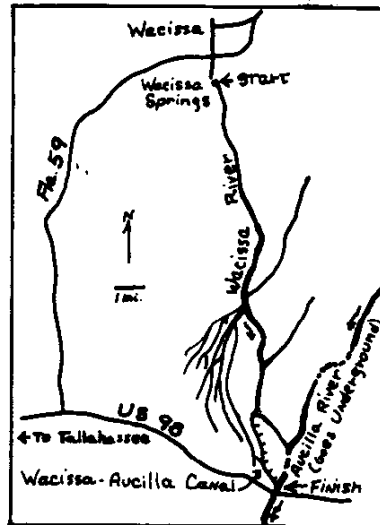


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CANAL Wacissa-Aucilla Canal		STATUS Used as canoe trail		ACS
STATE/PROVINCE: Florida				HAER
COUNTIES: Jefferson				
LOCATION (Endpoints of Canal): Waterway starts at Wacissa Springs; canal ends at US 98		DATES IN USE: 1850's		LIFT LOCKS No. / SIZE: None
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:		LENGTH CANAL SLACKWATER TOTAL: 2½ mi. (12)		
		ENLARGEMENTS		
		1		
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

THE WACISSA-AUCILLA CANAL, about 30 mi. SE of Tallahassee via. US 319 and 98, is of special interest because it is part of the dramatic Wacissa River Canoe Trail established by the State of Florida ("Florida Canoe Trail Guide", available from Dept. of Natural Resources, Room 664, Larson Bldg., Tallahassee Fla. 32304). The swift, narrow and crystal clear Wacissa River arises from a spring at the head of the canoe trail and flows into the Aucilla River 14 mi. later. The Aucilla, however, soon goes underground; the canal, 2½ mi. long, bypasses this section and is said to have been excavated by slaves in the 1850's to permit the shipping of cotton from the Wacissa region. There were probably no water control structures. The canal is only accessible by canoe. The whole trail takes 6 hours but there are many tributaries to explore and one can camp along the way.



The Wacissa-Aucilla Canal, from FLORIDA CANOE TRAIL GUIDE

From THE AMERICAN CANAL GUIDE Part 2, p.9 (1975)

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH CANALS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION:

See above

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:

Florida Canoe Trail Guide

UNPUBLISHED RECORDS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS (CEHR, HAER, HABS, Local or Regional Historical Societies, Libraries, etc.):

EXISTING OR RECOMMENDED LANDMARK STATUS (CEHR, National Register, etc.):

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