Measuring approximately 16 feet in width and 120 feet in length, the Lockville Canal Locks were constructed around 1830 as part of the Ohio - Erie Canal System which stretched from Cleveland to Portsmouth, Ohio. The site contains seven locks and the connecting canal channel; the approximate altitude rises from 770 feet at the northwest lock (#1) to 825 feet at the southeast lock (#11). The walls of the locks consist for the most part of fine grain sandstone blocks which measure approximately 15 inches in width and are of a variety of lengths; the blocks were laid in parallel, horizontal lines and the joints caulked with mortar. Only the stone structures remain—no lock gates are extant. The locks underwent extensive rebuilding in 1862-3, and continued to be used until the early 20th century. The canal and locks were sold by the state in 1916.

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