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Castle of Röthenbach

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Nature-Park Fichtelgebirge



Röthenbach is a part of the city of Arzberg. Since 1360 the family of Schirnding had the whole village in their possession. The first time a castle was named there in 1389, the current building was realized between 1559 and 1561 in renaissance-style by Heinrich of Schirnding and his wife Dorothea of Waldenfels. The last of the Schirndinger-family died in 1819 and the castle went to the family of Waldenfels whose descendants still living there. The building has the shape of a hook and was in earlier times surrounded by a ditch.



Castle Röthenbach near the city of Arzberg

After one successful castle-activation on easter-saturday we planned again for the end of the easter-weekend another one. When opening the windows in the morning however the roads were white with unexpected snow. Winter came back in north-east-bavaria. The weather forecast was talking from about 6-8 degrees later the day, so anyway, if that really hap-

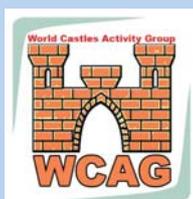
pended we would start into the nature. Expected time frame was between 1230-1430 utc in the afternoon as on 1500 the easter-contest would start and no more free frequency would be available then. When we started from



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home it really looked a bit sunny and temperature was acceptable. However coming closer to the area the sky changed rapidly and the wind started extrem to blow. Arriving there it was very foggy. We drove along the castle on a small road to the end of the village were we rested on a small side-way. Then it started again with extreme snowfalls, fine weather for antenna-setup but finally when finished and sitting wet in the car, the sun came out, what a luck :-)

For the resting-time the weather-changed repeated on and on bet-





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QTH at the end of the village changing between spring and winter in 10 minute-range

ween looking friendly spring-day and awful winter-day. This time I tried to start on 20 meters and had a surprising first station with Jürgen DB3JK who was extreme loud and that in germany on 20, but we quickly found out that he was living only a few kilometers away. I worked some stations there, but 20 at this time was bad and called several times without success. Also cluster-access was gone after the first spot. So tried my luck on 40 meters and after some longer contacts a big pile-up with interested stations was building and had to work them down by numbers. Signals in both directions were very well and we continued more than one hour there. Finally at the end of the operation moved back to 20 meters and could work there also a number of interested stations. Finally operation ended with 193 contacts in a total operating time of exactly 1,5 hours. With cold feet we packed everything and left for the tour back home.

Thanks to all callers and listeners and especially those who spotted us into the cluster.

73, 44, 11 cu from the next one,
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