



*Campsite No. 7: Young Man's Butte*

*The information about the individual campsites located between Mandan and Dickinson was drawn from the book "Following the Custer Trail" by Laudie Chorne, as are the map illustrations. Chorne notes that the trail depicted in the maps is approximate, and intended for the reader to gain an understanding of the terrain through which the soldiers traveled. Many of the landmarks seen by the troops traveling the Custer Trail are visible from Old Highway 10 and Interstate 94.*

*The Map Locations of the campsites were documented by Mr. Frank Anders between 1930 and 1950. Mr. John Carroll compiled Anders' work into a book entitled "The Custer Trail of 1876." The longitude and latitude coordinates are derived from the Map Location descriptions. Keep in mind that each camp was approximately one-half mile square to accommodate the large number of troops and animals that traversed the trail in the spring of 1876.*

*Most of the campsites are on private property. Anyone wishing to visit them must obtain appropriate permission from the landowners.*

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May 23, 1876

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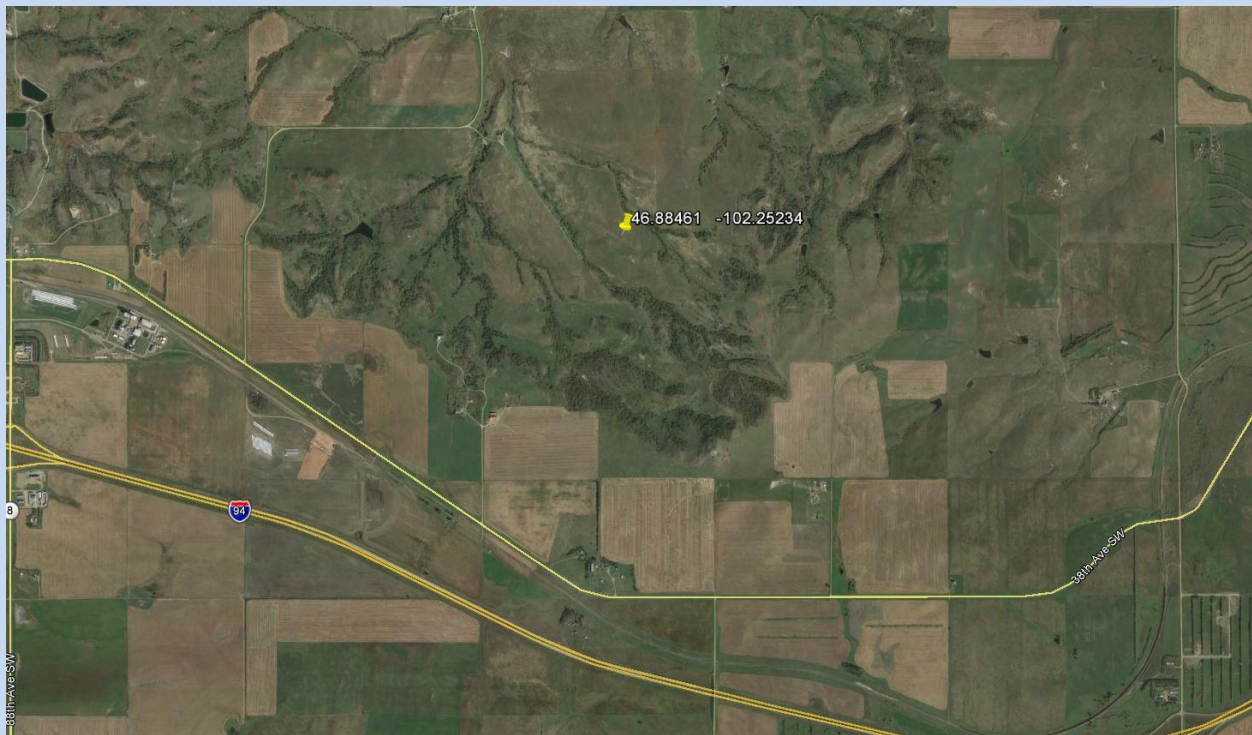
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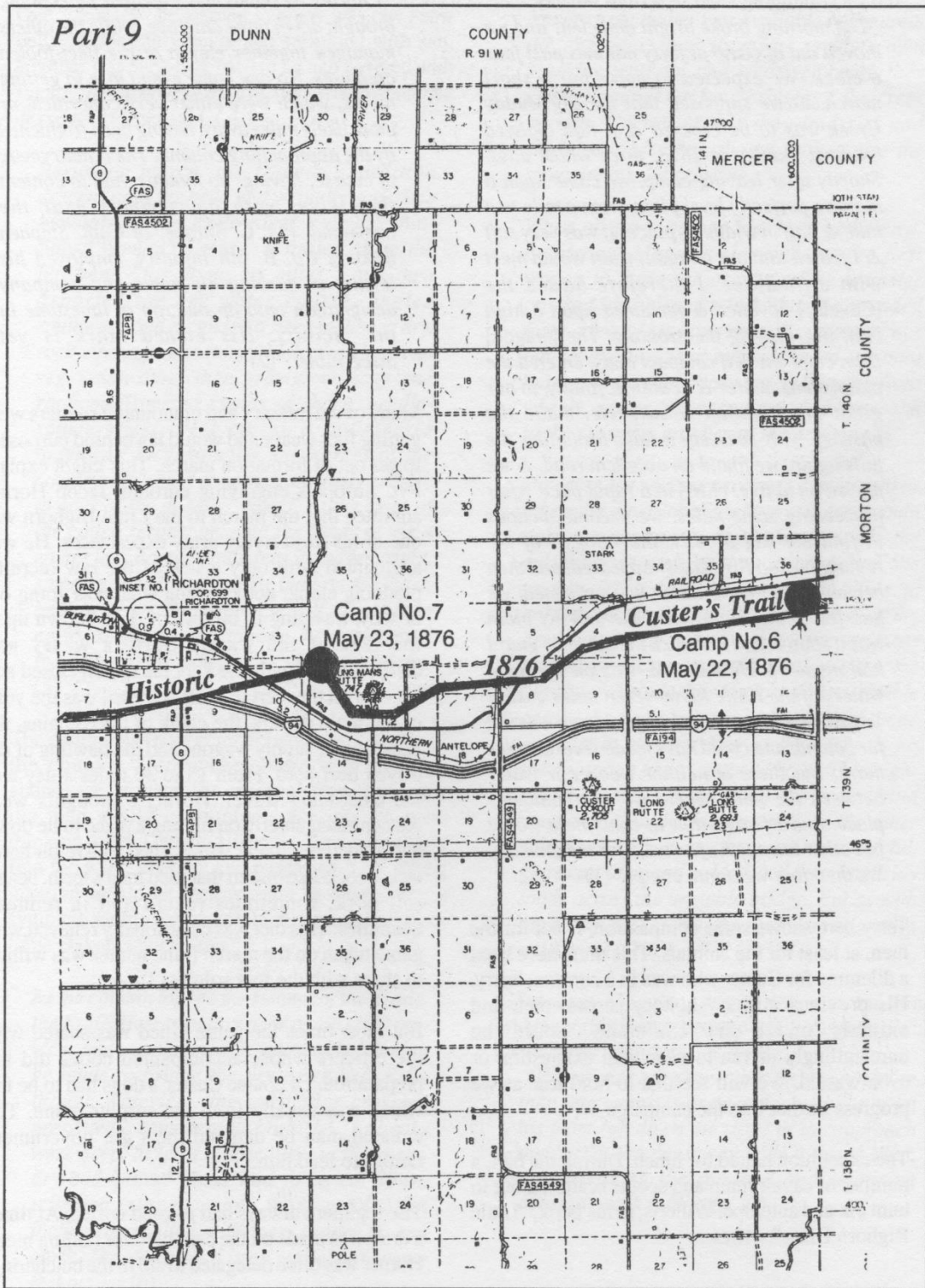
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Campsite is approximately 1 mile west of Young Man's Butte. You may follow Old Highway 10 from campsite 6 for eight miles, then turn north along a gravel road which leads you into a farm yard. A ½ mile hike is required to reach the campsite and permission must be granted from the landowner. It is a beautiful sight overlooking the Knife River Valley. (Laudie Chorne, "Following the Custer Trail," p56)

The soldiers broke camp at 5:00 a.m. in cool, clear weather. As the day progressed, the weather warmed, drying the ground and the soldiers alike. The troops marched along the southern edge of Young Man's Butte where they discovered a flat with abundant grass and springs of fresh water. Although they had only traveled a distance of 8 miles, they made camp at this ideal spot.



*Aerial view of Campsite No. 7: Young Man's Butte*



Laudie Chorne, "Following the Custer Trail," p. 55