



Paris reaches its hottest day on record

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Soaring temperatures broke records in France as well as Britain and the

Netherlands on Thursday as a heatwave gripped Europe for the second time in a month.

1. Perhaps there's never been a better reason to splash in the fountains at the foot of the Eiffel Tower -- than this:

2. Temperatures reached 108 degrees in Paris on Thursday — its hottest day on record... challenging residents and tourists alike.

71-YEAR-OLD BRITISH TOURIST, RON CROWDY, SAYING:

"We have to slow down and stop and keep drinking water, and we like the beer, it's quite good..."

3. In London, people flocked to the famous **Hampstead Heath** ponds for some respite, as temperatures Thursday broke records there and in the Netherlands as well... as a heatwave gripped Europe for the second time in a month.

4. Belgian authorities issued a code red heat alert for the first time ever, as the temperature peaked at 104 degrees.

5. Scientists say hot spells are becoming more frequent as the planet heats up from greenhouse gas emissions.

20-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM SWITZERLAND, SANDRA HARTMANN, SAYING:

"I think everyone needs to react right now. I think everyone realizes now that it's serious."

6. The serious heat is expected to linger in Paris, and throughout Europe, until Friday.