

PRE-CONVENTION/SHOW FIELD TRIP

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On Thursday, April 3, I led a field trip to the Fairbury area. There were 30 participants, all from outside the state of Nebraska. I had to limit participants to just out-of-state persons due to the large number.

First, we stopped at the Casey's in Fairbury to reload and unload coffee. Once we were all restored, the group caravanned south to the only place in Nebraska where there are dinosaur footprints. Many photographs were taken of one of the tracks that is especially prominent.

Our next stop was the Rose Creek Clay Pit where we found numerous selenite specimens and Ghost Shrimp burrow fossils.

Heading west of Fairbury, a road cut provided innumeral bi-valve fossils in limestone. It seemed there were fossils in every piece.

The day ended with a visit to the Pioneer Inn in Gilead. It was a time to talk about the adventures of the day, and enjoy good food. The building was constructed of area limestone to house the railroad workers in 1887. Today it is a small town tavern and grill. The burgers were great and cheap. Four dollars bought a deluxe 1/2 pound burger.

