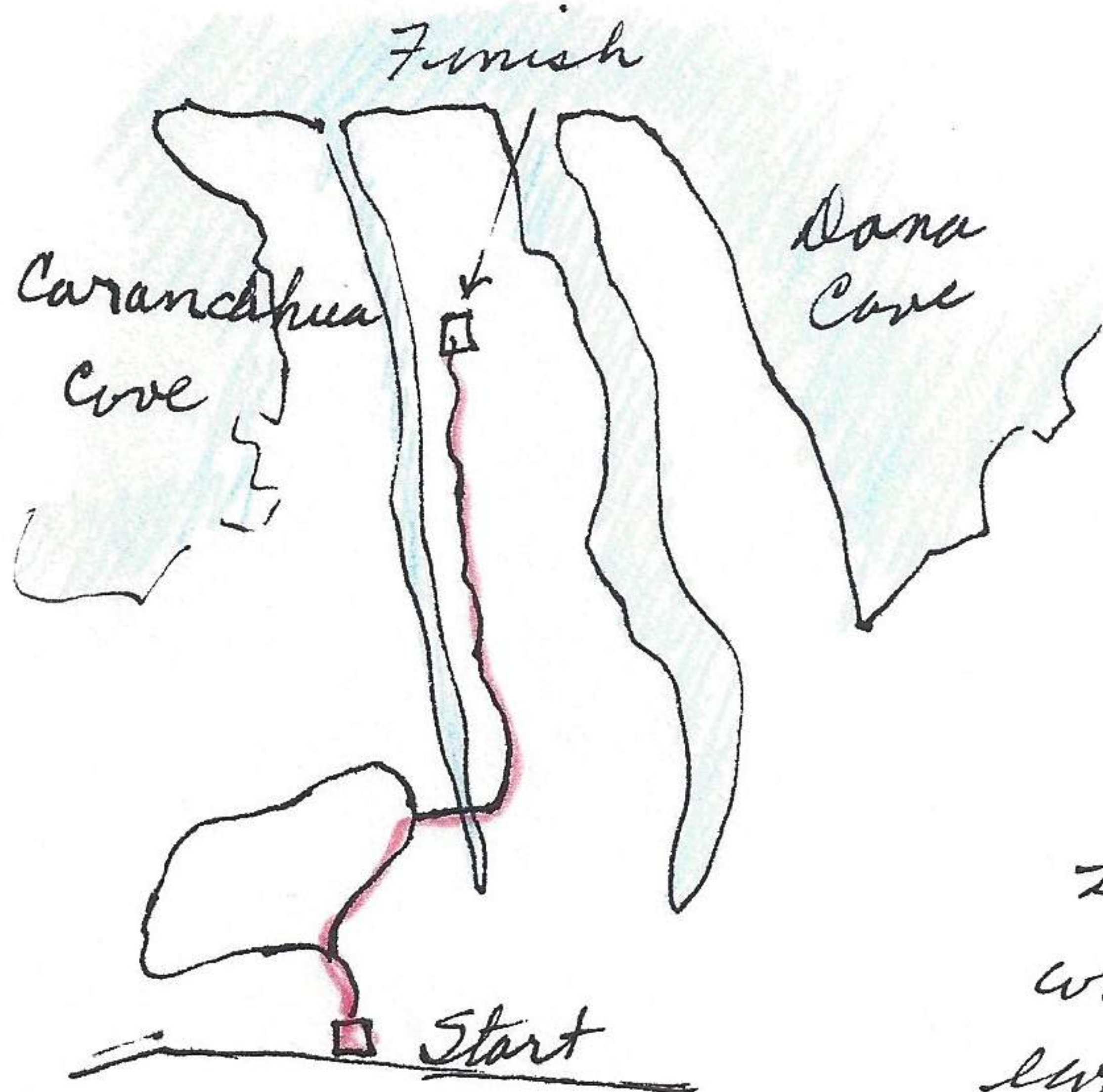


2 boat-tailed grackles, 4 coot, 80 royal tern, 15 pelicans,
3 cormorants, 1 mockingbird, 1 copper rail, 2 barn
swallows, 6 meadowlarks,

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Birds about as yesterday. Laundry at Pirate Beach, thence to
marsh unit. Drove first to the amphitheatre (W side) then
back to road that leads W to the trail heads of marsh.
Checked marsh unit of Galveston State Park on N side of road.
Left car in parking unit and followed trail that turns E over
2 bridges and then sharply N to observation platform.



made complete list of all
birds enroute to observation
tower and then those that
could be seen beyond to W.

Galveston Bay, 2 song sparrows,
snowy egret, 2 laughing gulls,
common egret, willet, ring-billed
gull, common egret, 2 great blue
herons, laughing gull, 2 royal
tern, 1 g. b. heron, willet, g. b. heron,
willet, 2 laughing gulls, common
egret. my estimate is 1 mile one
way and for the number of birds seen,

for a marshland, is extremely sparse, just as was the nature
trail on the S side of road where we saw 3 redwings only.
Beyond the observation platform ^{to N} could see 5 ^{white} pelicans,
12 common tern, 18 skimmers resting, 10 laughing gulls,
8 willet, approx. 250 small sandpipers, 8 snowy egret, 13
common egrets. Continued W on main highway and at
384.3 at toll bridge in Brazoria Co. Have noticed that
many ponds and small linear bays are now dry and have
a bottom of hard sand as if filled from Gulf side wind blown
sands. 388.2 road near edge of beach. willet. Continued
W to Freeport, thence to mouth of Brazos River, W side at base
of jetty where we camped. 14 crests of waves in surf, none in
between jetty. B 2 cormorant, 3 common tern, 3
least tern, 8 sanderling, 5 ring-billed gulls, 3 laughing gull,
1 g. b. heron, 1 willet all within 100' of shore from jetty. at
Sunset 5 groups (5-8-12-8-15) of black skimmers flew W