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# Austin Area Lakes





# Highland Lakes in Central Texas:

Lake Buchanan, Inks Lake, Lake LBJ, Lake Marble Falls, Lake Travis and Lake Austin.



**Lake Buchanan** - Is the second largest of the Highland Lakes in Central Texas with a length of 30 miles and a width at the widest point of just under 5 miles. Lake Buchanan has a shoreline of 124 miles. When it was built, Buchanan Dam was considered to be the longest multiple-arch dam in the U.S. with a length of just over two miles. The lake is very popular with boaters, fishermen, campers and swimmers. The lake is so large that you will never feel crowded. The annual Lake Buchanan Regatta and Dam Jam is held at Cedar Lodge each April. Dozens of boats participate in the regatta and live music is performed by artists coming to Lake Buchanan from over 1,000 miles to participate in the event. Lake Buchanan is located 60 miles northwest of Austin and 95 miles north of San Antonio. It is about 200 miles south of Dallas and Fort Worth and 200 miles west of Houston.



**Inks Lake** - Located 55 miles northwest of Austin, Texas on Highway 29, Inks Lake is the next lake down the Colorado River from Lake Buchanan. It starts just a short distance from the base of Buchanan Dam. With a length of 4.2 miles and a width of 3,000 feet, Inks Lake is the shortest of the first four lakes but is also one of the prettiest. The boating and water skiing are fantastic on Inks Lake. The State Park is a 1,200 acre panorama of cedar and oak woodlands and offers swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and BBQing. Inks Lake is well-known for its bass, crappie and catfish. Highland Lakes Public Golf Club is a 9 Hole, Public Course, located on Inks Lake on Park Road 4 a few minutes south of Hwy 29. This course is only about a 15 minute drive from Burnet and 20 minutes from Marble Falls, Texas. The lake is also well known for its 7.5 miles of hiking trails.



**Lake LBJ** - Lake LBJ, named after President Lyndon B. Johnson, starts at Kingsland and goes all the way to Horseshoe Bay, 45 miles northwest of Austin. Lake LBJ is one of the largest normally at constant level lake in the United States, and is just over 21 miles long with a maximum width of 10,800 feet. Lake LBJ is perfect for sailing, boating, waterskiing, jetskiing, and all water related activities. Tourists are attracted from all over Texas and the U.S. to take advantage of this big beautiful lake.



**Lake Marble Falls** - Lake Marble Falls is the 4th lake in the Highland Lakes string of lakes on the Colorado River in the Central Texas Hill Country. Lake Marble Falls is a normally constant level lake and is popular for boating, and waterskiing. It is 5.75 miles long and 1,080 feet wide in the widest area. The annual Cigarette Boat Race is hosted on Lake Marble Falls in the town of Marble Falls. Lake Marble Falls is located at the booming town of Marble Falls about 45 miles northwest of Austin. It can be reached from Austin by driving out Highway 71 and then north on Highway 281, or by going west on Highway 1431 out of Cedar Park on the north edge of Austin.



**Lake Travis** - Lake Travis has the largest storage capacity of the seven reservoirs known as the Highland Lakes, and stretches 65 miles (105 km) upriver from western Travis County in a highly serpentine course into southern Burnet County to Max Starcke Dam, southwest of the town of Marble Falls. The Pedernales River, a major tributary of the Colorado River, flows into the lake from the southwest in western Travis County. The lake is used for flood control, water supply, electrical power generation and recreation. Because of its volume, the lake serves as the primary flood control reservoir of the Highland Lake chain. The level of the lake can therefore vary dramatically, depending on the amount of rainfall in the Colorado River basin upstream. Despite this, the lake furnishes one of the most desired locations in the region for outdoor recreation, including fishing, boating, swimming, scuba diving, picnicking, camping, and zip lining. Lake Travis is generally considered one of the clearest lakes in Texas. It is a vital water supply for the nearby city of Austin, Texas and the surrounding metropolitan area.



