Logan Martin Lake is located on the Coosa River approximately 30 miles (48 km) east of Birmingham, Alabama. This 17,000-acre (69 km2) Coosa River reservoir was built in 1965 by Alabama Power Company. Logan Martin Dam was the second dam built as a part of an Alabama Power Company construction program that further developed the Coosa River in the late 1950s and the 1960s. During the planning stages, the dam was known as Kelly Creek. During the first month of construction, the board of directors formally named it after William Logan Martin, Jr. He was a circuit court judge in Montgomery and also served as attorney general for the State of Alabama. In 1921, Martin was appointed as Alabama Power's general attorney. His older brother, Thomas, was one of the founders of the company.

The story of Logan Martin Dam and Logan Martin Lake began as a story of energy. It continues today as a story of flood control, recreation and economic opportunity, irrigation and drinking water, and fish and wildlife habitats. Power was just the beginning.

The lake, nicknamed Lake of a Thousand Coves by locals, has 275 miles (443 km) of shoreline along its 48.5-mile (78.1 km) length sandwiched between Logan Martin Dam on the south and Neely Henry Dam on the north. The depth of the lake is 35 to 110 feet (34 m) with only five feet average water level variance.

Lake Logan Martin provides some of the best bass fishing around and continues to be a popular spot for fishing tournaments such as the Bass masters Classic. Both Spotted and Largemouth bass are well represented, and represent some of the best values in the state. Lake Logan Martin was listed in Bass Master’s top 100 lakes for 2013.

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