About the Park

- In 1939, the City of Austin acquired the park which features an oak, ash and juniper woodland along approximately one mile of lake frontage.
- Later that year, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began developing the land into a park. Their work included planting trees and sod, stabilizing the banks, and building the roads, bathhouse and concession stand.
- The original bathhouse and concession stand burned down and was replaced with stone buildings in 1953.
- In 1965, a living quarters for the caretaker was moved onto the property.
- The park was originally known as Lake Austin Park and later became City Park.
- In the early 1970's, a portion of the park was dedicated to motorcycle trails.
- The majority of the park is within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) and has 8 endangered species within the preserve. Most notable is the Golden-Cheeked Warbler.
- In 1984, Austin City Council changed the park name to Emma Long Metro Park.
Overall Park Aerial
November 2015