



DR1ØWCA 20.11.2019

Naturepark Steinwald DLFF-0119

Schloss Groschlattengrün (Schlössli) DL-04946



The whole week was a composition of rain, fog, of course it is november, so no surprise.

At 20th in the morning decided quickly to jump out for an activity today.

So started directly at dinner-break to leave the QRL and moved into the Steinwald-area DLFF-0119. I was there in september 2017 the first time under terrible conditions. This time they were not much better. Temperature outside was 4 degrees and the fog sometimes so heavy that you couldn't see the trees in the nearby wood.

The first minutes on 40 meter with a surprising free 7.144 checked the antenna, if really plugged in, then the first station came back to me and replied, „you seem to be the only signal on the band“. When trying a bit longer, some stations were dropping in however

not so big signals than usual. Good signals only from poland and italy. Germany almost nothing and also OE, OK mostly very weak. Also switching between the bands was not helpful. Totally unsuccessful on 30 and 17 meters. So mostly did some attempt on 14Mhz and of course 7Mhz. The first hour in the car was acceptable but then the feet became more and more cold. At the whole stay, only 2 persons came along at all. So it was definitely not a good day to be outside. The QSB was so extreme that some stations were fading in up to S9 and if you were talking, they faded down to unreadable. Same experience on my signals was also confirmed by some callers. The total of contacts were finally 152. Major countries as usual, italy this time as nr. 1 with 27 QSO, followed by polland and 17 as 2nd, this time nr. 3 went to belgium with 13 QSO. However this time also surprising the 4 US-stations including N9MM from KFF-4417 under such bad propagations.

So thanks to all callers helped me to warm up the frozen body a bit. Maybe will be out for another „winter fieldday“ in the coming weeks as long, there is no snow or rain.

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200 meters above the castle along a bike-way

