

CANAL Inland Route , Chart 660 U.S. Corps of Engineers.		STATUS Modernized since 1951 (Cheboygan) U.S. Corps Lock 1968 at Alanson, Mich	
STATE/PROVINCE: Michigan , North end of Mitten		DATE	
COUNTIES: Cheboygan on the East and Emmett on the West.		LIFT DATE No. / SCD	
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): One lock is at city of Cheboygan on the East. The U.S. Corps lock is at ALANSON to the W/E 35 miles		LIFT DATE	
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Cheboygan 5047500m N 586950m N		LIFT DATE	
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Origin ally this East-West route was an Indian waterway route from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan or the reverse. The white man came through in the 1880's and logged it off. In doing so this logging area soon became a tourist area. As near as I can check by writing to various organization the lock at Cheboygan was built in 1869 and modernized in 1951. Before 1951 it was hand operated. At Cheboygan, the present lock was reconstructed in 1927 and now is owned by the Michigan State Waterway Commission. Formerly this lock was owned by the Consumer Power Company of Lansing, Michigan who had purchased it from the Michigan Public Service Company in 1950. The Michigan Public service Co. had purchased it in 1923 from the Cheboygan Electric Light Company. The first lock at this point (Cheboygan) was put in place by the Cheboygan Slack Water Navigation Company 1868. (from History of Northern Michigan) The present lock at Cheboygan was sold to the State of Michigan by the Consumer Power Company in 1957, for \$1.00.		LIFT DATE	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The Cheboygan lock at each modernization seems to have always been approx 75 feet long x 18 feet wide and a 12 foot lift. From the information that I have it is possible that the original lock and dam was built from logs and stone. Included in the design was also a logging chute. A special bill was passed through the Michigan Legislature in 1871 so that the Cheboygan Slack Water Navigation Co. could collect tolls. Tolls are still being collected at this date also. The second set of locks on this Inland Route was built by the U.S. Corps of engineers. It is an all concrete and steel lock. No tolls are charged. The size of this lock is 66 feet long x 17.5 feet wide and the lift is 17.5 feet. This lock is built on the Eastern end of the Inland route at the town of Alanson, Michigan. This lock and dam is to maintain the water levels of Pickerel and Crooked Lakes nearby.		LIFT DATE	
NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION: American Canal Society		LIFT DATE	
BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Mr. Carl D. Dunster a very great help. Consumers Power Co., Mr. W.L. Reid a very great help. Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce, Joan Gallagher a very great help. U.S. Corps of Engineers, Detroit, Mich. Michael J. Pirrini, a very great help. Michigan State History Division. Leroy Barnett, a very great help. History of Northern Michigan, good reference. State Library Services of Michigan, Richard J. Hathaway, Head Michigan Unit, a very great help.		LIFT DATE	
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.): Cheboygan Daily Tribune (April, 15, 1967) article-Mich. State takes over locks. The Resorter (a local publication) Use the bibliography sources above. There is lots more digging to be done for greater accuracy.		LIFT DATE	
EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CLHR, National Register, etc.): There could be placed near the Cheboygan lock site a marker telling some of the historical story.		LIFT DATE	
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