
The Racer's Route

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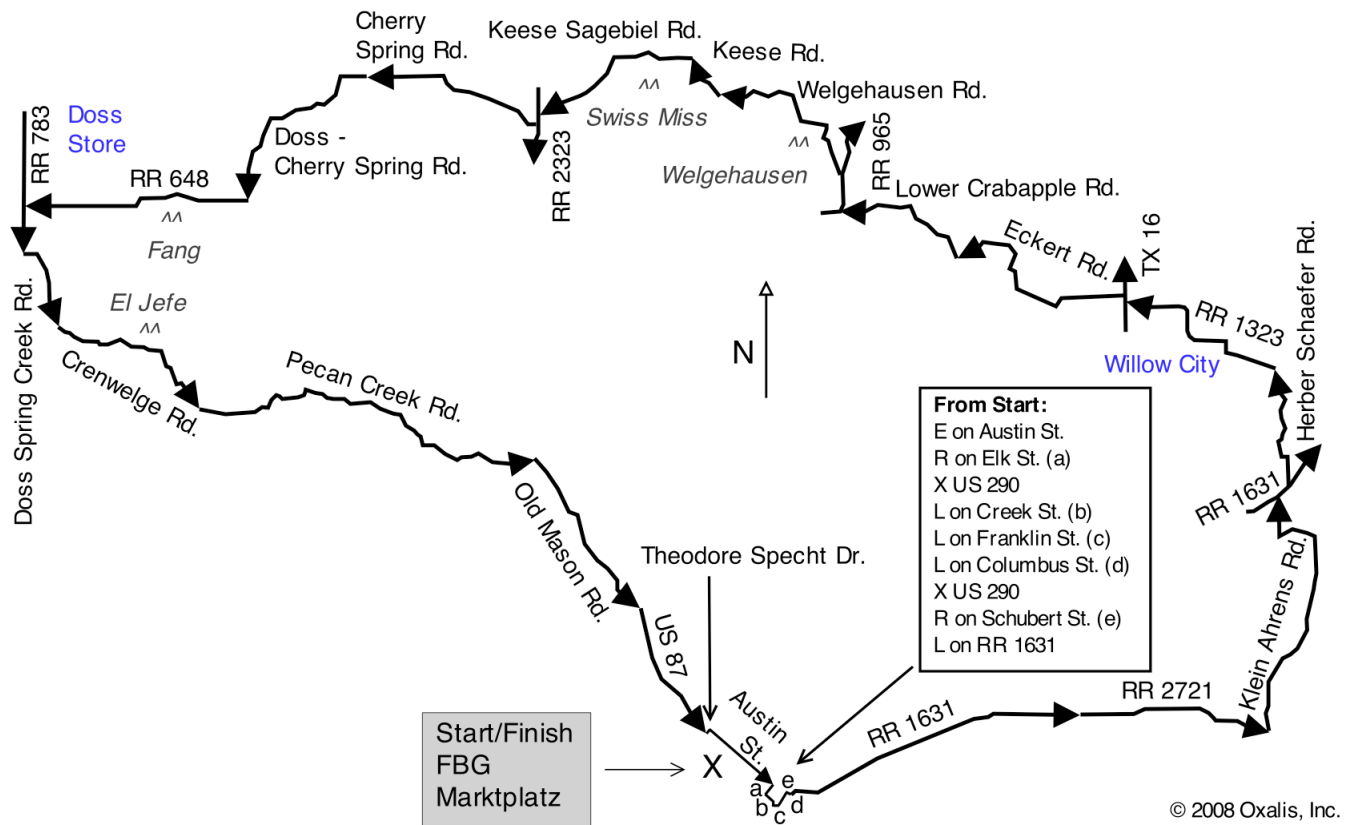
80 miles

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

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Route: *The Racer's Route*



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Route Instructions: *The Racer's Route*

