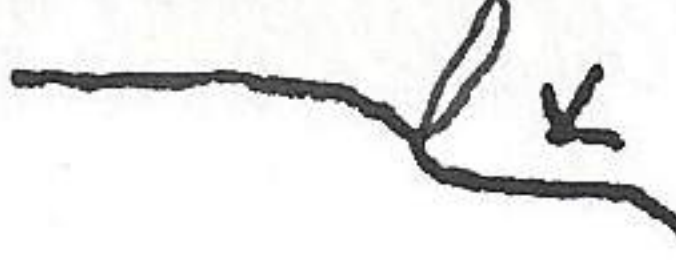
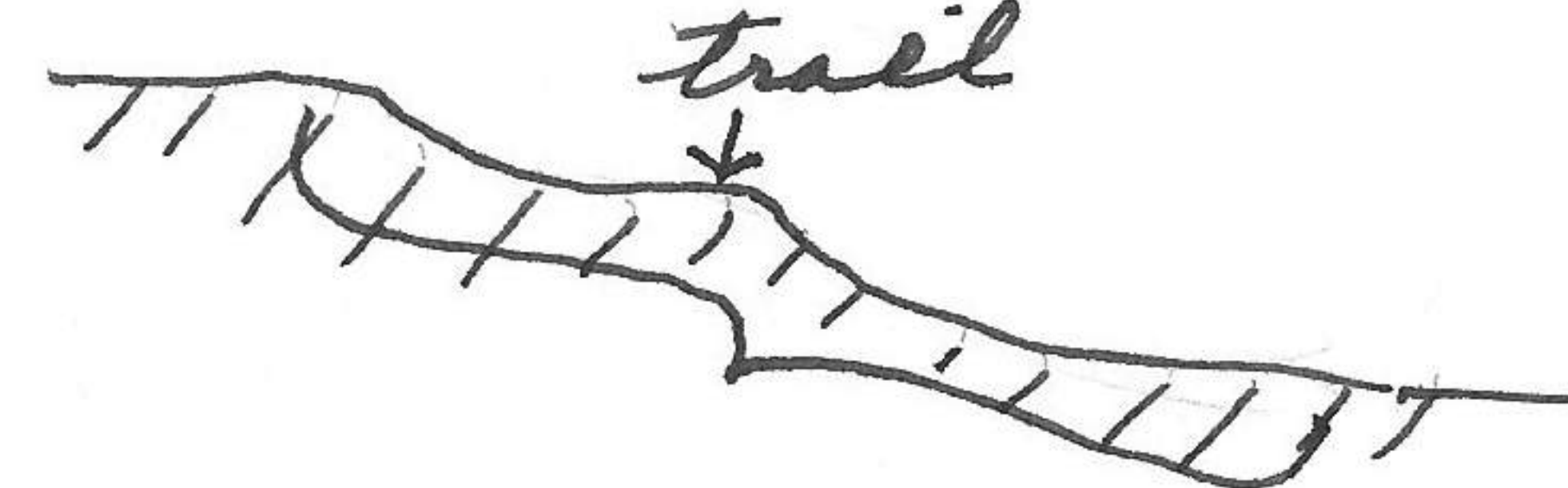



still following along steep slope with some rock outcrops, the general plan of today's trip was to use upper or 1st benchland  all the way and if deviation so indicated, the road now turns down slope and will gain upper slope; 2:19 now on upper benchland at point, red-headed woodpecker, fence turn here, deer tracks definitely more common on this bench where there is more brush and less parkland, where fence turns there is the beginning of a rock fence; 2:22 2 purple finch, one a male and the other a female, along rock wall at edge of bench, the male the most brilliant male I have ever seen, they were both in lower part ^{roosting left ground below} of tree, the ♀ flew first 40 feet and alighted in small trees on bench followed by male, 2 chickadees (all chickadees today have been black-capped). The valley edge of the first bench is the best place for track but this edge would be slightly hotter in summer because of small tree and overhead protection. This trail, however, would interfere with deer trail corridor and affect more animals because of conspicuous placement of trail which is exposed to all of first and second benchland. As far as human advantage is concerned  this position would be all advantageous. If the trail were placed near base of slope of first bench there would be less interference with mammals & birds living on the second benchland as they would not be able to see action on trail. Periodic vantage points on edge of first bench might be a better arrangement; 2:25 watched a white breasted nuthatch carrying small piece of bark of this size  from a tree where it pulled the bark from the living tree and carried the fragment to a hole ^{4" in diam} in a tree 30 feet away ^{just over crest of bench toward pine forest, nest 20 feet high}. This bird made 6 trips in 3 minutes, each trip from same tree to nest. At the 7th trip it collected bark from another tree in the opposite direction and approx 30 feet away. At this rate it would certainly fill a hole ^{cavity} in a tree in short order! It called as it performed its nest building. This ^{nesting} tree is approx 60 feet west of a reclining tree that has a nestoma nest in the fractured side of the tree;