

Lake Chotard

LOCATION: Approximately 13 miles north of Eagle Lake on Highway 465.

SIZE: 1000 acres.

DEPTH: Depth varies with the Mississippi River.

AQUATIC VEGETATION: None.

MAJOR SPORTFISH: Largemouth bass, white bass, striped bass, crappie, bream (bluegill), channel catfish.

OTHER FISH: Paddlefish, bowfin, buffalo, common carp, drum, flathead catfish, green sunfish, gar, yellow bass.

FISH FORAGE: Shad, silversides, minnows, small sunfish.

VISIBLE COVER: Willow trees, iron-wood bushes.

BOTTOM FEATURES: Man-made fish structures, points, drop-offs along the eastern shore.

FISHING LICENSE: CALL 1-800-5-GO-HUNT

GUIDE SERVICES: CALL 1-800-270-DELTA



MAN-MADE FISH STRUCTURES:

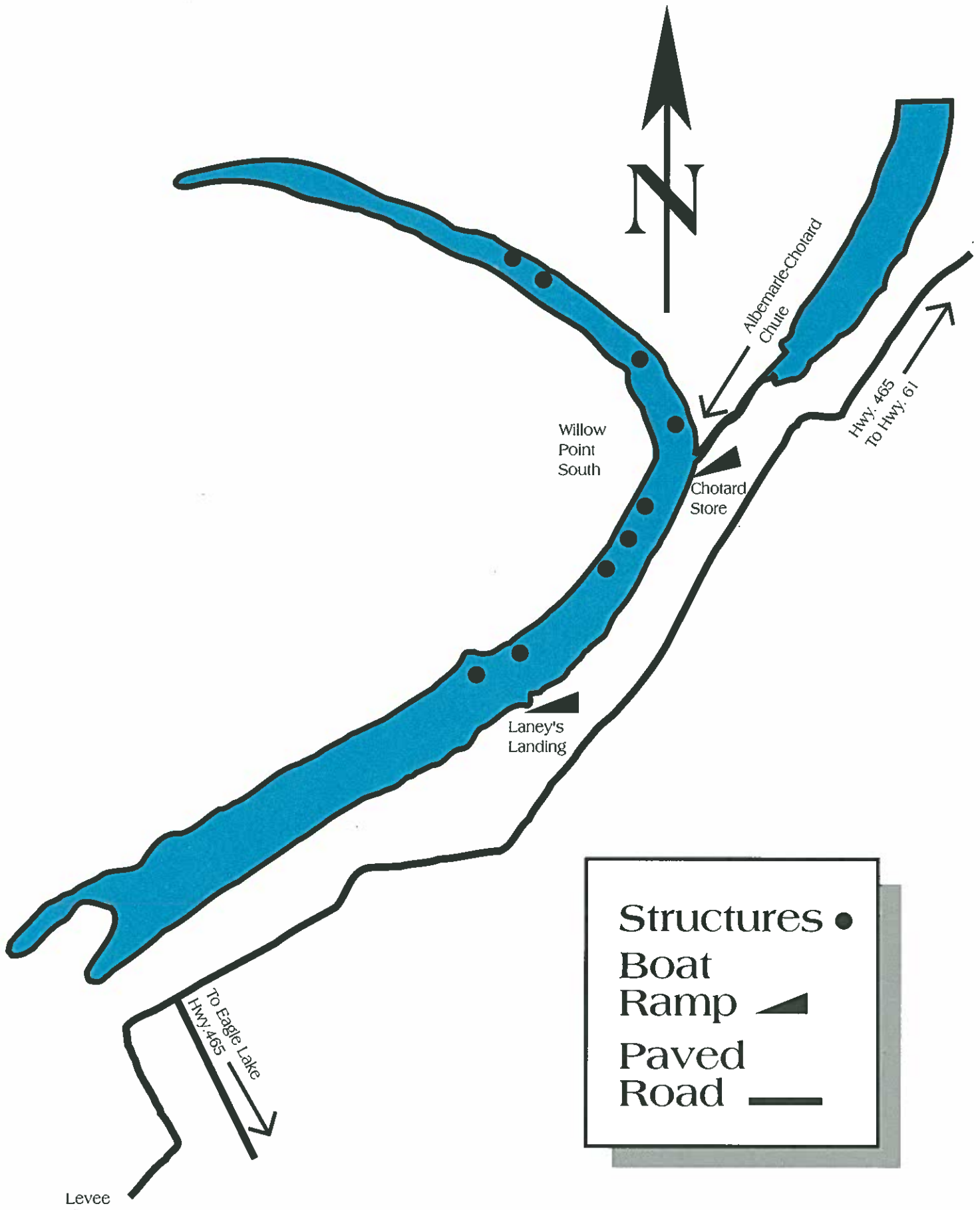
Twenty-seven structures were placed at nine different locations. These locations include areas on both the eastern and western sides of the lake. Structures were placed in 11' of water when the Vicksburg gauge for the Mississippi River read 12'. The structures will be marked on the bank with blaze orange markers. These markers should become visible as the Vicksburg gauge nears 13' to 15'.

ACCESS: There are two ramps located on the lake. On the north end at the mouth of Albemarle Chute is the Chotard Store, where there is a \$3 fee for launching boats. Gas, bait and fishing supplies can be purchased there as well as basic grocery items.

The other ramp is located further south and is called Laney's Landing. A \$3 launching fee is also charged, payable upon returning from the lake. Fourteen foot boats equipped with 8 h.p. motors and fuel can be leased for \$30 a day. Basic fishing supplies, bait, ice and drinks can also be purchased there.

DESCRIPTION: Lake Chotard was formed during the flood of 1913 when the river suddenly abandoned its old bed at Albemarle bend, creating the Newman Cutoff. The lake is located in the southwestern corner of Issaquena County. Access is provided by Highway 465. Eagle Lake is to the south and Lake Albemarle borders Chotard to the north. Fishing on Chotard, as with most other oxbows which are connected to the Mississippi River, is generally determined by the level of the Mississippi River. Fishing strategies center around three seasons of the year: spring, summer and fall. Fish are caught year round, until the Mississippi River reaches 36' on the Vicksburg gauge. If you are not familiar with this lake, visit one of the bait stores for detailed information.





Structures ●

Boat Ramp ▲

Paved Road —

Levee

To Eagle Lake
Hwy. 465

Hwy. 465
To Hwy. 61

Willow
Point
South

Chotard
Store

Laney's
Landing

Albermarle-Chotard
Chute