

CANAL Duck River Slack-Water Navigation	STATUS Abandoned Unfinished																											
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LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Columbia TN to mouth on Tennessee River	ENLARGEMENTS																											
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: Locks and dams begun should be on Columbia, Godwin, Williamsport, Greenfield Bend, and Littlelot TN 7½' quads.																												
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:																												
<p>The DUCK RIVER SLACK-WATER NAVIGATION was intended to take steamboats from the Tennessee River up to Columbia TN, some 70 miles, via nine wooden locks and dams. Construction began in 1851 on the two nearest Columbia and the first was completed. However, at that time a new survey showed that the drop in the river was twice that which had been thought, which on top of the usual cost overruns led to the abandonment of the project. Dr. Johnson proposes that the Columbia Municipal Dam, 3.5 mi. below the TVA dam, may be on the site of Lock and Dam 1 (mile 133.4), and Lock and Dam 2 remains may be those seen at either mile 113.9 or 104.3. Canoeists should look for the wooden lock remains. See the Nashville District History, pp. 38-41.</p>																												
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NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:																												
BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:																												
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UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, IABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):																												
EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):																												
<p>The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association, Box 3104, Nashville TN 37219 should be encouraged to become interested in finding the old lock sites and use them to good advantage.</p>																												
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