



DA0CW/p 15.august 2012 DLFF-150 Nature-Reserve Großer Weidenteich



Nature-Reserve „Großer Weidenteich“ is located in saxonia with a total size of 342 ha and is only about 5 km away from Plauen in Vogtland. It´s a wooden area with a large lake inside which gave the name for the area and is the second largest lake in Vogtland-area. The flora-fauna number for the area was issued in july 2012 and is one of the newest areas in germany.

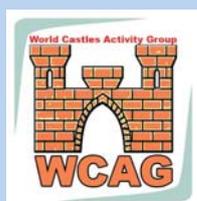


Long time has gone since my latest activity from DLFF-143 with the 760 contacts. So after 6 weeks interruption for several reasons we are planning a large scale operation from the new DLFF-174. As august 15 is a free day, I decided to do a small test before the „hopefully“ big event on saturday and selected the other new german flora fauna areas. So DLFF150 was the closest with about 96 kilometer and my wife and me decided to do

location beside the small road through the reserve
a small pre-operation before the coming weekend. The first 75 kilometer were absolutely easy on the highway however the last 20 kilometer took extreme long with alternative route and very small roads. So we arrived a bit later than expected on the position. The area has a road directly going through and I found the small way which I selected on Google Maps as an acceptable working position. only a little hill in northwest-direction, everything else with a clear shot. The antenna and equipment was setup 30 minutes later. So at 0706 the first CQ appeared. The first contact with SP9IEK at exactly 0700 UTC and just found out, that there was something wrong with the rig. If single stations were calling it was quite good readable however when five or ten stations calling same time the audio was nearly unreadable. After trying about 50 contacts I decided to make a short break and get in touch with the documentation which I kept luckily on board and after a reset I started again. But the nice opening from 40 meter was now now. I tried my luck on 20 meters and had an opening with around 60 stations. 20 meters always was bad to calculate during my last operations. Often had less than 10 percent on this band. So I switched a lot bet-



view from distance





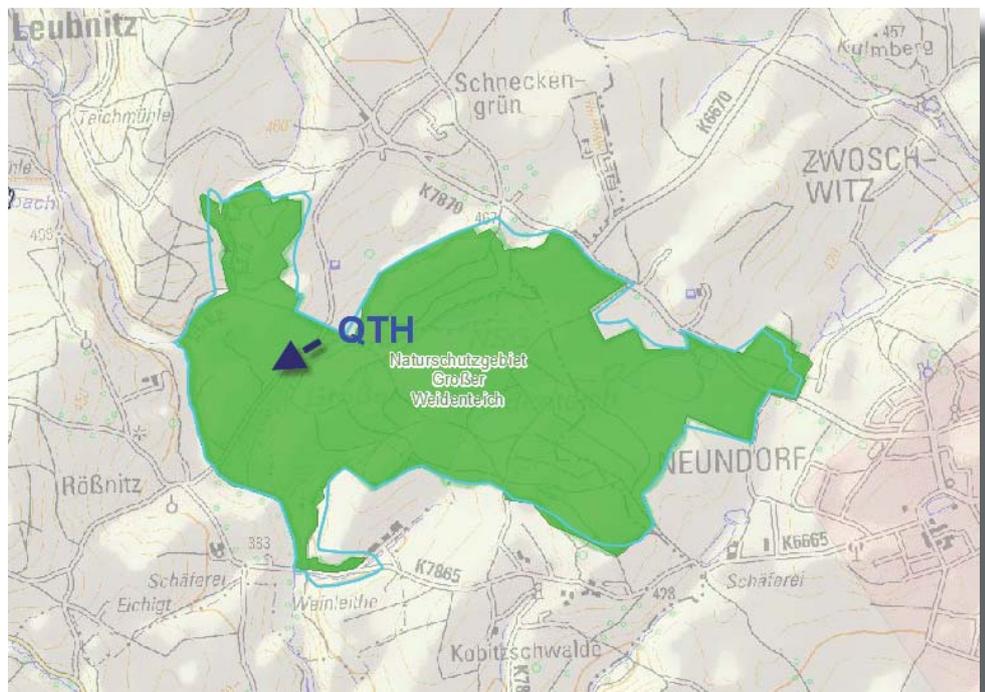
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ween 40 and 20 meters, sometimes with more sometimes with less success. When turning to CW again Murphy was my friend this day. Sometimes the micro-keyer was hanging and so finally could mange just about 40 contacts in CW. I had no internet-access so I needed always somebody who was so kind to spot me. Thanks to those stations who did this, for their kind support. The temperature was claiming and claiming and finally above the 35 degrees in the black car. Not so funny. So after a lot of attempts, a lot of band-changes, we decided to close down with HA6NF at 1052 as the latest contact from DLFF-150. Doing a Flora Fauna operation during the week is always a bit tricky. Lot of people

some kind of exotic animal in the area :-)

still in work and also the free day in germany was not in all areas free. Beside this there were also terrible conditions with nearly no skip inside germany. I finally just had around 10 contacts with german stations. Altogether 296 contacts were done. QSL-card as usual via our QSL-manager Heinz DL7RAG . Log will be uploaded to Igor´s (EW4DX) logsearch . 73, 44, 11 cu from the next one



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