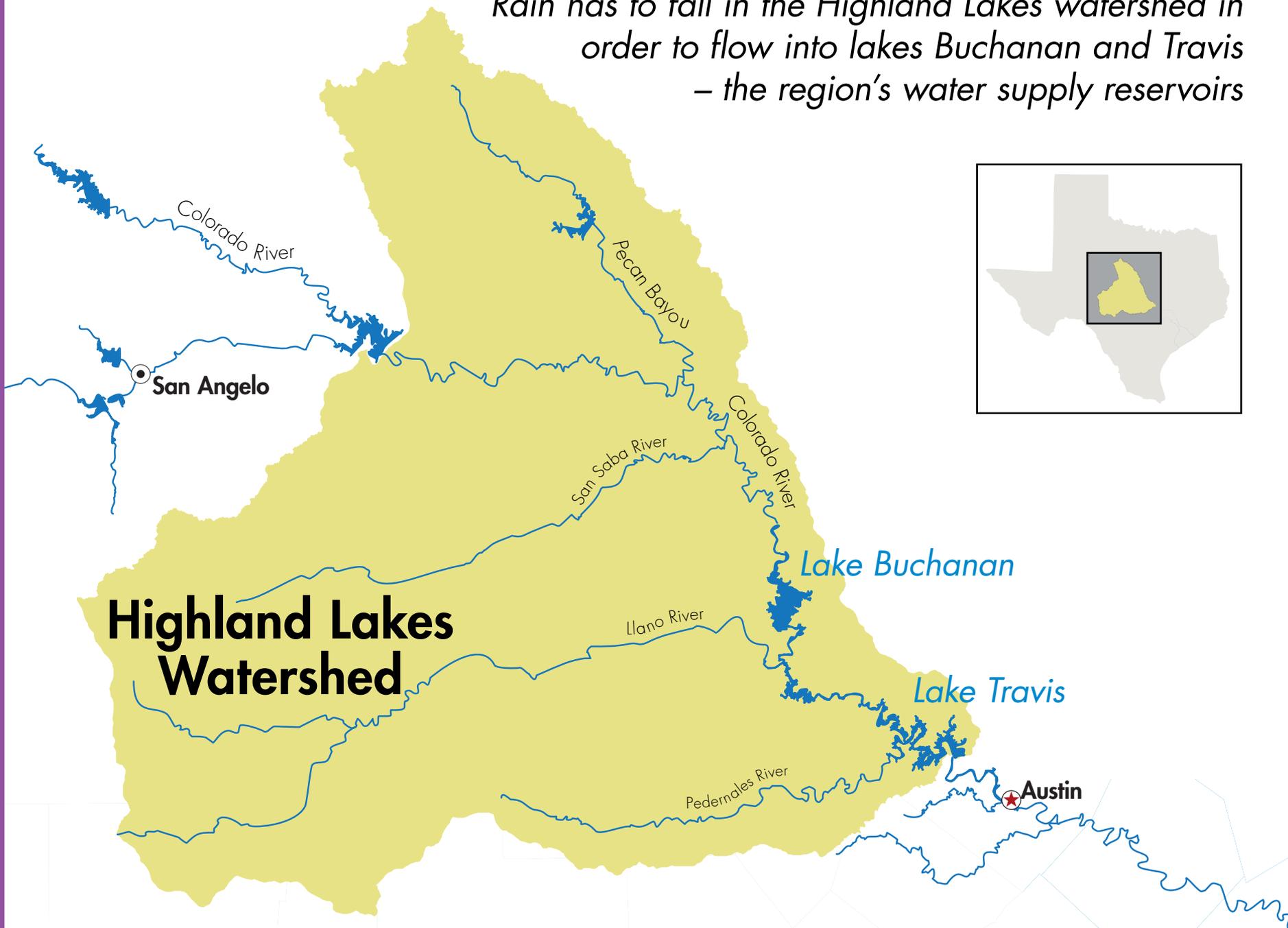


Rain and the Highland Lakes

Rain has to fall in the Highland Lakes watershed in order to flow into lakes Buchanan and Travis – the region's water supply reservoirs



The Highland Lakes watershed is huge — a 14,700-square-mile area upstream of Austin. This region is known as "Flash Flood Alley" and is home to frequent, sudden heavy rains and flooding. The watershed also is prone to droughts.

The Highland Lakes capture water when it rains to ensure the region has a reliable water supply during dry times.