

CANAL: Lake Borgne Canal & Violet Lock		STATUS: Lock abandoned		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Louisiana				HAER
COUNTIES: St. Bernard				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Lake Borgne to the Mississippi at Violet		ENLARGEMENTS	D A T E S   I N   U S E	L E N G T H
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Chalmette LA 7 1/2'		1	1939-1950	CANAL      SLACKWATER      TOTAL
		2		L I F T   L O C K S
		3		N o . /   S I Z E
		4		
<p>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>Four miles further downriver from Chalmette on LA 46 is VIOLET LOCK (1939) on the river side of the levee at the S edge of Violet, behind a yellow and white metal building and opposite the end of the LAKE BORGNE CANAL still visible to the east. Privately built, the lock was closed in 1950 and the levee was continued across the lower end, leaving visible only the upper (river end) steel gates and unusual brick walls. This would make a useful quiet historical park overlooking the river. We hope that if the new lock proposed to bypass the Inner Harbor Lock is at this site, the old gates could be bypassed or put on display at the new lock, since there are not many old lock remains left in Louisiana. UTM: 16.219750.3310900, Chalmette LA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From THE AMERICAN CANAL GUIDE Part 3, p.8 (1979)</p>				
<p>NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:</p>				
<p>BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:</p> <p>Writer's Guide for Louisiana says Lake Borgne Canal built in 1901. More information is needed on the canal and lock.</p>				
<p>UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):</p>				
<p>EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):</p> <p>The remains of Violet Lock, beside the Mississippi, would make an interesting canal park on the river side of the levee, and should also be kept in mind if the proposed bypass canal passes through this spot. Local interest would be desirable!</p>				
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