**Lake Austin** - Lake Austin is the sixth lake down in the chain of Highland Lakes on the Colorado River in Central Texas. The lake starts at the Mansfield Dam and ends at the Tom Miller Dam in the city of Austin. Lake Austin has high cliffs in places along the shore of the lake which provide shelter from the wind for the best in boating activities. The cliffs are dotted with expensive homes overlooking the lake.



**Lady Bird Lake** - A seventh lake, which is not considered a part of the Highland Lakes chain, is Lady Bird Lake in Austin. Lady Bird Lake (formerly known as Town Lake) is in the city of Austin, Texas. Lady Bird Lake runs between Riverside Drive and 1st Street in the downtown area of Austin. Interstate I-35 goes over Lady Bird Lake as you are driving through Austin. Lady Bird Lake is 6 miles long and from 400 feet to 2,500 feet wide at its widest point and has an average depth of 14 feet. Lady Bird Lake is just downstream from Lake Austin on the Colorado River. Lady Bird Lake is a placid lake and is a constant level lake, ideal for canoeing. Swimming, motorized boats and jet skis are not allowed in Lady Bird Lake. Tourists and local residents enjoy canoeing on Lady Bird Lake. You can take a nice long walk or do a little jogging along the trails beside the lake.





## Central Texas Highland Lakes

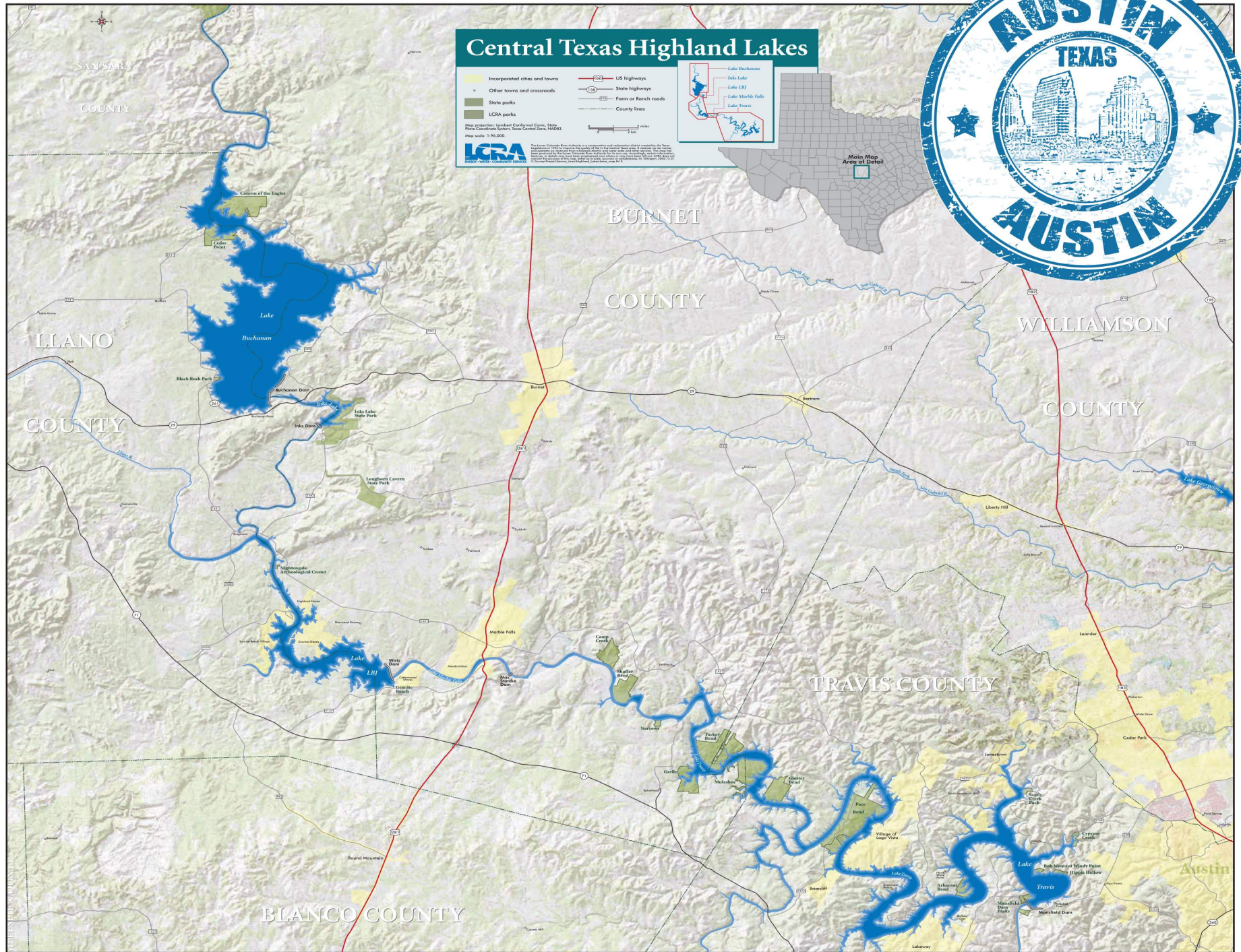
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- Incorporated cities and towns
- Other towns and crossroads
- State parks
- LCRA parks
- US highways
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- Farm or Ranch roads
- County lines

