

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

## Burgundy Ride

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Mercredi Velo Tour dans Bourgogne: OK, that is all the French you are going to get and that was checked on GoogleTranslate so limited is my French. Our luxurious campsite near the River Soane in Burgundy was our starting point and as usual our start was delayed by coffee and croissants. After 10.00a.m. we set off cycling through the gently rolling countryside near Sennecy-le-Grand heading for the hills and vineyards of the Côte d'Or. The cool of the morning air was most welcome as we cycled through sunflowers and maize, interspersed with fields of lazing hefty Charolais white cattle enjoying the morning sunshine. We had a cafe stop at Nanton and Yvonne chatted with the lady who owned the bar in pretty good French while I sat by, just listened and nodded knowingly! The sun was pretty warm by now (the temperature reaching 30 degrees later) as we climbed up a quiet and shady valley to Calles de Roches. Now we were up in the vineyards with wonderful views of the sun-drenched Soane Valley. We followed the tourist route of Les Grand Vins through lovely villages and vineyards, stopping for a picnic under some plane trees. As with most of the roads we use in this area there was negligible traffic, and two cars together is a surprise. Eventually dropping down from the hills we stopped for an ice cream at the charming wine town of Buxy. Then it was back across the flat quiet roads to our campsite, and fortunately through a lot of shady forest. As I sit outside our motorhome a cool shower and cold drinks are the order of the day. 45 magic French miles. Martin and Yvonne



