

3/10 mi down Kaw River from mouth Captain Creek, Leavenworth Co., Kansas

April 21, 1977

Checked mouth of Captain Creek to determine takeout point for canoe trip on April 23. From the south side of river about 4/10 mi. E of mouth of Captain Creek can see a common egret feeding in the shallow water at edge of a sandbar on N side of river. The locality as in title above. It feed slowly but with slightly more activity than great blue heron. Other birds in same area are: 18 spoonbills, 13 blue-wing teal, 2 lesser yellowlegs, 2 crows feeding on sandbar. In forested areas along edge of river observed redhead, cardinal, titmouse, bluejay, robin. In open field 2 lark sparrows and 2 horned larks. The takeout require permission of land owner and canoe must be taken thru his backyard. The old county road to tracks has been discontinued and is impossible.

Eudora to Captain Creek via Kaw River, Douglas, Johnson and Leavenworth Counties, Kansas

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Took 5 students on canoe trip down the Wakarusa and Kaw River. Left ^{Lawrence} Eudora at 12:10 P.M. and after car shuttle left Eudora at 1:20 P.M. At point on N bank of Wakarusa near mouth is a new piracy thru bank into the Wakarusa, now filled with a log jam. This must have occurred last year. In the new channel behind the log jam were 3 wooducks, 1 green heron, 2 bluewing teal. Bank swallows generally distributed over all water. There is considerable beaver activity along banks. 1:40 mouth Wakarusa, sand bar beyond and water now following S bank of Kaw. 8 bluewings. 2:00 middle long sandbar of eroded field area. At NE end of meander were 11 Canada geese and one snowgoose on sandbar. They allowed us to pass without them flying away. This would never have happened in the fall season so they must develop confidence in man during the winter season. At sand bar located at (center) 1/2 mi. E, 3/10 mi. N of Sec 26, T12S, R21E, NE side Kaw River collected 23 artefacts. This is the large dune on the ^N east side of river just upstream from Captain Creek. There has been considerable change in the physiography of this area, especially the old log jam and the channel on the NE side of the river. This has always been a favorite shooting grounds for geese (Canadas and snows & blues).