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Nature Reserve Naturwaldreservat Fichtelseemoor



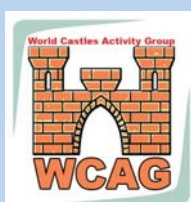
*Naturwaldreservat Fichtelseemoor with a size of 139 ha at about 750meters asl was elected in 1982 (in it´s current size). The highmoor is a relict from last ice-age with an age between 8000 and 10000 years. There was a big dewatering during the past centuries but a lot of species especially typical for moor-areas could survive.*



first entrance to DLFF-289

Fichtelseemoor is located between the mountains Ochsenkopf and Platte. Bordering and partly inside of the area is also the Fichtelsee. A beautiful lake area which offers a wide area for recreation like swimming, walking, biking and so on. In earlier years when our son was young we often made daytrips to the area. So last year, while walking there we found the new renaturized areas into the moor where you have also a wooden walkway through. I think it´s an ideal addition for DLFF-program as there is also a very good connection, the fasttrack A9 is going just 15km away and a lot of tourists and camper are populating the area each year. When I was checking the maps at first thought, that it maybe will be difficult to activate as before found only ways reachable by foot inside. When the new area was elected together with 33 others in germany, we decided to drive and just make an attempt. Scheduled for 0800 UTC we had about 1 hour to drive to the area with the possibility to go on research for location but were absolutely surprised when we took the first possible road to Fichtelberg, the nearby city, that we could enter the area to a small parking range on the right side. The problem is that there are a lot of parking-areas on the left but all of them not inside. So the only risk was that behind our location a small forbidden way led into the nature-reserve and probably some ranger or forester wanted to go inside there. So we decided to park extremely on the edge and put the antenna-mast separately that there would be a chance to pass along.

This time the windom-antenna was used as there was only a short area available in front of the car closed to





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„cool“ shack for 2 hours

the nearby road. The longer end was positioned into the wood were still a lot of snow was.

We reached the time window very good and started with the first CQ-call 1 minute before 0800 UTC and were replied directly from Sergej RA3PCI who put us immediately in the cluster. We spent the first minutes on 20 meters and when the interest was worked down, we moved to 40 meters. A lot of stations were waiting there for us and team-colleague from earlier activations Xaver, DK4RM spotted us and pile-up was tremendous. After one hour we had 180 contacts in the log when Murphy appeared. In the middle of a contact transceiver lights went out and came back again after few seconds however on another frequency. It looked like the battery went into the knees. Good

luck we had the second with us which was used to secure the mast-stand. When changing battery also the antenna came down and finally, not enough, from the backside of the wood a large tractor appeared. My xyl said it at the beginning and mostly she meets the point. However tractor driver was very friendly and he moved with his machine further in the snow so that he finally could cross. Thanks a lot for the people which were waiting and keep the frequency. So after several long minutes we could continue there and work the remaining stations. Last 20 minutes we moved back to 20meters and later shortly back to 40 cw but seemed that most of the stations needed us, could work us. Finally we ended exactly after two hours with 301 contacts in the log.

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Fichtelsee bordering to the moor-area

