



DA0CW/p 09.june 2012 DLFF-144
Charlottenhofer Weihergebiet



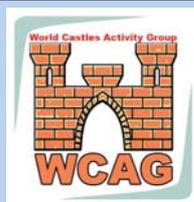
Charlottenhofer Weihergebiet is one of the biggest nature reserve in the upper palatinate, located about 50km north of Regensburg in northern bavaria. More than 100 different bird-species like sea-eagle, cormorant, stork to name just a few of them using the area with an endless number of seas for breeding, hibernation and feeding. The total size is 861 ha and it's a valid nature-reserve since 1989. There is also a road crossing through the reserve which made the activation not too problematically. Until the middle of 2012 there were no nature-reserves from germany at all included in the WFF-listing. However the changes in all the other european countries made it necessary to think about this status. In the first step there were nine new areas included which are valid according the conventions which were arranged with the german check-point Ric DL2VFR. More will follow sure.



view from operating position in DLFF-144

Weather in our area was absolutely terrible the last weeks. So not too long ago we had to cancel the planned DLFF-119 operation according to that situation. I was checking the area around DLFF144 some weeks ago to find a good position. At first had the plan to go with Günther DC2RK on this trip, however he left the country for holidays so when my health would allow I've decided to go with my xyl on this tour. Some rumors about the different green days on that weekend and also some smaller contests brought me in doubt but then finally it looked like not too much rain and we started. Reaching the area with planned working position nr. 1 at around 0600 UTC. When antenna-setup was finished the first call was at 0626 UTC and too my biggest surprise my team-colleague Günther called my as 9A/DC2RK and was the first ever DLFF-144 contact. I made the previous operations in 2012 under our current special-call DP7COTA with the combination of

The election of the new german DLFF-areas happend with the introduction of the new WFF-directory on june 01.





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WFF and WCA-activities. Here of course only nature, so I've decided to use our standard WFF-call DA0CW/p. The bands were absolutely crowded, so it was difficult to find a good frequency at all in the number of contest-stations. Had some good run for 30 minutes and then again 30 minutes were you really had to fight to fill the log. Also CW-equipment made again some trouble. My micro-keyer generated repeatedly so heavy noises in my FT450 that I finally had to cancel the CW-operation. In the later morning the conditions on the bands were a bit better and from time to time had some good runs on 40 as well as on 20 meter. Finally the green-day weekend was not the

my xyl declaring the farmer the reason of the wires in the trees

best period for the activation but at the end about 375 stations could be worked with the new counter. Equipment was FT450AT with double-dipole about 5 meters up, powered by separate car-battery. Photo-QLS as usual automatically via our QSL-Manager DL7RAG
73, 44, 11 till the next time



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