



Campsite No. 8: On Green River

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 24, 1876

Map Location:

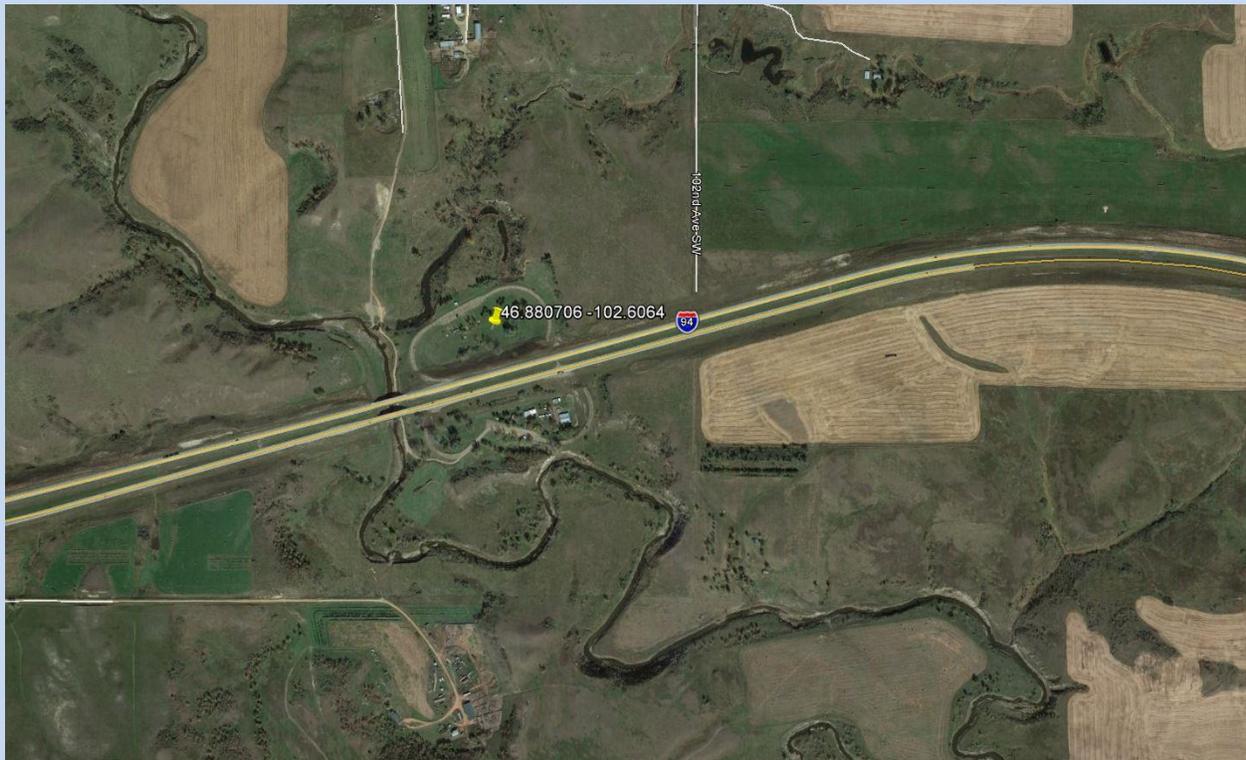
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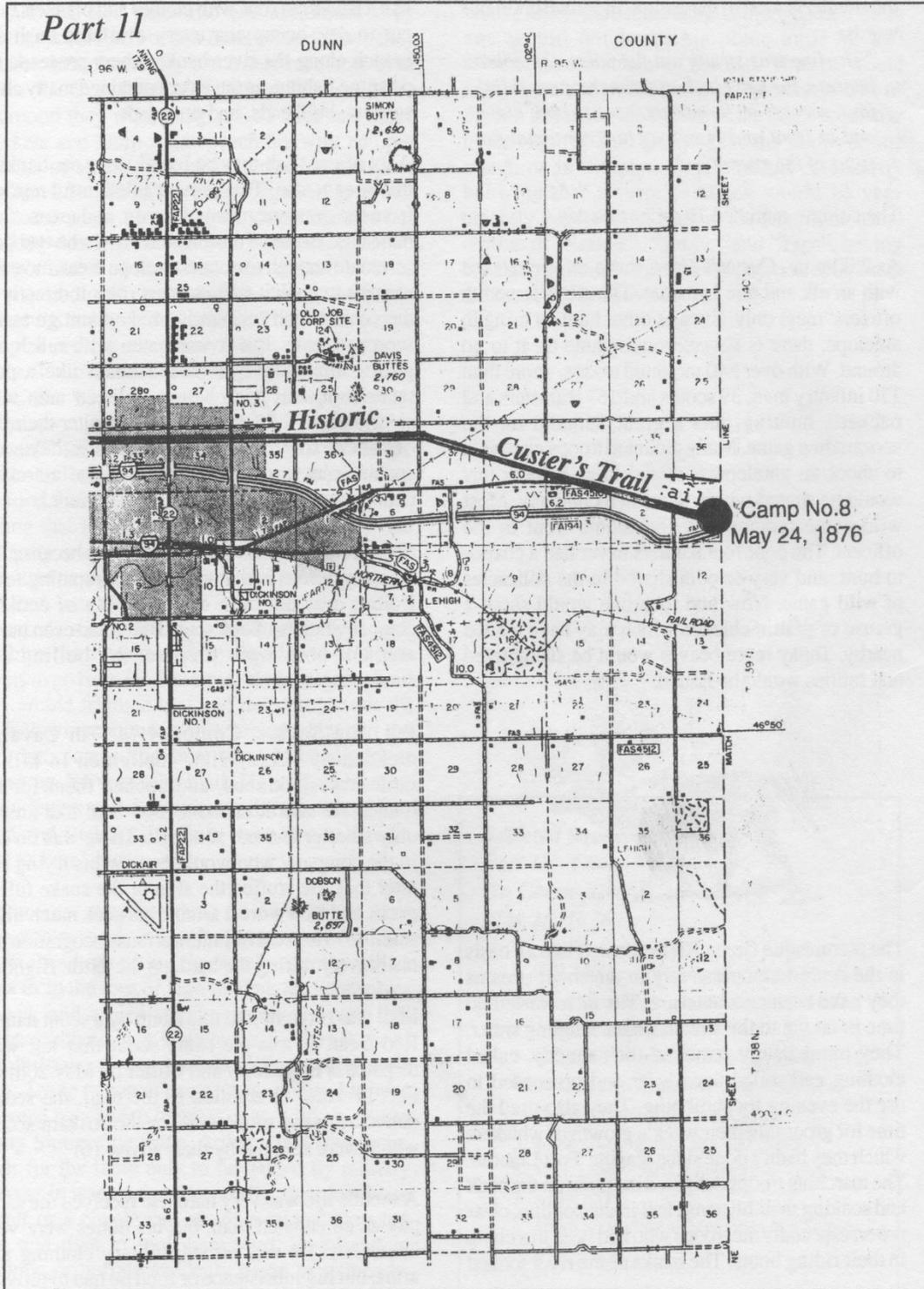
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The camp location is just north and adjacent to the former westbound Green River rest area on I-94. The camp covered the entire area along the river between Old Highway 10 and I-94 north. (Laudie Chorne, "Following the Custer Trail," p62)

The troops were on the march early as usual and covered a long distance – about 20 miles. Heading westerly and then southwesterly, the trail turned northeasterly and then northwesterly to a fine camp on the flats of the Green River. They arrived at camp at 2:00 p.m. on a hot, clear day. This campsite was particularly welcoming because of the plentiful grass and firewood, a rushing river for washing clothes and bathing, and, as an added bonus, plenty of small fish and crayfish to be caught and eaten.



Aerial view of Campsite No. 8: On Green River



Laudie Chorne, "Following the Custer Trail," p. 65