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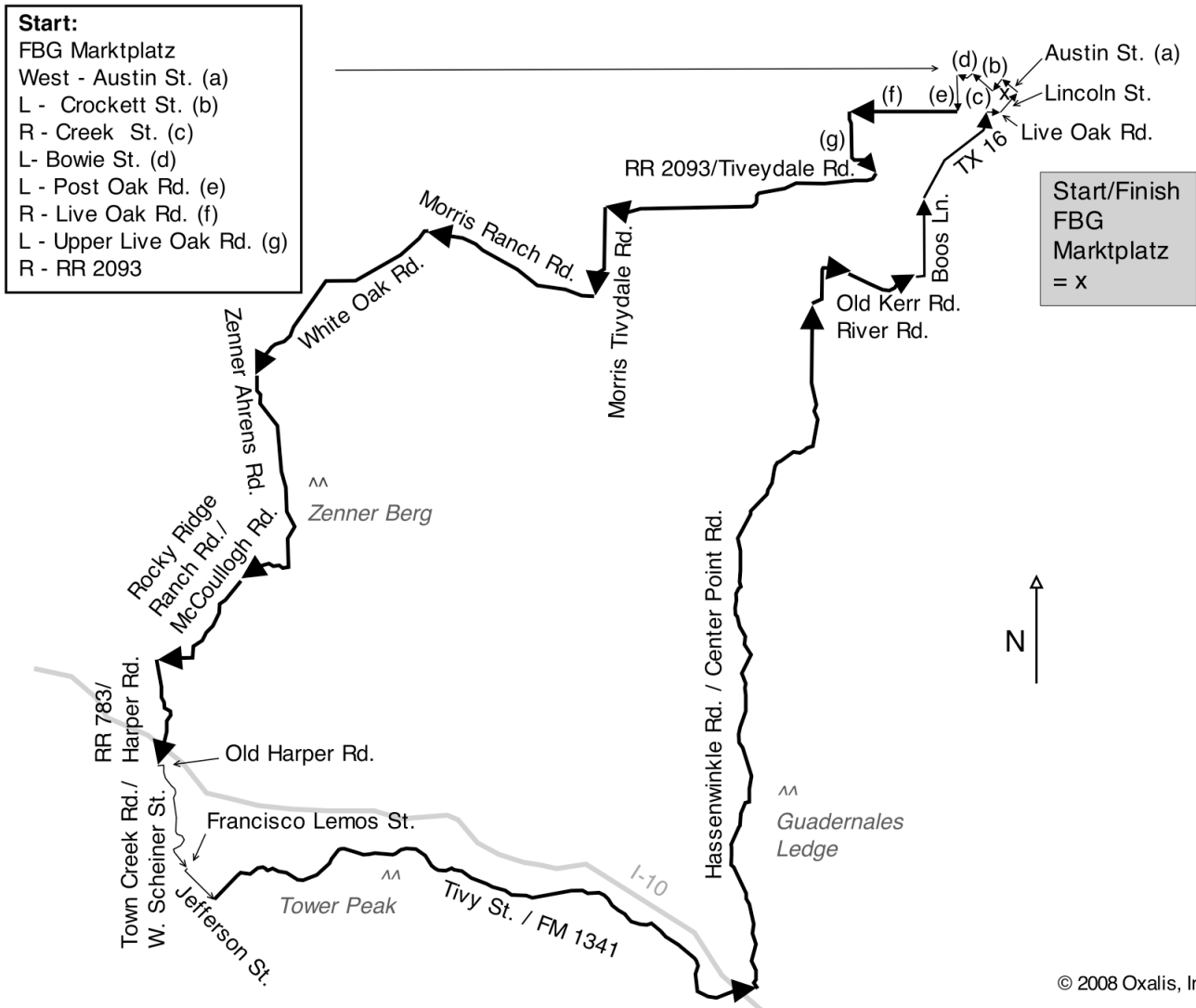
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Region: *Cycling Capital of Texas* ☆ *Fredericksburg and the Hill Country*

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Route Instructions: *Fredericksburg > Kerrville > Fredericksburg*

(in) Dist	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist
	Start	Marktplatz	0.00 mi
	Go straight (WNW)	W Austin St	0.00 mi
0.10 mi	Turn left (SSW)	N Crockett St	0.10 mi
0.11 mi	Go straight (SSW)	S Crockett St	0.20 mi
0.17 mi	Turn right (WNW)	W Creek St	0.38 mi
0.53 mi	Turn left (W)	S Bowie St	0.91 mi
0.36 mi	Turn left (S)	Post Oak Rd	1.27 mi
0.74 mi	Turn right (W)	Live Oak Rd	2.01 mi
2.13 mi	Turn left (SSE)	Upper Liveoak Rd	4.14 mi
1.33 mi	Turn right (SSE)	Upper Liveoak Rd	5.47 mi
0.29 mi	Turn right (WSW)	RANCH 2093 (Tivydale Rd)	5.76 mi
5.61 mi	Turn left (S)	Morris Tivydale Rd	11.37 mi
1.84 mi	Turn right (WNW)	Morris Ranch Rd	13.20 mi
3.61 mi	Bear left (SW)	White Oak Rd	16.82 mi
4.77 mi	Go straight (S)	Zenner-Ahrens Rd	21.59 mi
5.28 mi	Bear left (SSW)	Rocky Ridge Ranch Rd	26.86 mi
1.93 mi	Bear right (W)	Mc Couloh	28.79 mi
0.68 mi	Turn left (S)	Harper Rd	29.47 mi
2.19 mi	Turn left (ENE)	Old Harper Rd	31.66 mi
0.05 mi	Turn right (SSE)	Town Creek Rd	31.71 mi
1.97 mi	Bear left (SE)	W Schreiner St	33.69 mi
0.45 mi	Turn right (SW)	Francisco Lemos St	34.14 mi
0.06 mi	Turn left (SE)	Jefferson St	34.20 mi
0.82 mi	Turn left (NE)	Tivy St	35.02 mi
0.50 mi	Bear left (E)	F-M 1341 (Tivy St)	35.53 mi
12.46 mi	Turn left (N)	Hassenwinkle Rd (Center Point Rd)	47.99 mi
0.69 mi	Bear right (N)	Center Point Rd	48.68 mi
15.44 mi	Turn right (E)	River Rd	64.12 mi
1.61 mi	Bear left (ENE)	Boos Ln	65.73 mi
0.18 mi	Turn left (N)	Boos Ln	65.91 mi
1.58 mi	Bear right (NNE)	SR 16	67.49 mi
2.14 mi	Turn right (E)	E Live Oak St	69.62 mi
0.32 mi	Turn left (NE)	S Lincoln St	69.94 mi
0.44 mi	Go straight (NNE)	N Lincoln St	70.38 mi
0.11 mi	Turn left (NW)	E Austin St	70.48 mi
0.26 mi	Go straight (WNW)	W Austin St	70.75 mi
0.05 mi	Finish	Marktplatz	70.80 mi

