
Guadernales

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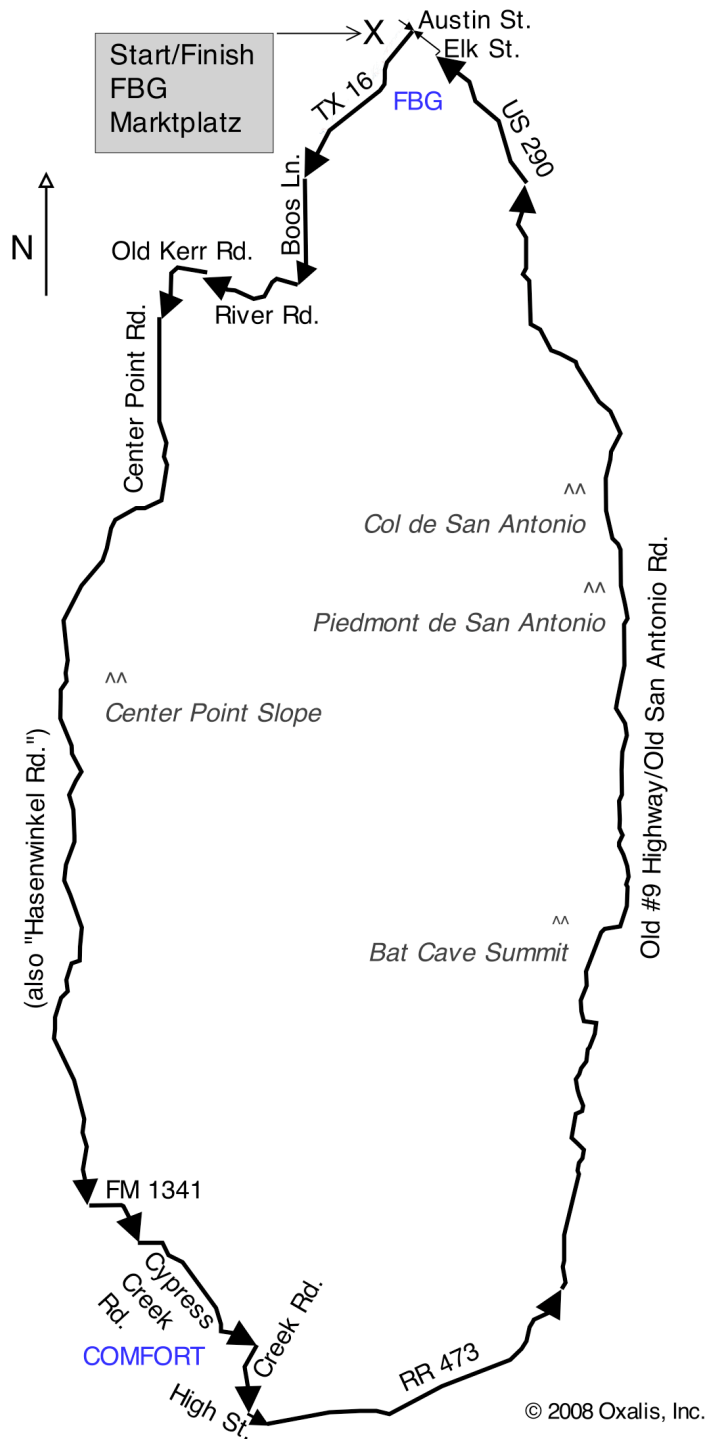
54 miles

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

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Route: *Guadernales*



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Route Instructions: *Guadernales*

