

American Canal Society Canal Index

<b>CANAL</b> Alabama River Waterway	<b>STATUS</b> Operating												
<b>STATE/PROVINCE:</b> Alabama	ACS HAER												
<b>COUNTIES:</b>	ENLARGEMENTS 1 2 3												
<b>LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal):</b> Mouth of Alabama River to Wetumpka													
<b>TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:</b>													
<b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">DATES IN USE</th> <th style="width: 60%;">LENGTH CANAL    SLACKWATER    TOTAL</th> <th style="width: 25%;">LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1969, 72+</td> <td style="text-align: center;">316</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3/84x600*</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DATES IN USE	LENGTH CANAL    SLACKWATER    TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE	1969, 72+	316	3/84x600*						
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<b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>The ALABAMA RIVER, from its mouth to the Mobile River (45 mi. above Mobile) was navigable in early days up to Wetumpka, 11 mi. up the Coosa, a distance of 316 miles. In recent years 3 locks and dams have been constructed to create a 9-foot channel, with locks all 84 x 600' in the chamber. The CLAIRBORNE LOCK AND DAM (Alabama River mile 72.5, 30' lift, 1969) is on the L bank, 6 mi. upstream of the US 84 bridge; overlook on W bank, via Gosport; overlook and lock on E bank, via Fountain. MILLER'S FERRY LOCK AND DAM (mile 133, 48' lift, 1969) is 1 mi. below the AL 28 bridge; overlook on E bank at the lock, via town of Miller's Ferry. JONES BLUFF LOCK AND DAM (mile 236.2, 45' lift, 1972) is 2 mi. upstream of US 80 and Benton; lock is via Edsons. There are no camping facilities at these locks but for elsewhere on the lakes see recreational facilities maps of the reservoirs available from the Mobile District, Box 2288, Mobile AL 36628. A bound book of Alabama River navigation charts, consisting of annotated aerial photographs from the Gulf to Wetumpka (clearly showing old Lock 31) is available from them at \$2.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From THE AMERICAN CANAL GUIDE Part 3, p.24 (1979)</p>												
<b>NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:</b>	Mobile District, Corps of Engineers, Box 2288, Mobile AL 36628												
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:</b>	<p><u>A History of the Mobile District, 1815-1971</u>, by Virgil S. Davis (o.o.p.)  <u>Rivers of Alabama</u>, Strode Publishers, Huntsville AL 1968, \$6.95          See also Coosa River, the navigable branch of the Alabama.</p>												
<b>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):</b>													
<b>EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):</b>													
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