Map projection: Lambert Conformal Conic, State Plane Coordinate System, Texas Central Zone, NAD83.  
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# Lake Travis

Begins as not much more than a river as it snakes its way from Burnet County through Travis County and onwards toward Austin over 63 miles of Texas Hill Country, widening and deepening as it progresses. It was created with the construction of Mansfield Dam, built from 1937 to 1941 by the Lower Colorado River Authority. One of its primary functions is flood control, with the water level constantly changing depending on the weather and flood conditions. The Mansfield Dam is the only dam in the Highland Lakes that was built specifically to contain the floodwaters of the lower Colorado Basin (up to 260 billion gallons of flood water).

Lake Travis is probably the most visited of the Highland Lakes because of its proximity to Austin. Its location and size make it a popular destination for aquatic sport enthusiasts, including boating, fishing, swimming and even scuba diving. Lake Travis is perfect for those seeking a more active environment and plenty to do, including waterside dining and plenty of activities for adults and kids, as well as easy access to the Austin amenities.

## Austin Metro

This lake also provides water for the Austin metropolitan area, generates electricity and provides irrigation water for farmers downstream. Lake Travis also boasts some of the clearest water of any of the Highland Lakes.

## Lodging Options

Lake Travis offers a number of lodging options near the lake, but waterfront inns are less common at this lake. However, there are a number of small, cozy bed and breakfasts, perfect for romantic getaways, as well as cabins and vacation home rentals for groups and families. House boats are another unique option for lodging accommodations on Lake Travis. The beautiful Lake Travis surroundings coupled with the nearby amenities and activities make it a great getaway destination.

## Lake Travis Boat Rental

You'll have plenty of options for Lake Travis boat rentals! There are rental facilities on all sides of the lake, so you should be able to find a nearby rental location no matter where you are staying. Aquatic rentals include motor boats, pontoon boats, jet skis, party boats and house boats. You can also rent water skiing, wake boarding and inner tube equipment. You're bound to find something to guarantee hours of fun at Lake Travis.

## Fishing on Lake Travis

Much like the other Highland Lakes, Lake Travis provides fishermen with ample opportunity to fish for a variety of species. Lake Travis has solid populations of Large Mouth and Guadalupe Bass, Catfish, White Bass and Sunfish. It also has fair conditions for Striped Bass and occasionally Crappie can also be found in the lake too.

## Lake Travis Parks

Lake Travis boasts a number of parks and a wide range of recreational activities. There are 14 LCRA parks and recreation areas on Lake Travis. These parks feature different amenities including camping, picnicking, boat launches, volleyball courts, hiking, horse back riding and windsurfing. For those who prefer more freedom, Hippy Hollow is the only "clothing optional" beach in all of Texas.

## Other Things to Do

Lake Travis offers an unlimited amount of fun. In addition to the options listed above you can also go parasailing, zip lining, canoeing, or dine by sunset at many of the local restaurants.

