

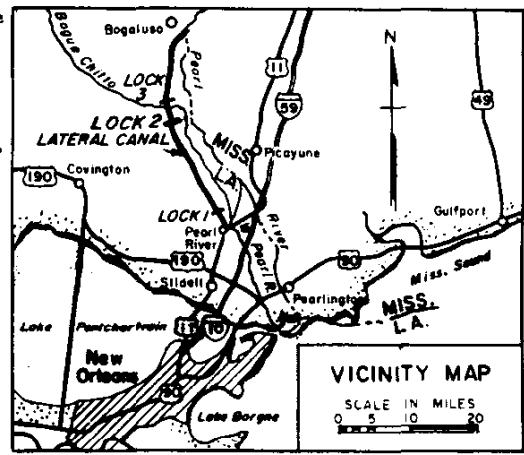
American Canal Society Canal Index

CANAL Pearl River Lateral Canal		STATUS Locks operate by appointment		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Louisiana				HAER
COUNTIES: Tammany, Washington				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Pearl River Navigation; Bogalusa (mile 58) to the Gulf; canal, from mile 65 to 28.5				
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Hickory LA, Sun LA-MS 7½'				
ENLARGEMENTS	DATES IN USE	L E N G T H CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL		LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
	1b 1938-53	28		3/65x310'
	2			
	3			
4				

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

THE PEARL RIVER LATERAL CANAL, 20 miles long, is part of the 58-mile Pearl River Waterway along the MS-LA state line, from the Gulf up to Bogalusa, begun in 1938 and essentially completed in 1953 after interruption by WWII. Commercial traffic on the waterway (sand, gravel and shells) has declined so much that the navigation is used only for recreation, and the Pearl River has been declared a Louisiana Natural and Scenic River. To arrange for lockage, contact the Lockmaster at Lock 1 (Lockmaster, Pearl River Project, Pearl River, LA, 504/863-7214) or the Lock Operator at Lock 3 (504/886-3141). There are three locks on the canal, all 65x310' in the chamber, and accessible from LA 41, which parallels the river. Lock 3 (11' lift) is 5 miles from the upper end and two miles by road from Sun

(watch for G of E sign). Lock 2 (15' lift) is 3 miles below, at the end of a ½-mile road 2½ miles below Bush. Lock 1 (27' lift) is a mile above the lower end of the canal, at the end of a 2½ mile road 6.7 miles below Tallisheek. UTM: #1, 16.233150.3372500, Hickory LA; #2, 16.22530.348740, Sun LA-MS; #3, 16.22510.349235, Sun LA-MS. There are launching ramps at locks 1 and 3 and at the Pools Bluff Sill, and portages over the two lateral spillways (sills) on the canal. Picnic facilities are available at Lock 1 and camping is allowed at locks 1 and 3 (get help from the lock operators). A bound book of aerial photo charts of the Pearl River Waterway is available at \$1 payable to Treasurer of the United States, from the Mobile District.



From THE AMERICAN CANAL GUIDE Part 3, p.9 (1979); map from Mobile District

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:
Mobile District, Corps of Engineers, Box 2288, Mobile AL 36628

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:
 From material supplied by John P. Jones, Mobile District.
 See also A History of the Mobile District, 1815-1971, by Virgil S. Davis (o.o.p.)

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, IABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):
Annual Reports of the Chief of Engineers, C of E

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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