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OKFF-1051
Nature-Reserve Udoli Teple



Nature reserve Udoli Teple was declared in 1992 and has a size of 172 ha. It is located between the two wellknown towns of Marianzke Lazne and Karlovy Vary. Udoli Teple stands for „valley of the river Tepl“ and is a slim and wounded valley. Through the area leads also a railway line which was built through the mountains with several tunnels by 700 italian workers and opened in 1898. The area itself is mainly composed by the river-area with some cataracts and the bordering meadows with a lot of endangered species of plants growing there. River Tepl gave also the name for the nearby located abbey of Tepl. At the end of the valley you are reaching the town of Bečov with a very famous castle and palace on top of a hill.



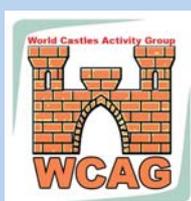
start into the valley of OKFF-1051

Two weeks after the last activity from Pluhuv Bor we started again in the same area. Total distance between Pluhuv Bor and Udoli Teple is just 15 kilometers. At first planned to use the same route like the last time but then decided to use an alternative way via Marianske Lazne which was a good idea because when reaching Mnichov before the entrance of the valley we found the shield that the road coming from Pluhuv Bor is closed. So when checking before the area via Google-Maps in a theoretic way, found out that there will be not many possible locations in the area where we could setup without any troubles.

The road through the valley is really very small and is on both sides on almost the whole way fixed with guide boards. So there are nearly no places where you can stay on the side of the road and there is the whole day a lot of traffic on the road as it is connecting two very famous towns together.

Had remarked two possible locations but when coming along we saw that one was not accessible at all if you have no tractor :-). The second possible place was leading to a farm but the whole way was already full with cars so also there no chance. We were passing almost the whole valley as there is also no chance to turn-over, crossing also the railway-line and finally found a small place where we could return. Also in the deep valley there is so many vegetation that the functionality of the antennas would be not so nice.

So when entering we found two points which were both not optimal however we went back to them. First was a small crossing with a lot of farm-machines coming along so also not optimal, only chance was our first found place, a small bay into the wood where several power and phone-lines were crossing in three meters height and directly in the wood after just 50 meters a large truck inside where we had to expect every minute that its required to drive out and let the truck pass along. Beside this also a lot of visitors which were using the only resting





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the only possible location

and we were short before closing down. After a final check on 40 meter SSB some more stations arrived, so we could add several stations more into the log. Temperature was rising that day again up to roundabout 28 degrees. Last contact was with DL5ANE at 0940



Udoli Teple, wounded road going through

possibility on the road like motorcycle-drivers and some viewers which just wanted to have a look whats going on. The first station made it into the log on 40 meters was HB9OAE at 0734 UTC. As usual we had no cluster-access there, so took a while until the first station spotted us into the DX-cluster and the run started. The first 50 minutes produced 139 contacts on 40. When we moved to 20, band was still very silent and there were some remaining contest-activity. So several attempts on 20 meter SSB failed. Before I gave up on 14MHz still turned down in the CW-portion. Also there lot of contest-activities however could find an acceptable frequency. When the first station there put me into the cluster also a small pileup appeared but dried out after 15 minutes. Made another attempt on phone but generated no interest. The next band switch back to 40 meter CW was not so effective too

UTC with a total result of 230 stations in the log. The trip back home was made via Chodova Plana (in the near of my earlier QRL-location), where we found a group of storks which were populating several houses. A group of 10. The stork



Every 5 meters a base was in possession of another stork

became much rarer in the past years in bavaria. However remember on my QRL-time there in Czech-Republic we often saw groups of more than 50 birds hunting for frogs and other specialties in the meadows there on our homeway. So nature is there much more pure against our home-area. 73, 44, 11 cu from the next one, Manfred -DF6EX-

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