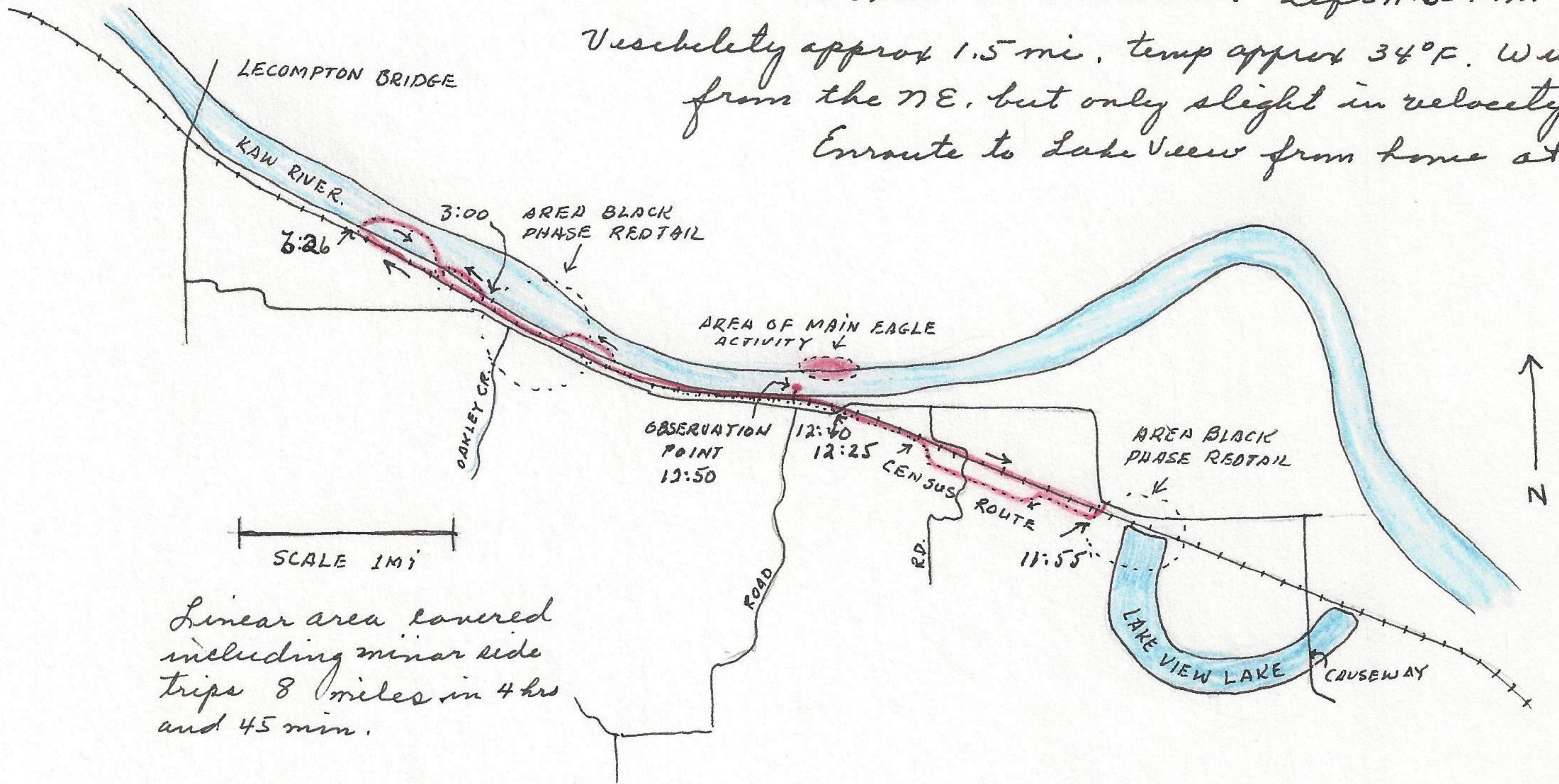


Lecompton, Douglas Co., Kansas

Feb. 2, 1975

Hiked from NW end Lake View Lake to near Lecompton Bridge and return to check bald eagles along the river. Followed Santa Fe tracks with occasional deviations. Left 11:55 P.M.

Visibility approx 1.5 mi., temp approx 34°F. Wind from the NE, but only slight in velocity. Enroute to Lake View from home at



Linear area covered including minor side trips 8 miles in 4 hrs and 45 min.

402 yorkshire noted 3 redtails and 3 sparrow hawks. Will not keep complete census except raptors but will make noteworthy observations and will list different kinds of birds observed. Up to 12:25 noted 4 crows in one flock and a hairy & downy woodpecker. 12:40 R.R. tracks at county road crossing. From observation point on edge of river at 12:50 noted an adult bald eagle in cottonwood tree at a point  $\frac{1}{10}$  distance from top and at edge of river where meander axis aligned with bank at 90°. In the ~~ten~~<sup>30</sup> minutes I remained with dog running up and down the bank, the eagle did not move and was definitely resting and not hunting. I have noticed that most of the eagle I have observed are associated with where meanders contact the side of the river bank and in this area on the north side of river away from train, car or human disturbance. Continued upstream and at 2:45 crossed. At this place on W side of the first drainage measured a circumference of a cottonwood tree at 144 inches. This drainage has a flow of about 1 gal per 2 seconds. In this area noted a flock of 1 downy, 1 white breasted nuthatch, 6 black-capped chickadees, 2 slate-colored juncos, 2 titmice, 1 bluejay. A black phase redtail ~~flew~~<sup>flew</sup> across the river to the north side of river. ~~2:15~~ 1:30 second major drainage with 1 gal per 2 seconds. In one flock noted 4 titmice, 8 juncos. 2:15 3rd major drainage with 1 gal. per 3 seconds. Just beyond not in one flock - 38 tree sparrows, 2 song sparrows, 1 white-breasted nuthatch, 8 goldfinch, 3 titmice, 20 juncos, 1 white-throated sparrow and