

BULL SLUICE DAM

This dam is quite a structure, extending from the west shore of the Savannah River to its opposite side. In mid-stream there is an island where the dam forms a vee, thus its linear line is not straight from one side to the other. Construction of the dam appears to be of wood cribbing on the falls side and backed by huge amounts of stone. Would be considered a low dam more or less. It is 1238 ft. long (per Mr. Richardson) but seems to be much more than that as you view the site. However, I presume it was tied in with the 1874 construction project, but may not have been because much of this type of construction could not have been completed short of 2-3 years at least.

REMARKS

There is no question about it, this site is one of the most unusual artifacts that I have ever visited. So entirely different in structure.

The Augusta Canal is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Georgia Heritage Trust plans an Historic Park for its 7 mile upper level. There are two markers in this complex, one in the Park and the other at head of lock which reads as follows;- Canal Enlarged 1874. Charles Estes(Mayor); Managers- John U. Meyer; Thomas G. Barrett; Alex Phillip; Thomas Carwile;*** Engineers- Byron Holley; Ass't Engineer Byron Holley Jr;*** Contractors- John A. Green; John Satterlee; John F. Hosch;*** Superintendent- Hugh H. Penny;

RESPONSIBILITY

The City of Augusta holds title to the entire works at this site.

SUGGESTIONS

This is one Historic Site that should be visited by all Canal Enthusiasts and other interested groups if in the area of Augusta. Excellent stopover for an hour or two. Take your camera, you will need it.

DIRECTIONS

Locate I-20 interchange & SR #104, stay on #104(at this jct.)and go to adjacent GAS STATION, inquire for Stevens Creek Road(quite close) bear left on it and follow for about 3-4 miles to a blacktop road on your right, turn right and follow to "Canal & River Park". Dead end! Parking area here. Walk ahead about 50 ft. to wooded area where a series of concrete steps go down to the lower level and canal. If you have missed this road and come to a crossroad, then turn around and follow back when this road will be on your left. It is not marked in any way. Have a nice tour of this most unusual site. Best of luck!

Submitted by-

P.S. A photo-copy map of lock and canal area will be available from the American Canal Society at a small charge.

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