



OK8WFF/p - OK/DH6RAE/p 31.08.2019
Nature Reserve
Pavlova Hut'
OKFF-0800



majestic tree with one end of our wires beside

OKFF-0800 was the operation in 2019 which needed the longest time for preplanning. We were altogether four times by foot in the area to find an acceptable way and a location. The first two attempts were totally unsuccessful. On attempt 3 and 4 we finally fixed the problem and found also a way to reach the area.

Pavlova Hut' is the name from a settlement which was founded in 1740 and had the major activities in the 18th and 19th century were a glass-factory was established there. Meanwhile there are only some small pieces from the former buildings remaining there. This gave also the same name for the nearby located nature-reserve with a size of 36ha at about 750mtrs asl. It's part of Český les Landscape Protected Area.

Our first excursions started in the near of DLFF-0580 on the german side. We thought on a way of about 1,5 kilometer to go, but finally distance was much higher.

We met a lot of mushroom-collectors on our trips through the woods. We met also some cars on the way so maybe there would be a possibility to come closer with mobile.

In our historic activity from 2012 were we made more than 1000 contacts from OKFF-0012, we already detected the crossway via the main-road which finally leads to OKFF-0800. While checking this position again, found out that the road is not closed. The way was not comfortable

but it took us faster the now altogether 4km into the area. In the middle of the wood later it goes over into a relatively good asphalt track. We met at our schedule-point near Bärnau and started at around 0530 into czech republic. The first two kilometer could be done at walking-speed only.

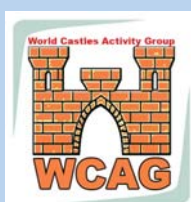
When reaching the asphalt-road it started upward into the wood. There is also the former location of the settlement were a memory-plate reminds to.

When arriving at the entry of the reserve, we were the first, however during the day also a lot of hiker, biker, motorcycles and cars came along there.

The place for our two stations was limited, so we had not too much



green walk from DL to OK





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Konrad OK/DH6RAE/p in action

distance from each other which generated us during the day also some difficult working conditions. Biggest problem however was the dramatic degradation from the conditions compared with one week before.

We often had longer periods were simply nobody came back. Under these circumstances we extended our stay as long as possible. In the afternoon a contest started, so we were there on site until the contest-stations started to reserve „their“ frequencies.

This time we were prepared with a third battery however you have no influence on the sunspots. We worked 40 DXCC-countries with a total of 478 contacts. We were active on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30 and 40meters. 376 unique

callsigns got the new counter.

Top 3 countries as usual Italy with 81, Poland 61 and Germany 58 QSO.

Our return trip led us on a bit different way through the wood.

So thank you all for giving us a contact or SWL-report, thanks also to those who spotted us in the cluster-network.



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entry to the nature-reserve

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