

Today there was an unusual number of red-headed woodpeckers and probably represents a migration, ^{mainly in western part of area} ~~in western part of area~~ ^{wooded} there being 86 ^v individuals observed on this trip. ^{(22 of which were on return trip from pond (3:45 PM))} There was a noticeable lack of reptile activity, especially lizards; those observed were recorded. Only 1 snake. Route covered would make an excellent ^{horizontal} trail system of ~~horizontal~~ trail which could be extended the full circumference of the lake with camp sites or lodging every 10-15 miles. Land owners adjacent to lake could participate in this overnight accommodation with place to sleep and eat. In this way the lake could be hiked with minimum of equipment to carry. These trails would be for enjoyment and study of plant and animal communities and not for physical endurance records or motorized routes. Area from edge of lake to beyond crest of ridge would have to be controlled by government or state agencies or by private contract with agreement with government agency for maintenance. Roads in area will be brought to vantage points only, all others beyond immediate lake and not noticeable from lake. Trails rerouted around areas of ^(wildlife sanctuary) ~~inviolate~~ trespass, and around areas of private homes in the restricted area where they are allowed to be built. All foot or vehicle traffic confined to established trails and roads. An experimental pavement trail system (2 feet wide) should be investigated.

Clinton area, Rock Creek, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Returned to area visited yesterday (10:56 A.M. on map) to check on the fox squirrel aggregation noted there. Mileage at S end proposed Clinton dam at 64.3 at 9:50. Will keep complete census. 64.5 meadowlark singing; 64.6 meadowlark singing; 64.9 now to S; 65.1 meadowlark; 65.4 turnoff to house, cardinal singing, 3 goldfinches; 65.5 crossing drainage, meadowlark, cardinal singing; 65.6 eastern bluebird, cardinal, 4 juncos; 65.7 2 bluejays, cardinal; 65.8 ^{9:55 A.M.} top of hill at rock quarry, 2 red-tails in tall trees N of quarry, 4 cardinals singing, no red-wing blackbirds, Pseudacris singing. Starting on upper benchland at old road grade just to S of regular road at 9:56; 9:57 crossing drainage, 2 bluejays, 1 red-bellied woodpecker; 10:01 point, 2 titmice, 3 jays calling, 3 bluejay calling, red-bellied woodpecker