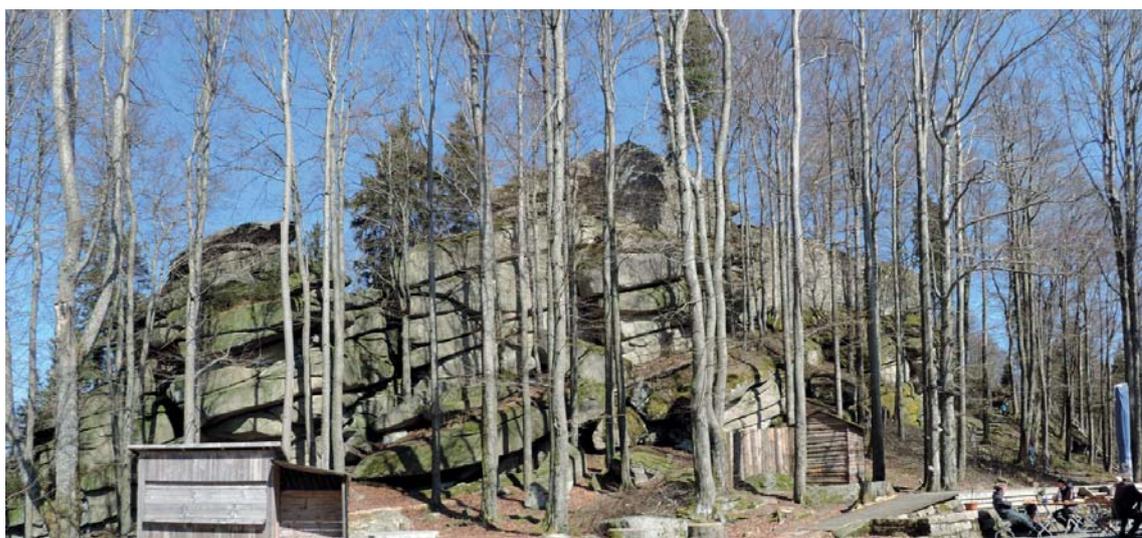


with the german imperator and jailed them into the Waldstein-castle. When they had the chance to flee, of course the owners of the castle were convicted as helper and an army with more then 10000 soldiers was sent and burned the castle, the strongest one in the whole area, down until the foundation walls. This was also the end of the Sparneck dynasty. Long time the remaining parts of the ruine were forgotten. During the war of the spanish Succession 1701-1714 it was used again as a camp and the look-out became a new roof with red bricks what finally leded to the name red castle.

When I was working in earlier years as radio-tv-technician the mountain Waldstein was very well known as it was the supplier of the 2nd and 3rd TV-program in our area. In 2012, when we were exploring the area for a possible location for our DLFF-060-operation I was the first time my own in the area and detected the small fortified road up to that hill. Then I saw in the TV a documentation of

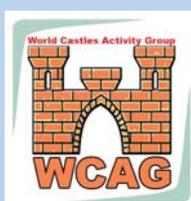
Red castle (Rotes Schloss) at about 850 meters asl with impressive round-view

a person which followed the source of the river Saale which is on Waldstein mountain. It took me three more



years and of course the existence of this old castle which took us to the area again. There is a large parking array beside the restaurant on top and we moved to the outer corner as we didn´t know how much audience there appears. At 0646 UTC we made the first contact with ES1IP. We were spotted fast into the cluster however reply was

lookup to the arrangement from the bottom at nearby restaurant Waldsteinhaus





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devils desk

not so well. We had a few stations in a row but then again it dropped out and just after 15 minutes we found out, that it will be a heavy morning to get some stations together. Also 20 meter was not too much open and we changed 40/20/40. So don't know exactly what was the reason for, however we had more or less a clear shot but seems that conditions were bad that day. Anyway after 2,5 hours of operation and 193 stations in the log we ended the operation and did some excursion in the historic interesting area.

Last contact was with US5ETV on 14 SSB.

Of course there are a lot of legends about mysterious things happens there, especially when you going up at midnight. The area is very well populated by hikers and bikers and the upper area of Waldstein is also a nature-reserve.

Roundview from top of the castle is worth to see. You have a wide view into Fichtelgebirge and the nearby located Frankenwald.

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a hungry visitor



bringing WCA-flag up the mountain

