

American Canal Society Canal Index

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: From New Orleans, take US 90 west to BAYOU LAFOURCHE, an ancient mouth of the Mississippi which is now cut off from it by the Mississippi levee. The bayou was, and still is, an artery of commerce and has been called "The World's Longest Main Street" - 120 miles long. Of interest to canal park planners are two flash locks on the Theriot Canal, which intersects Bayou Lafourche 2½ miles W of Raceland on LA 649. Watch for a small bridge and a gravel parking lot (R) where there is a small-boat ramp into the canal. The flash lock is a single Tainter (lifting) gate, about five feet wide and electrically operated by buttons on a post in the middle of the canal where they are accessible only by boat. When the gate is opened, small motorboats can pass through on the flood. This small lock, thoughtfully provided by the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District, allows flood control while permitting through passage for fishermen. A similar lock is just W up the bayou on the opposite side. Such self-service locks ought to be a part of every park planner's bag of tricks.																																		
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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY: Need information. The South lock is marked "1960" so was constructed or rebuilt at that time.																																		
UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):																																		
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