

Camp 2, Inoula Lake, Minnesota

Aug. 22, 1966

Rained hard all last night and all today with no sign of let-up. All water absorbed into sandy spit, some being absorbed in sands under tent floor. No signs of variation of solid grey sky. Water in lake raised and covered rocks (stepping stones) in lake that the previous day were above water level. Used camp stove and burned equivalent to $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of wood. Moved camp 40' to N to eliminate danger of two dead trees. Now well protected from wind. The amount of dry wood used for outside fire & camp stove is greater than a camp site can tolerate. Fuel should be brought in from outside source. One small (30') dead tree can be consumed in one day for cooking & general heating purposes. All dead wood from ground & low branches can be consumed in 3 days. Then (I have noticed) trees are cut down to $\frac{3}{4}$ of original stand. Some islands are almost denuded of trees and are completely trampled of ground vegetation down to native silt and rock. No gulls were flying today in rain. Loon active (2). The cold wet day pointed up the need for waterproof gear & clothing for canoe travelling.

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This A.M. clearing and made ^{canoe} sidetrip ~~canoe~~ to lake to the NW. following shorelines and trawling with popper. Caught one northern pike 680 mm and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Annette caught a second one slightly smaller. These were the only two caught. Noted near camp an adult red-breasted merganser and seven smaller young in one group. They spent some time on land in early morning. Also noted 2 Herring gulls (all gulls ^{in plumage} adults), 1 white tailed deer, 1 common loon and six painted turtle (all about 8 inches in length). This P.M. made evening side trip to main lake & bay to E. In favorable areas beaver house approx 1 per every $\frac{3}{10}$ miles. Other area separated by a $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile. Many large (6' x 40') and a few just starting construction. Three live ^{beaver} ~~ones~~ noted, one allowing us to within 40' as it swam across a small bay. These houses are mainly on soils but some against bare rock or cliff and some wedged between large boulders. Three young red-breasted mergansers were noted. They were not accompanied