



LIFE IS *BETTER* AT THE LAKE

THESE LAKESIDE RESTAURANTS AND BARS OFFER DELICIOUS BITES AND SIPS WITH A SIDE OF GREAT VIEWS

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Shack 512

From top: Exterior of Sundancer Grill,
Cocktails at Shack 512

What could be better than a nice meal shared with family or friends? How about having said meal while enjoying some lake views? Here are some of the best restaurants scattered around the shores of Lake Travis that are serving up the perfect pairing of yummy food and lovely vistas.

THE OASIS

Of all the local lakeside establishments, The Oasis is the showstopper. With space for hundreds of visitors and incomparable views of the water, this expansive, multilevel complex is so famous for its sunset views that it goes by the nickname “The Sunset Capital of Texas.” Listen for the bell they ring nightly at sunset, and before you go, leave a lover’s lock on their deck balcony.

oasis-austin.com | [6550 Comanche Trail](#) | [Austin](#)

SHACK 512

Located next to Sandy Creek Marina, Shack 512 offers laid-back vibes, a big deck with wide views and a pimento burger that’s earned loads of fans. While you can come here by car, you can instead come by boat—feel free to dock yours at the public boat parking area near Sandy Creek Yacht Club.

shack512.com | [8714 Lime Creek Rd.](#) | [Volente](#)

BEACHSIDE BILLY’S

Over at Volente Beach Resort & Waterpark, you can visit Beachside Billy’s, a relaxed restaurant that dishes out satisfying, easygoing food like burgers, wings and pizza. There’s no need to purchase a waterpark pass to enjoy a meal there, so feel free to come by even if you’re not in the mood to splash around.

beachsidebillys.com | [16107 FM-2769](#) | [Leander](#)

VINCENT’S ON THE LAKE

Vincent’s on the Lake can be found at Emerald Point Marina, which some longtime residents may remember as the old location of Carlos’ N Charlie’s. One of the best times to head out there is when they have some live music going, so keep an eye on their website calendar to see which bands they have lined up. >>

vincentsonthelake.com | [5973 Hiline Rd.](#) | [Austin](#)



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Beachside Billy's



Vincent's on the Lake

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SUNDANCER GRILL

It's low-key, bistro dining at Sundancer Grill on the south side of the lake, where you can look out onto the marina. If you're searching for some food recommendations, go for the Crab Hush Puppies or the Cedar Plank Salmon Salad. Conveniently, there's complimentary boat parking at the dock behind the Sail & Ski Yacht Club.

sundancergrill.com | 16410 Stewart Rd. | Lakeway

CANYON GRILLE

Canyon Grille sits atop the Rough Hollow Yacht Club and offers a slightly more upscale environment than the more casual joints around the lake (no need to dress up though!). You can't go wrong with one of their margaritas, which come in flavors including pomegranate and jalapeño.

canyongrilleroughhollow.com | 103 Yacht Club Cove | Lakeway

THE LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Right above the Briarcliff Marina, The Lighthouse Restaurant & Lounge has its own boat dock, live music on the weekend and a fun kids' play area. Grab a seat on their shady deck, where you can gaze out to the water. This spot is particularly popular for its weekend brunch (hello, fried chicken eggs benedict).

thelighthouseonthelake.com
513 Sleet Dr. | Briarcliff

THE GRILLE AT HIGHLAND LAKES

You can count on a good atmosphere at The Grille at Highland Lakes, which borders Lake Travis Golf Course. They host themed nights throughout the week; swing by on Tuesday for \$3 tacos, Wednesday for bingo and Friday for karaoke. And on Sundays, you can indulge in an all-you-can-eat brunch buffet.

grilleathighlandlakes.com
20552 Highland Lake Dr. | Lago Vista



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The Grille at Highland Lakes

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