

CANAL <b>Big Sunflower Lock &amp; Dam</b>		STATUS <b>Abandoned</b>		ACS	
STATE/PROVINCE: <b>Mississippi</b>				HAER	
COUNTIES: <b>Washington</b>		ENLARGEMENTS	L E N G T H		
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal):			DATES IN USE	CANAL	SLACKWATER TOTAL
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: <b>Midnight NW 7½' MS</b>			1 <b>1918; ab. 1937</b>		LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
			2		<b>1/26x160'</b>
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**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

The only lock in the Vicksburg area is BIG SUNFLOWER LOCK & DAM (26x160', 16.9' lift), constructed in 1918 at Little Callao Landing on the Big Sunflower River, 62 miles upstream from its mouth on the Yazoo and about 100 miles above Vicksburg. It was abandoned in 1937, by which time the 4½ foot channel depth was only useful to loggers. The lock is of concrete and still serves with the dam as a weir; one end is sealed, and the timber miter gates are gone. It can be reached by going a mile south from the MS 12 bridge over the Big Sunflower, 11 mi. W of Belzoni MS. UTM: 15.71600.367272, Midnight NW MS quad. A lock and dam has been authorized on the Yazoo near Vicksburg to provide navigation up to Greenwood, but it has not been funded.

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**NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:**

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**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:**

From material supplied by Vicksburg District (Mr. Anderson)  
See Of Men and Rivers by Dr. Gary B. Mills (Vicksburg District History)

**UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):**

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

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