



DAØWCA 16.06.2018

Naturepark Fichtelgebirge DLFF-0058
Castle Schwarzenreuth DL-04870
Castle Ebnath DL-04952



Castle Ebnath DL-04952 and location above on the hill near waterhouse

For the world-castle-weekend 2018 my time was quite limited and propagation those weeks were very bad, so decided to make a short-distance-trip to the naturepark Fichtelgebirge.

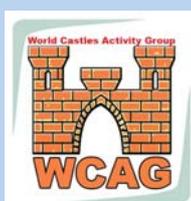
Found a location in Ebnath which is qualifying for the new castle Ebnath DL-04952 as well as for castle Schwarzenreuth DL-04870. New castle Ebnath was built around 1846 and latest was used by a forrest-company until 2010 before they gave up the building as it needs a lot of rehabilitation.

The nearby castle Schwarzenreuth was built around 1605. In the 20th century it came in private ownership and since that time a farmer tries to reconstruct the building as good as possible.

As the building in Ebnath is close to the mainroad I chose a small road up on the hill to the waterhouse of the village. To the one side had a great view into the naturepark, to the other side could see the roof of castle Schwarzenreuth behind the nearby strawberry-field in a distance of around 500 meters.

After a good start at 1138 UTC with 9A4FM as first caller, who kindly spotted me directly in the cluster, just 15 meters later it dropped only from one contact to the other.

Several changes between 40, 30 and





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20 meters didn't result in any improvement. Conditions simply were not good at all. Also not too many other castle stations could be worked. During the operation had some visits from traktor-drivers, walker and the nearby busy strawberry collectors which of course detected the activity.



Finally after around 2 hours I stopped on the very warm day with 130 contacts in the log.

Top three countries were Italy, Germany and Poland in that order.

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Castle Schwarzenreuth DL-04870 in total and on the right side seen from my portable location

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