Ride Summary

Riding from Fredericksburg to Kerrville and back, this route combines spectacular remote scenery with one of the steepest ascents in the Fredericksburg vicinity. Traversing the urban grid of Kerrville, we find the trip along Town Creek surprisingly tranquil.

After escaping suburban Fredericksburg, venture along placid county roads while climbing gingerly out of the Peder-nales river valley. This south-bound leg of the route visits exceptional roads not often enjoyed by even local cyclists. A big descent then drops you into the environs of greater Kerrville, where you pass by the headquarters of the James Avery jewelry empire.

Consider a stop for lunch in Kerrville, or tour the town by bicycle. This "inner-city" section of the route rolls first along a placid creek and then bisects residential neighborhoods. Perhaps not typical Hill Country cycling, but surprisingly stress-free for city riding.

Leaving Kerrville the route parallels I-10 but riders barely know it and favorable scenery continues. Meanwhile, a sneaky climb, *Tower Peak*, lies in wait here.

Crossing under I-10 and returning northward, riders face the diabolically steep *Guadernales Ledge*. After vanquishing it, however, riders descend for most of the distance back to Fredericksburg.

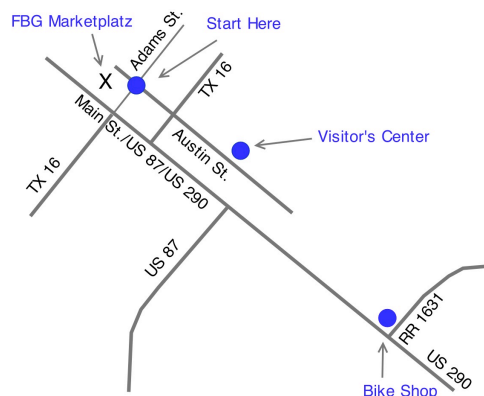
Safety

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Routes presented utilize public roads open to traffic; ride at your own risk and obey all traffic laws.

Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry tools. Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.

Start/Finish



This route begins at the Marktplatz in downtown Fredericksburg, Texas. Find this main town square located on the North side of Main Street (also HWY 290/ HWY 87) at the intersection of S. TX16. (North of this intersection, S. TX16 becomes N. Adams St.)

When groups meet here, generally they form up at the facility's northeast corner, where W. Austin St. intersects N. Adams St., which is not too far from the **restrooms** and off busy Main St. (Infrequently these restrooms may be closed for festival setup; find alternatives two blocks southeast at Fredericksburg's Visitor's Center).

Points of Interest

Southwestern-County Roads

This route features fabulous cycling roads, many of which see little use by even local cyclists because they do not readily network back to Fredericksburg.

James Avery Corporate Offices

The route passes directly in front of the corporate offices of one of Kerrville's more famous businesses; check www.jamesavery.com for visitor center hours.

Kerrville

Much bigger than Fredericksburg, "Big K" resides not only on the beautiful Guadalupe River, but on busy I-10 as well. (What Kerrville lacks in charm, it partially offsets with big box home centers.)

Hills of Interest

Zenner-Berg

(Cat. 3) — this climb along Zenner-Ahrens road challenges modestly. It leads to a wonderful descent.

Tower Peak

(Cat. 2) — so named because at its peak lies the base of a transmission tower. No doubt this climb will shatter any pack of cyclists.

Guadernales Ledge

(Cat. HC) —Wow! Steep! It takes you from out of the Guadalupe river valley over a ridge to the Pedernales river valley, hence the name.

Resources

We strongly advise that you fuel up before departure with a liberal supply of food and water. During hot weather, we recommend carrying hydration packs.

Find public restrooms and water available at the starting location, the Marktplatz. Commercial food and drink resources abound within Fredericksburg and Kerrville. Find virtually no commercial resources otherwise.

Responsibility

Ride Friendly, we are cycling ambassadors. Please share the road with motorists. Cyclists and motorists utilize our Hill Country Roads rightfully. Courtesy prevents angry motorists. Ride single file when cars approach from the rear. Large groups should be extra vigilant to "single up" in order to facilitate passing cars. Please politely "educate" rude cycling citizens.

Obstacles

Many obstacles, familiar and otherwise, dot the roads of the Hill Country. Such features include water crossings, cattle guards, deer, cows, cars, trucks and more. See the "Obstacles" section at CycleTexas.com for strategies related to negotiating some of the unique features of these roads. Also, distances on these roads between commercial food and hydration resources can be vast. We strongly advise that riders fuel up before departure and carry a liberal sustenance inventory.

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