

## Trip 42 Sun - Thu September 12-16, 2010

Who: Chunkie,

Rooster

Site: Alpha

Menu: Steak,

Taters, Bratwurst, Grilled Chicken and Pork Cutlets, Bologna, Weiners, Sausage, Eggs, etc.

Highlights:

Chunkie:

Decided last minute Sunday morning to go to Black River for a few days. Munchkin and Radar had other plans, but Rooster was ready to roll. We met at Sikeston just after noon. Arrived at Alpha about 3:30. Drank a few beer-sodas while setting up camp and gathering some firewood. The Mayor mandated we have a stump water bourbon so we put on some CCR and declared a Luau. We finished of the bottle of McCormick and went to bed about 1am.

Monday Rooster cooked sausage and eggs for breakfast and I cooked Ribeyes and slow fried taters for dinner. Rooster fixed patty-melts for brunch and grilled pork and chicken with stewed taters and onions Tuesday evening.

We went swimming down by the cave and both made a swing off the rope. Each time we swing off the rope, we say it's the last time, but we're usually game for one more try.

We walked a mile or two each morning before breakfast, except Thursday when we were drying things out and packing up to leave. We've had a great time. Hell?it don't get any better than this.

Rooster:

Our run of great weather ended about 6pm Wednesday. We knew it was coming from listening to the weather alert radio a couple of times a day. We had camp pretty well prepared for the showers. We ate grilled chicken and potato soup early. We sat in Chunkie's screened tent porch during the first hour long shower, then we sat out by the fire until the second wave hit about 9pm. Chunkie went to bed in his tent and I in the back of my Blazer and we slept to the sound of rain until it quit about 3am. We slept in until daylight and had steak and eggs for breakfast. We packed up slowly while drying out the cookware and camping gear as the sun came out. We headed home just after noon.

Chunkie:

Was a great trip. Wednesday before the rain I had set the downed walnut hollow tree trunk on fire. It burned inside all night despite the rain. I'm looking forward to the next trip in Spring '11.