(in) Dist	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist
	Start	Marktplatz	0.00 mi
	Go straight (ESE)	W Austin St	0.00 mi
0.05 mi	Go straight (ESE)	E Austin St	0.05 mi
0.52 mi	Turn right (SSW)	N Elk St	0.57 mi
0.11 mi	Go straight (SSW)	S Elk St	0.68 mi
0.17 mi	Turn left (SE)	E Creek St	0.85 mi
0.17 mi	Bear right (SSE)	S Creek St	1.02 mi
0.13 mi	Turn left (E)	Franklin St	1.15 mi
0.15 mi	Turn left (NNE)	S Columbus St	1.29 mi
0.17 mi	Go straight (NNE)	N Columbus St	1.46 mi
0.12 mi	Turn right (ESE)	E Schubert St	1.58 mi
0.09 mi	Turn left (ENE)	RANCH 1631 (N Olive St)	1.67 mi
6.54 mi	Go straight (E)	RANCH 2721	8.21 mi
4.41 mi	Turn left (N)	Klein-Ahrens Rd	12.62 mi
3.95 mi	Bear left (WNW)	N Grape Creek Rd	16.57 mi
1.26 mi	Turn right (N)	N Grape Creek Rd	17.83 mi
0.79 mi	Turn right (NE)	RANCH 1631	18.62 mi
0.34 mi	Bear left (NNW)	Herber-Schaefer Rd	18.95 mi
2.73 mi	Turn left (WNW)	F-M 1323	21.68 mi
4.05 mi	Turn right (N)	SR 16	25.73 mi
0.08 mi	Turn left (W)	Eckert Rd	25.81 mi
4.78 mi	Turn right (NNW)	Lower Crabapple Rd	30.59 mi
3.11 mi	Turn right (N)	RANCH 965 (N Milam)	33.70 mi
0.77 mi	Turn left (WNW)	Welgehausen Rd	34.47 mi
4.02 mi	Turn right (NW)	Keese Rd	38.50 mi
1.05 mi	Turn left (WSW)	Keese-Sagebiel Rd	39.55 mi
3.87 mi	Turn left (S)	RANCH 2323	43.42 mi
0.22 mi	Turn right (WNW)	Cherry Spring Rd	43.64 mi
4.00 mi	Go straight (W)	Doss-Cherry Spring Rd	47.64 mi
4.42 mi	Turn right (W)	RANCH 648	52.06 mi
4.82 mi	Turn left (S)	N RANCH 783	56.88 mi
0.88 mi	Bear left (S)	Doss Spring Creek Rd	57.76 mi
1.93 mi	Turn left (ESE)	Crenwelge Rd	59.80 mi
3.96 mi	Turn left (E)	Pecan Creek Rd	63.76 mi
8.19 mi	Turn right (SE)	Old Mason Rd	71.95 mi
3.88 mi	Turn right (SE)	US 87	75.83 mi
3.09 mi	Turn left (NNE)	Theodore Specht Dr	78.93 mi
0.21 mi	Turn right (SE)	W Austin St	79.14 mi
1.07 mi	Finish	Marktplatz	80.21 mi

Ride Summary

Long, rural, scenic, and HILLY; if cycling routes could be anthems, this would be the one for Fredericksburg, Texas. Although only 80 miles long, with over 4,600 feet of climbing this route should feel like 100 miles to flat-landers.

In addition to hills, this route features quiet county roads and (once off RR 1631) reduced exposure to motorized traffic. Especially appealing regions visited include "Little Switzerland", featuring two large climbs, and the frequently vacant Crenwelge and Pecan Creek Roads. Note, however, **the water crossings on Crenwelge Road may be extremely slippery!**

We recommend *The Racer's Route* for a day with winds from the north, but because the final leg runs downhill, find it suitable even against a prevailing southeast wind. As for gearing, we recommend triple chain rings for all but advanced riders; and for them we recommend an otherwise liberal 24- or 25-tooth rear cog.

Safety

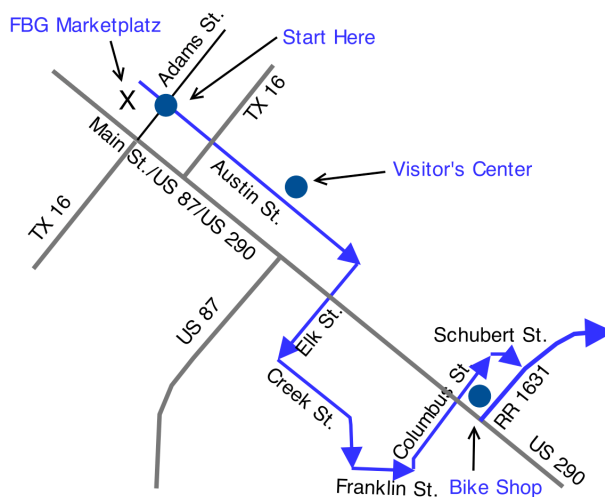
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Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry

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

Willow City, TX

Although this Route does not traverse the well-known Willow City Loop, it does roll through the namesake town.

Enchanted Rock

Neither does this Route “touch” Enchanted Rock, but you can catch an expansive view of this amazing feature while descending Welgehausen Rd.

Doss, TX

A small Hill Country town on the “trade route” between Harper and Mason, the town features a photogenic church and a welcome convenience store.

Hills of Interest

Welgehausen

(Cat 1)—This hill demarcates a section of the route we call “Little Switzerland”; ride it to see why. Careful on the subsequent descent—fast and twisting!

Swiss Miss

(Cat HC)—Flirt with her at your displeasure. She starts steep and, although the grade softens as you go, the crest eludes for a great distance.

Fang

(Cat 1)—This climb bites! “Only” about 200 feet of climbing; the second 100 feet inflicts venomous climbing discomfort.

El Jefe

(Cat 1)—This tough, twisting ramp takes you up to yet more climbing; it ascends over 300 feet.

Resources

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

In Willow City find drinks and candy bars at the general store, located near the fire station. The Knot in the Loop Saloon offers the same (located east of the intersection of TX16 and RR1323).

Much further along, the convenience store in Doss welcomes cyclists regularly, offering a broad selection of drinks, candy and other snacks.

On such a long ride as this, check in advance that these stores will be open before depending on them as your exclusive fuel source.

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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