

A REVEALING CONVERSATION

The following conversation took place in Dinosaur Valley State Park on Monday, August 7, 1978. Wilbur Fields (WF) was cleaning and photographing the great Brontosaurus tracks in the Ozard Bronto A trail. A state park employee (SPE) came up to him and asked:

SPE: Why are you so interested in those tracks?

WF: Well, we're interested in the dinosaur tracks. Dinosaurs were God's creatures too, and they are certainly very interesting to us. But I'll be honest with you. We're interested in these tracks because we believe there are man tracks around here too.

SPE: Man tracks? Where?

WF: Now don't give me that kind of talk. You can't tell me you work here and don't know where those man tracks are.

SPE: Where?

WF: All right, I'll show you. (The two walked about a hundred yards down to the "Shelf", where Fields pointed to the Shelf tracks).

SPE: (after a pause) Well, I knew these tracks were here. We used to show them to tourists, but they won't let us do it anymore. We used to have a stripe of yellow paint around the tracks, so people could find them easier.

WF: Hey, I can still see traces of that yellow paint on the rock!

SPE: I'll tell you something else. As recently as three years ago, these tracks were much better than they are now. I believe they're really man tracks too.

(Reported by WF)

Notation: this first-hand experience is related in the extensive Paluxy research done by Wilbur Fields.