(in) Dist	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist
	Start	Marktplatz	0.00 mi
	Go straight (SSW)	N Adams St	0.00 mi
0.09 mi	Bear left (SSW)	SR 16 (S Adams St)	0.09 mi
2.74 mi	Bear left (S)	Boos Ln	2.83 mi
1.58 mi	Turn right (WSW)	Boos Ln	4.41 mi
0.18 mi	Bear right (W)	River Rd	4.59 mi
1.61 mi	Turn left (W)	Old Kerr Hwy	6.20 mi
0.49 mi	Turn left (SSW)	Old Kerr Hwy	6.69 mi
0.87 mi	Turn left (S)	Center Point Rd	7.56 mi
14.09 mi	Bear left (S)	Hassenwinkle Rd (Center Point Rd)	21.65 mi
0.69 mi	Turn left (ESE)	F-M 1341 (Cypress Creek Rd)	22.34 mi
1.17 mi	Turn left (SE)	Cypress Creek Rd	23.51 mi
2.02 mi	Turn left (E)	N Creek Rd (Cypress Creek Rd)	25.53 mi
0.16 mi	Bear left (ESE)	Cypress Creek Rd	25.69 mi
0.43 mi	Turn right (S)	N Creek Rd	26.12 mi
1.01 mi	Turn left (ESE)	High St	27.13 mi
0.44 mi	Turn left (E)	RANCH 473	32.11 mi
4.98 mi	Turn left (NNE)	Old No 9 Hwy	32.74 mi
0.16 mi	Turn left (N)	Old San Antonio Rd	32.89 mi
1.83 mi	Bear left (N)	Old No 9 Hwy	34.73 mi
2.33 mi	Turn left (NW)	Old San Antonio Rd	37.06 mi
0.51 mi	Bear right (NNE)	Old No 9 Hwy	37.56 mi
0.04 mi	Go straight (N)	Old San Antonio Rd	37.61 mi
13.60 mi	Bear left (NW)	US 290	51.21 mi
2.47 mi	Turn right (NNE)	N Elk St	53.67 mi
0.12 mi	Turn left (WNW)	E Austin St	53.79 mi
0.52 mi	Go straight (WNW)	W Austin St	54.31 mi
0.02 mi	Finish	Marktplatz	54.33 mi

Ride Summary

This route acquired its peculiar name because it traverses a ridge separating the Pedernales River valley from the Guadalupe River valley, a geographic feature known by local cyclists as the "Guadernales Ridge."

The route encompasses quite a bit of climbing, including a mildly steep slope almost ten miles in length from Fredericksburg toward *Comfort*. Returning, one faces the challengingly steep slopes of the *Bat Cave Summit*.

Because of the climbing, this route also includes two fabulous descents, one on the ride down to Comfort, the other towards the end on the return leg to Fredericksburg.

Comfort, with many shops and restaurants, makes for an interesting waypoint. You will need to wander off of the explicit route, however, to explore the town.

During spring and early summer, the return trip from Comfort often benefits from a prevailing southeasterly tailwind.

Safety

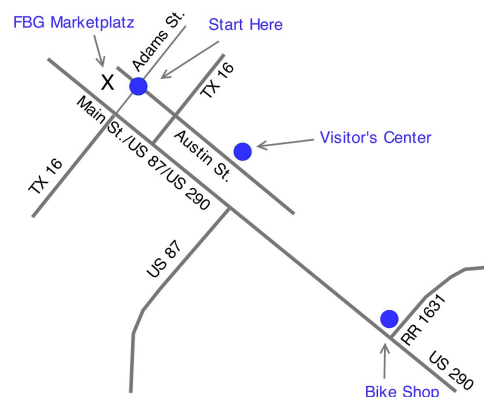
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Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry tools. Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.

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

Comfort, TX

A neat little Hill Country town on the Guadalupe River, and not yet too compromised by its location just off of I-10.

Center Point Ledge

Just before descending *Center Point Slope* (see below), the route presents a tremendous view looking out over Kerr County; the ride down is not for the timid.

Bat Cave

The old railroad tunnel on the line from San Antonio to Fredericksburg was abandoned by trains but adopted by bats whose spectacular dusk emergence during the summer draws many folks to the observation area.

Hills of Interest

Center Point Slope

(Cat 2)—a climb of about 10 miles with an elevation gain of over 450 feet. Not too difficult in terms of overall gradient; its very short, sharp beginning section represents its steepest challenge .

Bat Cave Summit

(Cat HC)—one of the harder climbs in the Fredericksburg vicinity. Steepness exceeds length here, but that makes the length long enough for most.

Piedmont de San Antonio

(Cat 3)—the first of two slopes on Old San Antonio Rd., this climb follows the long downhill section that offers relief after cresting the bat Cave Summit.

Col de San Antonio

(Cat 2)—the second slope (the two are separated by a plateau) of the two-stage climb up Old San Antonio Rd. , *Col de San Antonio* challenges by virtue of its position near the route's end.

Resources

Fuel up before departing and carry a liberal supply of food and drink resources on the route. Also, consider taking a hydration pack on the route during hot weather.

In Comfort find convenience stores and other refueling resources. Separately, the Alamo Cafe and General Store lies less than one mile off of this route: (At the bat cave viewing area, located at the top of the climb, turn right on Alamo Rd.; the store will be on your right in less than one mile.)

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 hy-

dration resources can be vast. We strongly advise that riders fuel up before departure and carry a liberal sustenance inventory.

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