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Report from France



WHEEL EASY STALWART FOUND WANDERING IN THE CEVENNES

Many of you may know that Yvonne and I are holidaying with our motorhome in Europe and to start with we headed south through France stopping off at lovely locations and cycling through vineyards and picturesque villages. The last move south took us to Millau with the fantastic viaduct and then into an area on the edge of the Cevennes - a mountainous area in south central France.

We drove over the viaduct to start with and then went to a campsite about 20 miles east in a deep gorge at a tiny hamlet called Cantabre. Next day I wanted to see more of the viaduct so we cycled back to Millau and went to the visitor centre below the viaduct in the Tarn valley. It is truly breathtaking as a structure. Afterwards we headed back on our route on the D991 from Millau to sort of - nowhere really. It is a wilderness road through a gorge with our campsite 20 miles or so along it.

Five miles out of Millau we saw a heavily loaded touring cyclist coming the other way. There were shouts of Hello, then Yvonne said "I know him!". So stopping and turning around we

realised it was our own Peter Bradley doing a cycle tour in France. Peter was as gobsmacked as us and we all fell about with joyful and amazed greetings and hugs. Peter said he saw our Wheel Easy jerseys and couldn't believe it was us.

The coincidence was the more astonishing because none of us had planned to be in the area and Peter had decided to go for a meander through the hills that day. The road was not really any sort of through route between towns so what are the odds of that meeting!

We have since had a text from Peter asking us to assure him it wasn't a reality TV hoax! Well it wasn't, we did meet him, and have the picture to prove it.

Martin and Yvonne, from deepest France



