

# Summits on the Air

## Luxembourg (LX)

### Association Reference Manual



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## 1 Association Reference Data

Association	Luxembourg (LX)
Commencement date	01 March 2010
Regions	Luxembourg (LX-xxx)
Association parameters 1	
Summit operation criteria	Operation must be within 25m vertically of the summit
Band 1, score 1 point	<300m ASL
Band 2, score 2 points	>=300m ASL, <400m ASL
Band 3, score 4 points	>=400m ASL, <500m ASL
Band 4, score 6 points	>=500m ASL, <600m ASL
Seasonal bonus	No
Association sponsored awards	None
Association Manager	Walter Muth(interim), DK1BN (mailto:'hiscallsign'@darc.de)

### 1.1 Programme derivation

SOTA Luxembourg is an extension of similar programmes already active in other countries. In a manner similar to the Marilyn programme of Great Britain, it considers the relative height of summits compared to their surroundings (“prominence”) and defines a minimum of 100 m climb from the surrounding cols in order to qualify. With so few qualifying summits in Luxembourg, the summit database is likely to be complete. However, there is always the possibility of error, so activators are asked to submit details of any proposed additional summits to the association manager, together with any supporting documentation. If the summit meets the SOTA criteria it will be added to the list. Summits cannot be counted for points until a launch date and reference number has been allocated by the Association Manager and approved by the SOTA Management Team. The same address should be used for any other proposed amendments.

### 1.2 General information

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg offers such a diversity of landscapes: the verdant forests of the Ardennes, the sculpted features of the Mullerthal, the fertile meadows of the Centre, the rolling vineyards along the River Moselle and the rugged scenery of the Land of the Red Earth. Possibly in no other country in Europe such differing landscapes can be found in such short distances. Within a radius of less than 50 kilometres around the Luxembourg capital (which itself lies in a gentle, undulating landscape of woods and meadows known as “Gutland”), there are four different natural landscapes to admire, walk through or cycle through. These are the Ardennes, with their plateaus, deep green river valleys and castles; the Mullerthal - Luxembourg’s Little Switzerland region, with its woods, strange rock formations and caves, the charming Moselle valley with its vineyards and winegrowers’ villages, and the “Land of the red rocks” with its reddish rocks on former opencast mining sites.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a real paradise for hikers. With 5000 km of footpaths, it has one of the densest networks of marked trails in Europe. A total of 201 circular routes (varying in length between four and 16 km), 25 national and several cross-border hiking trails pass through the Grand Duchy. The European long-distance trails E2 and E3 trails also

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cross through Luxembourg, following the national network of hiking trails. In addition, there are trails linking stations, youth hostels or specially equipped “hiking huts”, as well as hikers’ highlights, such as the recently established “Mullerthal Trail”.

### **1.3 Rights of way and access issues**

Summits may not have public access. In this case, it is essential that the landowner’s permission be obtained before attempting activation.

### **1.4 Maps and navigation**

Official maps (digital or print) in different scales are available from:

Administration du Cadastre et de la Topographie du Luxembourg,  
Avenue Gaston Diderich L-1420 Luxembourg

<http://www.act.etat.lu>

Phone: (+352) 44 901-1, Fax: (+352) 44 901-333

Mailing address: BP 1761, L-1017 Luxembourg

Office hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 and from 13:30 to 16:30

### **1.5 Safety considerations**

It is worth remembering that all hills can be inhospitable places in inclement weather at any time of year. Despite Luxemburg’s summits never being far from road access, you should always be prepared for a possible deterioration in the weather and dress accordingly. Mobile phone coverage is generally good throughout Luxembourg, but there may be certain areas without coverage.

### **1.6 Foreign Radio Amateurs in Luxembourg**

Holders of CEPT licenses are authorised to transmit according to their licenses and IARU Region I band plan. You may take a copy of your license with you. You should prefix your callsign with “LX/”

### **1.7 Awards**

There are no association-specific awards at the moment.

### **1.8 Disclaimer**

Hiking, hill-walking and rock-climbing are potentially dangerous activities. The SOTA Management Team and their associates assume no responsibility for accidents. Each participant does so at his or her own risk, and must decide, on the basis of their own ability, whether an objective is achievable. The listing of a summit in the reference does not mean

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that it is easy to reach, and it is always worth seeking local advice for all but the simplest of expeditions.

## 2 Summit Reference Data

### 2.1 Region Reference - Luxembourg

Association	Luxembourg (LX)
Region	Luxembourg (LX/LX-xxx)

#### 2.1.1 Regional notes

Despite its small size, Luxembourg has a varied topography, with two main features to its landscape. The northern section of the country is formed by part of the plateau of the Ardennes, where the mountain heights range from 460 to almost 560 meters (1500 to 1800ft.) high. The rest of the country is made up of undulating countryside with broad valleys.

The summit “Kneiff” at 560 metres is the highest point in the country. According to the official Regional Map R1 Clervaux - Huldange 1:20000 (2003) by the Administration du Cadastre et de la Topographie it is 1m higher than the summit “Burgplatz”, which is often erroneously considered Luxembourg's highest point. However, neither complies with the P100 criteria to be a valid SOTA summit.

#### 2.1.2 Table of summits

Ref. no.	Peak	Height		Prom [m]	Lat	Long	Loc	Available		Pts
		[m]	[ft]					since	until	
LX/LX-001	Steekammchen	456	1496	112	49,9725	5,9517	JN29XX	01 Mar. 2010		4
LX/LX-002	Grogenwald	431	1414	148	49,6733	6,1983	JN39CQ	01 Mar. 2010		4
LX/LX-003	Kiirchbësch	416	1365	111	49,8917	6,2192	JN39CV	01 Mar. 2010		4
LX/LX-004	Widderbiërg	386	1266	111	49,6617	6,3133	JN39DP	01 Mar. 2010		2

See list of Mark Trengove <http://www.viewfinderpanoramas.org/reascent/Luxembourg.xls>