

owned trailer camp and is one of the best camps so far. They have drained the area with 1 to 2 foot channels from among the trees and already many <sup>deciduous</sup> trees are dying. My prediction will be that the slash pines will eventually take over.

Space Center Campgrounds, 8 mi. S Titusville, Brevard Co., Florida

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visited Kennedy Space Center. Took TWA bus sponsored tour of old launching sites. These sites, it appears to me are deactivated and are being maintained, although very poorly, as historical sites. The launching headquarters are equipped with the original computer equipment which should be salvaged. At the space center the present space activity is at the space vehicle assembly center which is the 3rd largest building in the world. It is impressive to stand on the ground floor and look up into its interior. I was also impressed with such little activity going on at this center and elsewhere and can only say that there is not funds for its operation. Perhaps the 3rd Century America US Bicentennial Exposition on Science & Technology will help to get the funding it needs. The other awesome structure, outside the rockets themselves is the mobile launcher and crawler. This gantry is 30 stories high. A pebble pressed into the macadam was (collected 760805-1) saved from the pressure of his behemoth superstructure. Some 20 exhibits, housed in separate dome shaped structures represented contributions of 16 governmental agencies and other commercial companies. One of the most interesting observations to me was approximately 46 turkey vultures soaring around the top and above the assembly building, attracted there by updrafts. It was interesting to see these birds soaring by the largest painted flag on the upper part of the building. Those not soaring were sitting on the horizontal arm of the top of the gantry, sometimes as many as 15-20. As far as I could tell they remained in the area throughout the day. As Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge is on the same island, many birds, mainly egrets were in area. Alligators common in borrow pits along side of road. Left the Space Center and continued N on highway 95 to highway 100, thence E to Flagler, thence N 3 or 4 miles to private trailer camp along the beach.

4 mi. N Flagler, Highway A1A, Flagler Co., Florida

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Left this A.M. for St. Augustine.