



DA0CW/p 18.august 2012 DLFF-174 Nature-Reserve Wondreb-Aue



Nature-Reserve „Wondreb-Aue“ is located in north-east-bavaria about 10 km away from the town of Tirschenreuth with a distance from about 20km to the Czech Republic and a size of 213 ha was elected as nature-reserve in 1989.



The area is going back to nature since long time. It´s the source for the river Wondreb with a lot of surrounding meadows and an important home for some fish which are actually on the red list and is also a breeding area for the black crane.

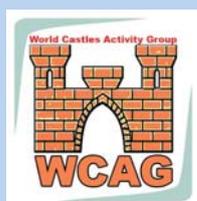
view to the meadows with the small portions of river Wondreb inside

The application for the area was some time ago made, however we found out that it will be not so easy to go there. The area is located in the middle of the wood and no official road crossing there. The only way to come inside are some wood-tracks but all of them we selec-

ted from the various directions were forbidden. So the area to reach is no problem at all but only with backpack and small equipment. So we kept the possibility in the backhand to go there with a handcar the 2 kilometers inside the wood. However after discussing with the responsible authorities after some attempts we finally got a permission for a limited number of equipment to go inside for a small period of time. The weather in august was beautiful, mostly too warm and we were in doubt about the date. Checking all weekend dates there was the only possibility for all of us the august, 18th. Alternative date would have been in the middle of september but nowone currently knows how weather will be so we decided to take the chance in august. Also the two last years we were on tour in 2010 from DLFF097 and DLFF098 and in 2011 in DLFF064, all



Gerald DL8RBS with Armin DL7RAE





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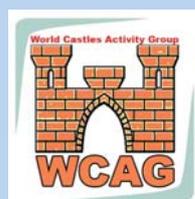
Xaver DK4RM at the 30/17-meter station in pure nature

of them first-activations on the lighthouse-weekend, so our hope was that also this time we will get good through the busy day. At 0730 we met at the entry and were passing with three cars to the destination, a wood-track-crossing which was the only position where we had enough place for the long dipole for 40/20 meters. About 0620 UTC the first station was on the air on 40 meters SSB. It took only one hour to see that this operation will not result in such high QSO numbers than several activities before. Meanwhile also Xaver was with the second station in the air. There was a good run at the

beginning on 40 meters but then it dropped down rapidly. There was so much activity on 40 that it was difficult to get a frequency and if you finally had one to defend it. Also again very tricky the conditions. The first run on 40 nearly without any German station. The second run brought nearly only German stations in the log. Conditions were changing rapidly. On 20 meters was a



Station 1 located directly on the wood-track with the 40/20-meter antenna





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Günter DC2RK, Josef DL6JOS and Tobias DL2TOB preparing for dismantling the antennas

Josef DL6JOS came to give us a visit and put down all the antennas and equipment. So thanks to all who made this activation possible. Finally we have to say that this one was much more adventurous than all other activations before. All time QSO-rate from the activations now raise above 15500 contacts. Top-Band was 40 Meter with 335 QSOs. Top-ranking from the reached countries DL with 172 QSO, followed by italy and russia, both with 61 and then poland with 50 QSOs. 45 percent of the contacts were made in CW. Thanks to all who called and spotted us. Hope to meet you again from anywhere.

73, 44, Manfred DF6EX for Team DA0CW/p

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<http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>

terrible noise which was not only on our location. It was also in the surrounding area reported from some other hams. Had a nice opening on 20 meter CW but needed finally to close because distortions were above S9-level. 20 meters was opening shortly, you worked a few stations and then it was like anyone has unplugged the antenna. So very strange but of course also not the best antenna-location there in the middle of the wood. Also Xaver DK4RM had similar results on the second station. Some times a handful of stations came back on 17/30 meters but then you needed to call minutes without success. We worked also VK/W/JA/UA0/4X, so we could be heard but seems that propagations were not with us this day and of course also the lighthouse-weekend which was very much populated this time, beside the RDA-contest which made in the later hours 20 and 40 CW nearly impossible to continue. Finally 684 contacts could be done from this new one. Of course we have to be satisfied with the total because we got all required permissions, made a difficult area possible for hopefully all of them who really were interested to contact us. The team consisted this time by Günter DC2RK who again loaned us his camper with trailer for the first station, Xaver DK4RM running the WARC-station, Gerald DL8RBS running also partially on both stations. Armin DL7RAE helped with the setup. Tobias DL2TOB and Jo-



Manfred DF6EX operating

