

Ranger permitted us to camp in parking area of picnic grounds at the Force Fossil Deposits because of out of season period. From camp A across slope to B on old trail counted 71 mule deer imprints, three of them measuring: 66 mm, 68 mm, 78 mm, 90 mm & 95 mm. Most of these were moving up or down slope from higher country to field below in valley, most of them near bank of gully at B leading up along side & beyond outcrops. Pinyon jays, red-shafted flicker & 2 ravens observed along this trail. At least 8 major deer trails cross this old trail between A & B. Also along the route were loggerhead shrike, 2 pro mourning doves, chickadee, jackrabbit, chucker partridge. Photos 810421-1 and 810421-2 a vertical pair of 2 photos, these can be matched and the succession of deposit mapped. Left Force Fossil beds and continued N on high way. Not far beyond is the Cathedral which is an ancient land slide, scoria layer conglomerate. The Columbian lava flows 1000' or so are on W side canyon whereas the John Day outcrops are on E side. Mostly of Eocene, Oligocene, Miocene & Pliocene. Pleistocene, Holocene & some Cretaceous (upper) are represented. Photo 810421-3 is of Cathedral. 2 Raven flew by here. The recorder malfunctioned because of weak batteries from yesterday to Portland to as far as Tautle River in Washington. I was only able to get an occasional name so have included the info (without locality except between the two points mentioned) for what its worth. Left Camp Force Fossil Deposits at mileage 31121.4 at 10:00 A.M. Brewer blackbird, robin, Brewer blackbird, Brewer blackbird, redwing, redwing, oriole nest, robin, Brewers, Brewers, sparrow hawk, magpie, 2 Citellus 5 Citellus, redwing, swallow, Citellus, redwing, 44.8 N Fork John Day. magpie, Citellus, 42.0 Pass, bluebird mt, 45.1 50 Canada geese, as mentioned these are just a few of the words I was able to get from the unintelligible content of reel. I presume that the area is between Force Fossil Beds & Maupin, Oregon, or maybe farther east than Maupin.

At Timberline lodge visibility about 50' and snow 1/2 way up glass on N side. Snow covering ground. Continued down road to Maupin, Oregon where we camped that evening.

Maupin, Oregon

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Camped here last night on the Deschutes River, down river from Maupin proper. min temp last night 53° F. Beautiful River