

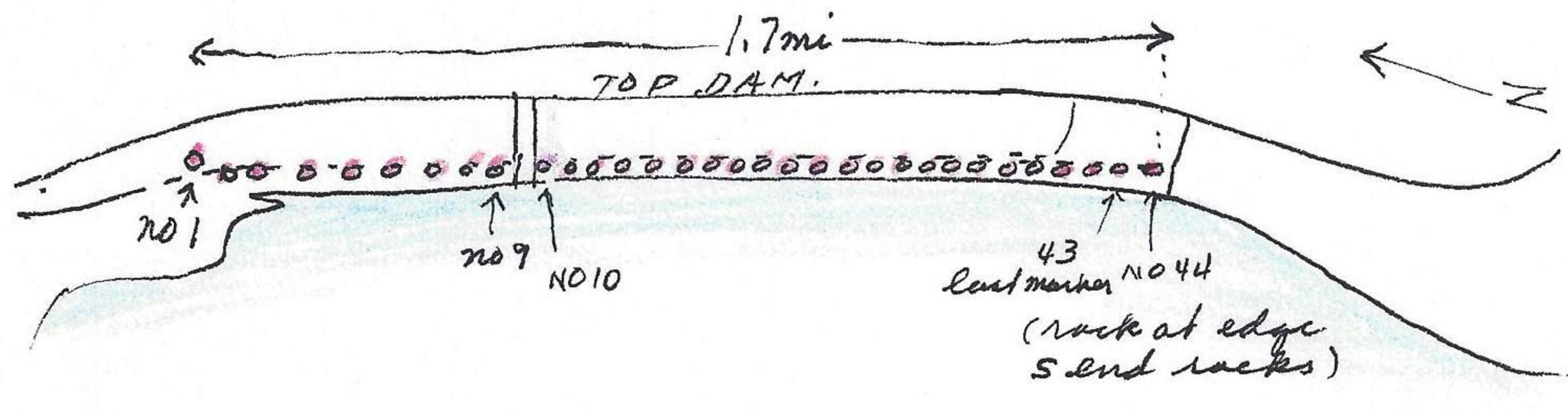
Clinton Reservoir, W face dam, Douglas Co., Kansas

Jan 22, 1981

Left N end dam at station 1 at 2:20 P.M. Temp 57°F, slight wind. 2 crows flew E over dam at gates. Condition leaves greenish. At station 34 a snowy owl left W. edge of roadway and flew W over ice about 3-4 inches above, to 30' from open water where it remained the entire time we were in the area. In dirt of roadway few rabbit tracks. At about where owl left were holes in road as if made by mammals although no sign other than holes.

Reached S end road at 3:35. Owl still on ice. No wind. Returned

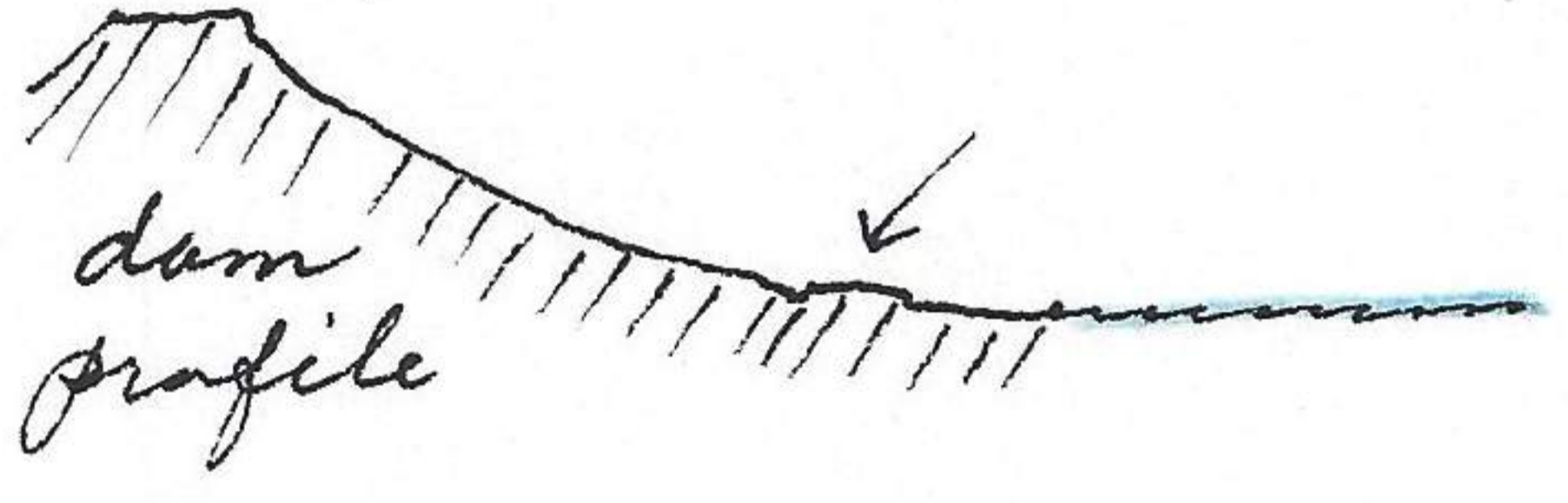
4:40. Walking time at leisure gait of the 3.4 mile round trip is ^{aver.} 2 hr + 20 min.



numbers are brown paint on rocks directly E of dam core markers (markers W side road, numbers E side road.)

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made another census across dam on lower service road at base of dam. Left 2:12, temp 62°F, no wind. Snowy owl



left ^{50' at} edge road on right or lakeside at station 22 at 2:50 P.M. It flew SW out ^{over} ice and cleared by 3 inches and then returned to beach and flew

S to station 33 where it alighted on a rock. As I approached it left station 33 ^{3:05} when I was at station 31 or 400 away. It flew directly W and alighted among ice fragments on solid ice. It arrived on ice 30 seconds later. Cars and motorcycle

travelling on road at top of dam did not dislodge or effect the owl. A ^{low flying} Trans world aircraft (large) passes SW along S side Rock Creek but did not displace owl or ducks. A motor boat moved S thru open water and displaced all ducks but not the owl. Arrived S end dam 2:50 (or 1 hour trip).

When owl is in direct line of sunshine reflection on ice, it is (the owl) a black silhouette. At 4:50 P.M. loud shot gun report. ^{12,000 ducks left head Rock Creek.} At 5:32 a Cessna no. N704RQ flew low over ducks and displaced them. The ducks returned. 5:35 another shot.