

Rockdale Project

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Information about Alcoa Lake



Alcoa Lake is located seven miles southwest of Rockdale in Milam County, and is impounded on Sandy Creek, a tributary of Yegua Creek, which is a tributary of the Brazos River. The lake is owned and operated by the Aluminum Company of America for industrial and recreational purposes.



Why is Alcoa Lake important to Rockdale?



Alcoa Lake is important to Rockdale primarily because it was built as a cooling pond for the electrical generating facility, is open to fishermen and water lovers everywhere and is stocked with crappie, bass and catfish. The country club was constructed on property provided by the company and is now owned and operated by community residents.



Why was Alcoa Lake shut down?

The company was forced to shut operations at the 56 year old smelter due to drastic drop in aluminum prices, which made it financially unviable for them to run the smelter operations. According to the company, almost 325 out of the 600 people who worked at the smelter would be laid off.



Alcoa Lake Timeline

Construction was started

1952

Shutting down
2008