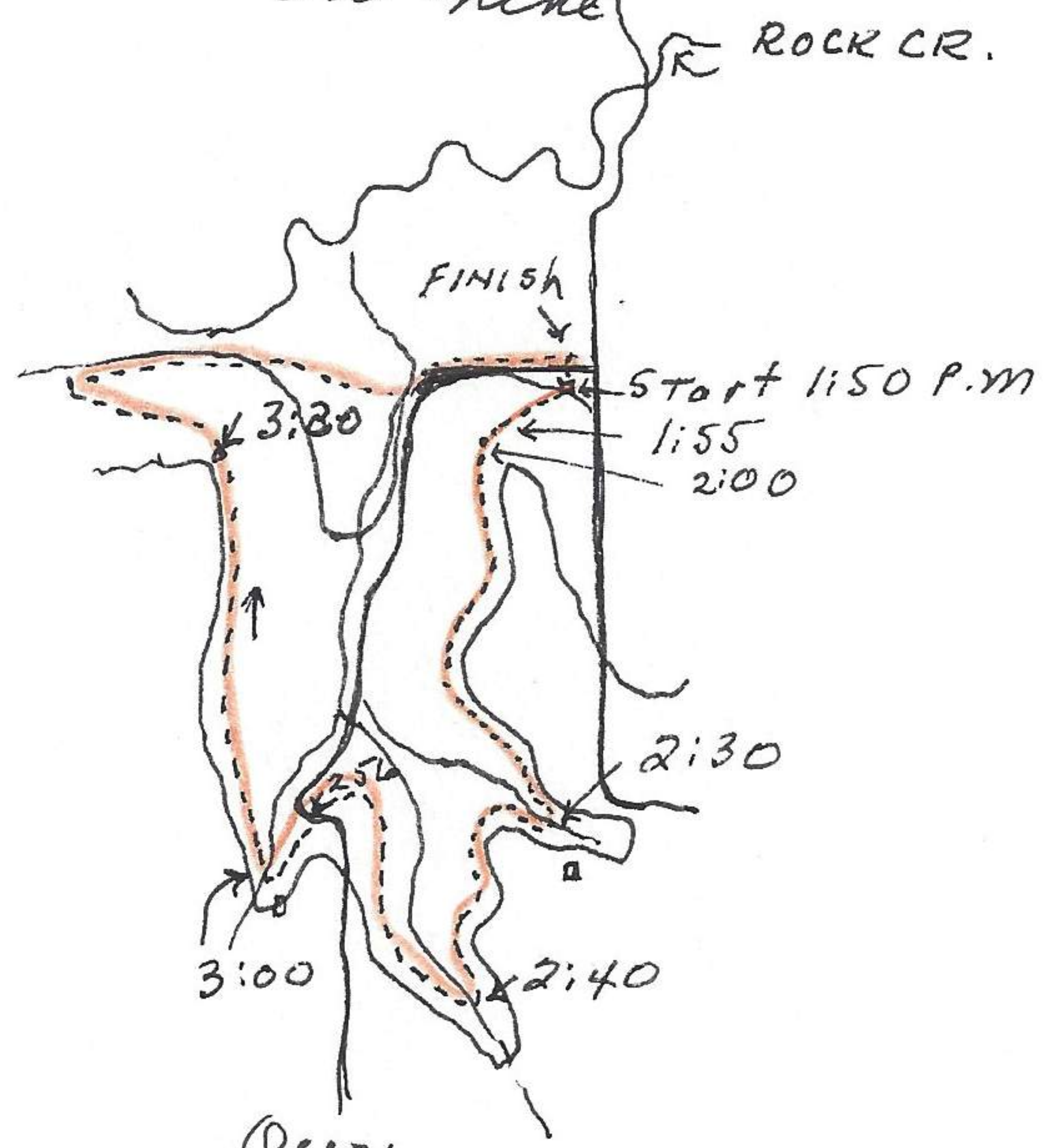


Rock Creek, Douglas Co., Kansas

Oct. 30, 1966

Annette and I made trip up a lateral drainage of the Rock Creek, starting at a point 1200 ft E and 1200 ft S of the NW corner sec 25, T135, R18E (at old house recently raised by tornado). Enroute to this area made complete bird census, beginning at S end of proposed dam (Clinton Reservoir) at mileage 66.0 (1:30 P.M. clear sky, windy). 67.7 now to S at Collins corner (no birds to this point). 69.0 loggerhead shrike, 69.4 bridge over Rock Creek (this creek is now intermittent + water from specific locality above left par and at 1:30 P.M. started on hike). The area of the old house (now gone) is weeds and uncultivated. 3 slate-colored juncos in weeds. microtine activity, especially in grassy areas not completely grown to weeds. 1:55 8 Harris sparrows on hillside among shrubs and 100' from good weed slope below. 5 slate-colored juncos with these sparrows; 2:00 main point. 2:15 black-capped chickadees (4); rock fence line 50' beyond. 2:30 head of first drainage, no water, yellow-shafted flicker, chickadee; 2:40 head of second drainage, 3 black capped chickadees, neotoma, eating orange-apples which were at the bases of orange trees; yellow-shafted flicker, 2 cardinals. 2:45 fence, cottontail, more junipers than usual, downy woodpecker; 2:56 road 3 black-capped chickadees; 3:00 main w lateral drainage, 2 chickadees; 3:17 fox squirrel, 2 chickadees, 1 red-bellied woodpecker; 3:20 old abandoned pioneer trail, red-bellied woodpecker; 3:25 great horned owl; 3:26 downy woodpecker, 2 grey squirrels; 3:30 main point.



Our Trail followed upper bench the entire way and was at the 960-970 feet contour interval.

It is my impression that in the area covered so far, there has been an increase in the amount of ground shrubs (vines, small trees, weeds etc) since a year ago when I followed this same route. This increased understory is probably a result of the many large trees removed by the last tornado that passed thru this area. Continued down slope from