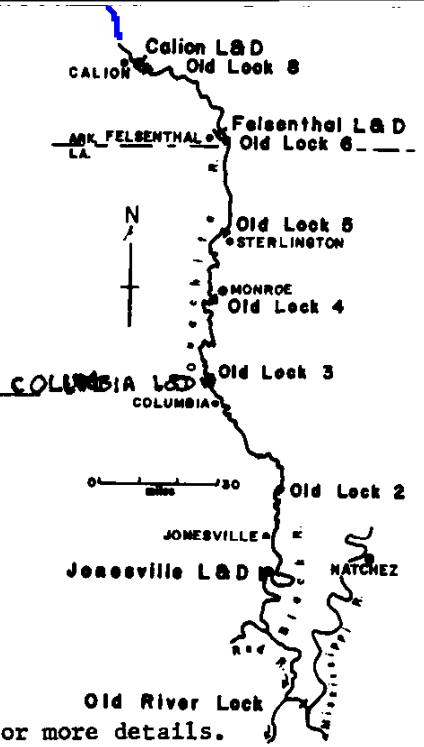


CANAL <b>Ouachita River Navigation</b>		STATUS <b>Operating</b>		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: <b>Louisiana, Arkansas</b>				IJAER
COUNTIES:		DATES IN USE	LENGTH CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL	LIFT LOCKS No./ SIZE
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): <b>Calion, AK to mouth on Red River.</b>	ENLARGEMENTS	1 1906-26+	350	6/55x268'
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: <b>See below.</b>		2 b.1964	350	4/84x600'
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**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

The OUACHITA RIVER arises in Arkansas and flows south into Louisiana where it joins the Tensas to form the Black River, which in turn flows into the Red River at Ouachita River Mile 0. The Red has a navigable connection with the Mississippi through Old River, now controlled by Old River Lock and Dam (1963). The Ouachita has had two lock and dam systems over a 350-mile length; the first was a 6½' deep channel with six concrete locks and dams (Old locks 2,3,4,5,6 and 8), all 55x268' in the chamber with steel miter gates, constructed between 1906 and 1926. The second system, begun in 1964, will replace all the old locks with four new ones 84x600' - Jonesville, Columbia, Felsenthal and Calion. All of the abandoned locks (2,3,4 and 5) are now at C of E Public Recreation Areas. Perhaps the lockhouse grounds and parts of the locks are still visible.

UTM: #2, 15.613250,3515950, Harrisonburg LA 15'; #3, Columbia LA 15'; #4, 15.583050,3592350, Monroe S LA; #5, 15.585900, 3618500, Monroe N LA; #6, Felsenthal AR 15'; #8, Moro Bay AK 15'. Brochures with maps of the Jonesville and Columbia L&D pools are available free from the Vicksburg District. For historical details see the Vicksburg District history.



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EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):  
 Several old lock sites are now parks; locks 6 and 8 ought to be parks, after replacement by new high locks and dams.

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