

## May 6<sup>th</sup> Otigen to Bern 14 K1



Woke up at 7am and could see that it was going to be a sunny day took down my tent and headed for the kitchen by the time that I got to there Jerome and Aristide had started making porridge this was their 1<sup>st</sup> time and they did a good job! Our hosts were wonderful and gave us the run of their kitchen Rosemarie had made fresh bread; they had hand ground the flour. We left our beautiful farm which was our stay place and walked through the

forrest and down along the river Aar all along the river the swans and their young were sunning themselves. As this was a short walk we arrived at Bern and the community that we are staying in at 2.30 where Gabriela (our host) was there to greet us with tea and coffee

Jill – Scotland



## May 7<sup>th</sup> Bern to Batterkinder 22K



You couldn't ask for a more beautiful day sunny and warm. Today to the right of the walk all day you could see the Alps we traveled all day on footpaths taking us through small sleepy towns and farms full of blooming flowers cows, sheep, dogs and lush forrest. We arrived in Batterkinder around 5:30 and were greeted by Jurg Joss our host for the night. We meet Jurg on April 26<sup>th</sup> at a Chernobyl day event in Bern before the walk started. We were also greeted by the president of the Socialist Party, a member of Parliament from Bern and members from the community that are working hard to stop a nuclear waist facility and the new reactor at Muehleberg after the reception we went back to our stay place and had a fantastic meal and were told that they had just made fresh

bread for the morning. After dinner we saw the documentary Uranium is it a country? Made by Stephanie Auth she is also the overnight organizer for the walk. It was about the connection between the uranium mining in Australia and Europe after we had a small discussion with June our representative/walker from Australia and called it a night.

Jim USA



### **May 8<sup>th</sup> Batterkinder to Flumenthal 18K**

Today was half perfect and half wet we started off with a fantastic breakfast organized by Jurg Joss. We spent half of the day on footpaths and half the day on roads. We walked



through many big towns and passed out flyers talking about the walk. About an hour after we started to walk we had to take shelter because the rain was coming down so hard you couldn't see your hand in front of your face, there was also thunder and lightning. We finished up with sunshine around 4:30 our overnight stay place today is a horse farm and the owners didn't even have time to visit with us because they are getting ready for a race

and a show so we broke out the cook gear from last year and had a great dinner we had a record fast circle tonight and talked about upcoming events and the mountain we have to go over tomorrow. After the circle the next thing you knew everyone was in their tents already and asleep.

Jim USA

### **May 9<sup>th</sup> Flumenthal to Langenbruck 28K**



We wake to clear skies and the sound of birds to include a cuckoo, with sighting of a proud grey stork, high just over our camp. Clear skies washed by the rain of yesterday with fantasies of a very well day. Warm greetings to all for a breakfast prepared, by a most deft team, consumed by a hungry family, in preparation for our challenging walk of the day.... Over the breathtaking Jura mountains in the direction of

Balsthal and finally to our destination of Langenbruck...the place of the floating bridges and the first OKOZENTRUM established for something positive instead of something ANTI, in the 1970's for the research and promotion of a cleaner world.

Pekka guiding us through the green forests carpeted with the brown leaves of autumn, soft underfoot. Our goal for the day is to climb over the ridge from 200m to a height of 1000m once on the top. We are greeted with friendly smiles and much hand waving. Our guide confident, the group trusting for the next couple of km we set off again. At lunch we enjoy a meal with much laughter amongst us. Satisfied we set off for the

next grueling couple of hours and km. We walk well however tend to split the group as we descend the decline. Much laughter and shouting "Stop" etc we regroup and continue. We encounter rain just as we reach our last leg and feel relief as the rain cools us down after doing a sterling job of conquering the JURA. We march on till we are greeted and welcomed most heartily by Martin and Katrin with accommodation and a glorious meal of home made pizza and salad. We settle in early for a night with some fox experiences and the tolling of the local bells. We have walked for peace care and love and received much more.



Glenda Zurich/South Africa

### **May 10<sup>th</sup> Langenbruck to Liestal 19K**



were staying there was a meeting with the greens party. We had a nice table of snacks while we listened to the speeches, then some people had showers. After that we came back and had dinner of noodles salad and veggies, desert was cake and cake and pastry. Now I'm going to bed.

Liam – USA

Hi! I'm Liam! I'm righting an update for the group. This morning we walked through a big patch of cow Guantanamo. The whole place was one big barbed and electric fence. Then we went past some bunkers and through some more fences and some more woods. Its mother's day today. When we got to where we



## May 11<sup>th</sup> Liestal to Munchenstein 14K



Almost everyone woke-up early, 6am, thanks to the church bells ringing for about 5 minutes. But the early wake up did not translate into an early start. We knew we had a short day, only 14 kms and it was raining when we got up. But by 9:30am when we took our first steps out of town, the rain had stopped. We were guided by a young local woman, Ferena, on little side roads and foot paths. We stopped for lunch in a quiet

park then continued onto a larger park where we met up with the person that set-up tonight's stay. As we entered the park we came upon this huge dinosaur. We hung around the park for about an hour before walking to our overnight stay. Actually, we will be here for 2 nights, as tomorrow is a rest day. Some of us dried out our tents which were still wet from 2 nights ago. Others washed their clothes by hand. Then a few of the walkers prepared a wonderful meal for us. Now everyone is just hanging out together as night begins to fall.

Jeff – Vienna, Austria

