

Clinton Reservoir (Dam), Douglas Co., Kansas

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Made reconnaissance trip in dam area from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. following the general route indicated. Temp around freezing and rain most of the time. Left Banners Corner and crossed meadow ^{to W}. Most muskrat activity is near trees of the Banner home now raised. This entire area to diversion

canal could be made into marshland and lakes and could support wildlife, especially waterbirds that spend their winter or part of their winter in the Lawrence area. The advantage would be protection from winds and the fact that most roads could be used as vantage points for observation. Beavers and muskrats could maintain circulation of water. Water from drainage thru dam and pumped

water could add to the supply for the marsh-lake area. An artificial

graded, ^{cascade} stream from ridge to meadow area could be used for flyfishing, being supplied with cool water from the bottom of the lake. No birds were observed across meadows. Route to top of point observed 2 great horned owls near point, 2 bluejays, 1 red-bellied woodpecker but no small birds.

On top of ridge scanned lakes to W but not a single duck or gull or water bird of any kind.

This most unique ridge has been mutilated by a paved road that crossed ^{ed} the ridge farther south in a deep interstate type construction which is absolutely non-adherence to the general theme

of preserving natural conditions of the countryside. Perry Reservoir has proven that

there are hundreds of people who view the lakes and wildlife by illegally parking on the

dam road. Overlook points are not adequate. At Clinton there are no places for viewing legally the lake from this vantage point and from the dam. A road lower down on W slope of ridge and cutting across farther S would have preserved this unique ridge. Walk-in

