

BIG INDIAN CAMPING TRIP

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Several members of LGMC met at Big Indian Recreation Area for field trips and camping during the last weekend of June. Wooly filed a Special Use Permit with Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District, the entity maintaining the recreation area. Beginning their outing during the week prior to the weekend, Jackie and Wooly were able to secure one of the shelters in a lovely tent camping area.



Again that evening, the group gathered for a potluck supper. As is always the case, we had more than enough food for everyone there. Although the weather was warm, Wooly built a campfire to grill the assorted dogs and brats, and toasted marshmallows and s'mores for dessert!



On Friday, June 24, Wooly led a field trip to Big Sandy Creek, west of Fairbury. Several bones, teeth, pottery, and rocks specimens were collected. That evening, the group met at the picnic shelter for a good potluck of fried chicken, chili, potato salad, deviled eggs, and a variety of other yummy delights.

Jim and I had other obligations on Sunday, so we headed for home while others in the group went to the Fairbury area to collect at a gravel pit and spend some time at the Fairbury Museum.

Saturday found the group hunting the South Fork of the Big Nemaha River at



Kinner's Ford, also known as Broken Bridge. We parked alongside the road, and wound our way down through the tall weeds to get to the river and gravel bars.

Some of the more adventurous folks waded across the river to get to less accessible gravel bars. I understand that Wooly scooped up a Laker before Corey even spotted it. Way to go, Wooly!! I couldn't believe it when I bent over to pick up a stone that looked like it could have been an artifact, then BOOM! a Laker caught my eye. It was a nice quartz Laker, about 1.5 inches in diameter. Not bad for my third Laker.



It was a fun weekend. If you didn't go, you really missed out. Although the weather was predicted to be unbearably hot, a cold front came through that portion of the state. Combined with the cloud cover, the days were comfortably warm and humid. But what do you expect for southeast Nebraska in the summer? And with the lake right there at our doorstep, a quick dip was a fantastic way to cool off.