

April 30th Rest Day



Everyone spent the day doing laundry, resting and enjoying the nice sunny day cleaning the van doing the updates for the web site but in the evening we all came together and had a nice dinner. We had a short circle to check in and to make sure the chore list was filled. We have decided that everyone will change jobs every rest day it seems to work well. Then we watched a documentary on the first nuclear plant to be dismantled in Brittany, France. Thanks to the Green Party of Lausanne for a nice place to stay on the lake.

May 1st Lausanne to Moudon 24 K



The weather has changed it is sunny and warm. The challenge for today is Lausanne it is like climbing a mountain for 4 k and then we have another 20 k of up and down. It was a rough go but everyone made it just fine we just took our time. It was very beautiful today we left the French Alps and are now looking out over the country side to see the Alps Fantastic! We stayed in another bomb shelter tonight this one is gigantic enough to house 250 people showers full Kitchen dinning room and beds. It's



a little bizarre but everyone seems to be handling it okay. We walked through the old part of town to get to the new part and wow its beautiful many people came out to welcome us to their community. The main road that runs through the town was just big enough to drive through with no room for a mistake. When we got to camp everyone set out their tents to dry and we settled in after dinner we gathered to talk about tomorrow we will be on



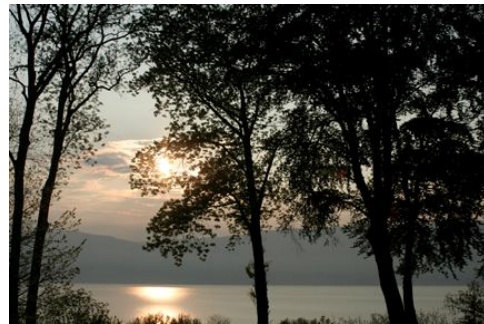
a footpath almost all the way to our next overnight it should be a great day. Thanks to the town of Moudon and

May 2nd Moudon to Estavayer le-Lac 27K



Today was a good day we got to walk along a river for most of the day and when we hit the road it was still sunny in the afternoon we had pop up thunderstorms and when it rained the temperature must have dropped 20 degrees. We arrived at our overnight Chateau de la Corbiere around 5:00 we were greeted by 2 men Res & Werner they have taken this old Chateau and have been remodeling it and are

turning it into a place to build a community they have a few families living there already and are in the middle of creating a theater Gipsy style. They made us dinner and everything was either taken out of their garden or fished out of the lake that borders the property. So in the evening we were treated to this great meal and were able to watch a beautiful sunset while we ate. We had circle to say goodbye to Kath and what I would call our fifth day growing pain circle and 3 hours after we started (it takes awhile sometimes with all the translating) the host came in and said that he had been watching and listening the whole time and he was inspired to say thank you to us because it is the kind of community that he would like to build here at the Chateau were all people can come together and learn from each other. Then he told us the story about a tree in Japan and gave us all a seed from this plant for the good times and the bad times. We finished our circle went over the maps and headed to bed.



Mat 3rd Estavayer le-lac to Oltigen 14 K



Rained in the night. Those in tents had to put them away sopping wet. Comfortable breakfast at our packing crate table. Morning was very misty but the mist lifted and became clouds. Sprinkled just a little in the afternoon. Ursula joined us for the walk. Very pretty countryside, hillier now. Cows and sheep have bells. Ursula had us take our

morning break at an old farm that is now a museum. It was built over 300 years ago. Leisurely lunch was at Ursula's house. Only walking 14K today, so not so rushed. Ursula pointed out the place where the two rivers join, and the stacks of Muhlburg



nuclear power plant. As we were walking along, Marion suddenly jumped out of the bushes at us. Joyous reunion. Took break at a dam. Marc says that the shepherds know each sheep by the sound of its bell. We are staying at a farm. Fortunately Elda speaks a bit of German. Mr. and Ms. Ramseier gave us a lovely dinner. The youngsters were happy about the beef stew. Everyone was excited when Mr. Ramseier brought out an atlas and they could show where they live. Long circle where we worked on deciding what the action at Muhlburg would be like. Decided to continue tomorrow when everyone is less sleepy.
Nancy Gorman USA



Oltigen Rest Day and Action at BKW



Our host provided breakfast for us this morning home made bread from homeground wheat, cheese and yoghurt, what a treat. Later twenty walkers, plus two local women Ursula and Rosemarie, walked for 2 hours through small villages and beautiful views with glimpses of snow covered mountains in the distance. One klm before the BKW reactor we rested and ate in preparation for our action. We walked the last 500 metres in silence with three large banners spanning the road, and our individual flags blowing in the wind.



A security guard attempted to direct us to a small parking area 100 metres before the entrance but the lead walkers silently but determinedly stood their ground and walked to the entrance. Still in silence we blocked $\frac{3}{4}$ of the road and two officials came out of the office to talk to us. After a few minutes June approached the two men and told them of the issues in Australia regarding the Aborigines and the massive amounts of water used to



mine uranium, while the country is in draught. Pekka from Finland told them, among other things, that Finland said No to Areva mining uranium in their country and asked who was responsible for the damage caused by mining uranium.

Elda....

Noe explained the story of the Peace Cranes (which we had tied to the gate and given them one each) and really got their attention, they then

asked him where he had got the story!!!! While this was happening everyone else remained in silence.

After one hour we were asked to leave, but we remained for another ½ hr. before Noe lead us off playing the flute. Many times the two men seem uncomfortable and tried to engage in unrelated conversation, but were ignored.

We walked back was along the river with once again many steep hills, but very beautiful (except for the close up view of the reactor)

June Australia

