

Longhorn Dam

This dam was built on an ancient ford that had served various communities throughout history, including Native Americans, Spanish soldiers and missionaries, Anglo settlers, Black settlers, and Chisholm Trail cattle drivers. In 1960, the construction of Longhorn Dam, located to the east of Austin, resulted in the creation of a reservoir along the Colorado River, forming what is now known as Lady Bird Lake. Today, it plays a crucial role in maintaining a constant lake level, which means plenty of recreational opportunities for everyone at Lady Bird Lake!