

tropical forests with 'savannas' of lakes but the swamps are relatively low scrubby trees with canals no wider than a western irrigation ditch. I have wondered if these narrow canals have been developed and maintained by man. The alligators are common and some as long as 12 or so feet, 2 1/2' wide and of unknown weight. Some of these large ones have access to areas travelled by people and I wonder if they are semi-tame. Photos 760807-2, 760807-3 and 760807-4 are of alligators here. Photo 760807-5 of 4 water lilies and reflected cypress along canal route. Cow skulls hanging on trees reflected side-road museums and depreciated the area. Old Indian trails just wide enough for canoes. This area falls short of presenting the natural Okefenokee Swamp to the people. Camped a short distance from this park at Laura S. Walker State Park, at this 10 mi S.E. of Waycross off U.S. 84, on Georgia 177. Park of longleaf pines and relatively open with a lake in distance. Some leaves of this pine are over a foot long. The armadillo is common throughout Florida!

Laura S. Walker State Park, Ware Co., Georgia.

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This is the day that Chris and Lon are to travel N thru the eastern U.S. and perhaps as far as Maine-Newfoundland. We must return to Lawrence to organize for the fall semester at K.U. We all left at 9:00 A.M. at mileage 56063. Route today: 82 to Alabama Albany, 82-55 to Columbus, 280 to Birmingham, 65 to Decatur. The topography trended from flat to gently rolling country like Lawrence, to shallow NE-SW valleys to deep valleys & high ridges, all being influenced by the Appalachian mountain range. Camped at Camp Richwood Covers State Park on 65 N of Warrior which is N of Birmingham having covered 391 miles today.

Camp Richwood Covers State Park, Blount Co., Alabama

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min temp last night 56°F which is a state record. This park is set up for ^{daily} recreation of swimming and the covers and does not offer adequate facilities or space for trailers, which seems to be the trend in State Parks. Left 7:30 A.M. Route today: 65 to Decatur, 72 to Memphis, at Walnut on 72 photographed a red soil which is even a darker red throughout parts of Georgia & Alabama no 760809-1 and 2, photos (2+3) of a vine "kudzu" that is taking over the road-side landscape all thru this area, covering shrubs and the highest of trees including the dominant pine. These shots are 5 mi. W of Walnut. From Memphis 63 to Jonesboro, Nopie (alternate belt at Walnut Ridge). Camp in ^{first} rest area W of Nopie. (Extend century to Mrs. Welfh at western auto supply, 710 Clark Center, Walnut Ridge, Ark. for opening store after work hours for alt. belt.)