

Left Bennett Spring at 3:20 P.M. and walked back to car where we left at 10:30 A.M. via main county road. ^{Kinds of} Birds observed are: red-headed woodpecker, red bellied woodpecker, robin, grackle, Eng. sparrow, starling; marmot + mole mammals, meadowlark, bluejay, grey squirrel, yellow shafted flicker, Carolina wren, ^{alone} 2 pileated woodpeckers, yellow-shafted flicker, 9 redheads, These birds observed on grade thru forest up to top of ridge. Beyond were bluebird, crow, titmouse, Killdeer, Wilson snipe. 4:22 Poverty Ridge store or dance hall. Beyond to river were redwings, grackles, downy woodpecker, cardinal, mockingbird. Arrived car 5:00 P.M. Mileage by car on return is 0 mileage at river, 1.3 at Poverty Ridge, 3.2 miles to base of hill at Bennett Springs.

This evening talked to Mr. Strickland of the Fisheries section of the Park. He says that big mouth bass are in Neangua River but not at Bennett Springs area. There are no bear or mt lion but bobcats and coyotes. Best time to float Neangua is first week in October. In July, August + September water is too low and weather is hot. Best time in spring is first week in May. Current River is larger and faster and there are many covesizes, Big Piney like current. From Buffalo City to Bennett Springs the usual float time is 3 days - from Bennett Sp to Neangua Lake the time is 3 days. My estimation is 10 days.
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Checked several points along the Neangua today. There is no camping at put-in N of Bennett Springs on other side of bridge. Informant at Buffalo said the Neangua ^{trip} takes 6 days to lake. June is month of high water. In winter the water freezes but river can be floated any time of the year. There is no camp site at Buffalo crossing. at junction S and E noted a fox + marmot. Continued on to N and to road S of the Lake of the Ozarks, thence same route back to Lawrence. Total mileage 526 miles

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Collected several examples⁴² of Leptodea laevissima from east side of the NW end of the oblong lake. They were all on sandy shore and left as water receded. Some of the largest and most brilliant were near the base of the bank. These were placed at random except a few localized aggregates collected by raccoons. There was only one other species and the shore and this species represented by two shells only. The largest measured 162 x 108 mm.