

# Highland Lakes

Before 1860, he had marked boulders on either side of the river to show where a dam should be built, and in 1887 (after losing his eyesight in the Civil War), he founded a city by “the great marble falls” a few miles downstream.

Buchanan Dam was completed in 1938 by the newly-created Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), about 80 years after Johnson marked the spot, and a series of dams down the river created the Highland Lakes chain along the Colorado River. The wild land has become a tourist and retirement paradise, and the five “Highland Lakes,” each with its own unique character, attract thousands of visitors every year.

