



DR11COTA 23.june 2013 DLFF-119
Nature-Park Steinwald
Castle of Friedenfels DL-02349 BOB-015



The town Friedenfels (about 1200 inhabitants) in Nature-Park Steinwald DLFF-119 got his name from the Castle of Friedenfels. The guardian of the two brothers Christoph and Friedrich Sittich Notthaft of Weissenstein proposed that it will be not the best when both brother remain under the same roof. After dividing their beneficiary Christoph got the Castle of Thumsenreuth (DL-02809) which is about 10 kilometers away. Friedrich Sittich Notthaft built a new castle on top of todays Friedenfels in the year 1586. The name of the town stands for peace and rock and reflects the final decision between the two brothers to come to an end in their conflict. Final restauration on the building was done in the year 1900. Until 1882 it was in the possession of the famous Notthaft-family who had some other castles in the area too. The castle today is in private ownership and can´t be visited. Friedenfels today is a well-known recreation-place with a lot of visitors in the middle of Nature-Park-Steinwald and offers beside the usual well prepared areas for biking and walking also winter-sport areas for all disciplines.

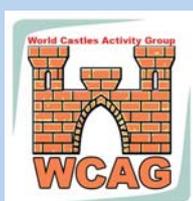


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Just one week after the World-CastleWeek-end we started for a short trip in our closer neighbourhood. Friedenfels is about 20 kilometers to go from our home-location. Saturday was not able so decided very short termed on sunday-afternoon,

when several contests were over to go on the short trip. Location was long-time before selected and a nice place without any trouble. Just before the road is climbing into the heart of Naturepark Steinwald we reached our location for activity. Our team (xyl and me) this time needed only 10 minutes for setup





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and ready to go. Conditions this day were very poor. On 40 meters at first it started very slow. However of course this is also not a rare nature-park and a lot of castle-hunters for sure enjoyed their day with other things. Switched continuously between 40 and 20 meters. From time to time few QSOs on 20 but not so good. We finally made it a bit less of two hours. Checking of my new spare-battery for future-activations was also okay. Got also excellent signal-reports on 40 meters, only 20 again not so well but conditions needs to be accepted. Altogether we made 143 contacts during that 3rd activation with the call

left going to Castle of Fuchsmühl DL-04225 (still not activated, right to DL-02349 Castle of Friedenfels (500 meters away), 5 km in the back of the car DL-02346 Castle of Weissenstein (my first castle-activation at all)

DR11COTA. Currently working on the final layout of the QSL-card which will be similar to my previous DP7COTA-QSL-cards. Hope to send them out in september for all contacts together.

Logs will be put in the online-databases:

<http://logsearch.wwff.co>
<http://www.wcagroup.org>

All reports from previous activities can be found at:

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

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