

12 mi.

Blenton Springs, E of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dec 28, 1977

min. temp. last night 35°F. Overcast, no wind. Mileage 82132.0
 Left 8:10 A.M. Most deciduous trees have green leaves but have other
 falllike colors. 137.8 redtail. 143.0 redtail. Pine trees along road
 right-of-way vary from one foot to 7 feet high and do not show
 the emsocioes of the first growth after original removal of trees.
 This difference is correlated with soil differences. 154.5 up to
 now have seen 3 single crows and one group of 3. Arrived at
 Camp Fontainebleau E of Mandeville on N side of Lake Pontchartrain
 at 11:00 A.M. Camped in same spot as in a previous visit. This is an
 old estate that has been converted to a State Park. This is one of
 the most convenient places to stay while visiting New Orleans which
 is just 5 across the Pontchartrain Causeway. Arrived camp at
 82198.0. Left camp for New Orleans at shortly after 11:00 A.M.
 made census of ducks and gulls across the Pontchartrain Causeway
 by listing the birds as observed starting from contact of causeway
 with N shore of the lake. Ringbill gull (all gulls are ringbills unless
 otherwise specified, 2 ducks, duck, duck, duck, 15 ducks (these
 ducks so far are scaup.) duck, duck, duck, 8 ducks, duck, duck,
 duck, duck, 12 ducks (now top of ^{elevated} bridge), 3 ducks, 30 ducks,
 5 ducks, 10 ducks, 20 ducks, gull, swallow, 6 ducks, 2 ducks,
 2 ducks, duck, 6 ducks, gull, (elevated bridge). ~~Then~~ gull,
 gull, 2 ducks, tern, gull, gull, gull, 8 ducks, ducks, 20 ducks,
 4 ducks and at end of causeway meeting S shore of lake. Mileage 240.0
 at French Quarters. Visited area and returned to Fontainebleau
 Camp at arriving at 8:10 P.M. at mileage 281.0 or ^{oneway} ~~round~~ trip of 41
 miles

^{side}

Fontainebleau State Park, N of Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana

Dec 29, 1977

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Rained last night and looks like rain today. Left 10:45₁ for New Orleans.
 Counted ducks between mileage posts (1-24).

24. 2 ducks
 23. 2 ducks, 3 ducks, 2 ducks, 1 ducks (all scaups), duck, 3 ducks.
 22. 3 ducks,
 21. gull, duck, 2 ducks, 3 ducks, 2 ducks
 20. 1 duck, 4 ducks. gull, duck, 2 ducks.
 19. duck, duck, duck, 6 ducks.
 18. 5 ducks, duck, duck
 17. 2 ducks, 1 duck, duck, 8 ducks, duck, duck, gull, 4 ducks.