
Luckenbach Loop

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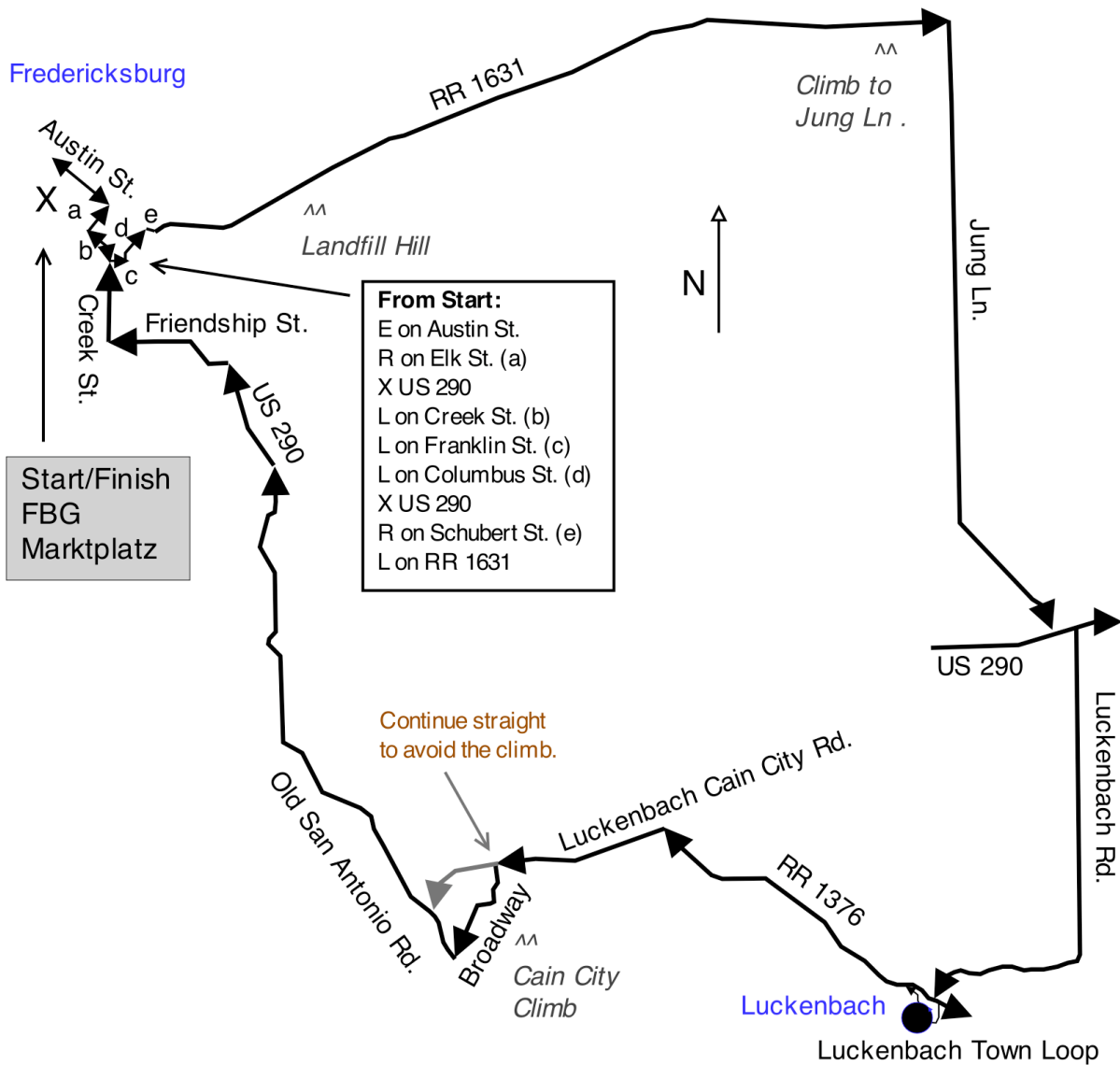
30 miles

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Route Instructions: *Luckenbach Loop*

(in) Dist (miles)	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist (miles)
-	Start	Marktplatz	-
-	Go Straight (ESE)	W. Austin St.	-
0.5	Turn Right (SE)	N. Elk St.	0.3
0.3	Turn Left (SW)	E. Creek St.	0.5
0.3	Turn Left (E)	Franklin St.	0.8
0.3	Turn Left (N)	S. Columbus St.	1.1
0.2	Cross	US 290	1.3
0.1	Turn Right (E)	E. Schubert St.	1.4
0.1	Turn Left (NE)	RR 1631 / Olive St.	1.5
6.6	Turn Right (S)	Jung Ln.	8.1
5.1	Turn Left (E)	US 290	13.1
0.2	Turn Right (S)	Luckenbach Rd.	13.3
3.9	Turn Left (ESE)	RR 1376	17.1
0.0	Turn Right (S)	Luckenbach Town Loop	17.2
0.6	Turn Left (WNW)	RR 1376	17.7
2.5	Turn Left (WSW)	Luckenbach Cain City Rd.	20.2
1.4	Turn L (S)	Broadway	21.6
0.9	Turn R (NNW)	Old San Antonio Rd.	22.5
4.5	Turn L (NW)	US 290	27.0
0.9	Turn Left (W)	Friendship St.	27.8
1.0	Turn Right (N)	Creek St.	28.9
0.9	Turn Right (NE)	Elk St.	29.8
0.3	Turn Left (NW)	E. Austin St.	30.0
0.5	Finish	Marketplatz	30.6

Route Summary

This 30 mile route takes you through its eponymous town - *Luckenbach, Texas*, memorialized in song by Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. It also visits *Cain City, Texas*, a former railroad town that now exists as little more than a Fredericksburg suburb - albeit one with a spectacular view and a biting climb.

This route traces a path similar to another *CycleTexas.com* route, the *Tuesday Nighter*. Both offer spectacular views, but this one features less climbing. It bypasses the challenging *Grapetown Rd. Climb* and the *Col de San Antonio*. Instead, it meanders up a more gingerly slope that then kicks hard at the top - the *Cain City Climb*. (On the route's graphic we also show a spur detour, which avoids the sharpest part of this ascent.)

Relative to the *Tuesday Nighter*, this route presents a different approach returning to Fredericksburg. Here you endure less riding on busy US290, although at the cost of more map reading as one zig-zags through Fredericksburg's suburbs.

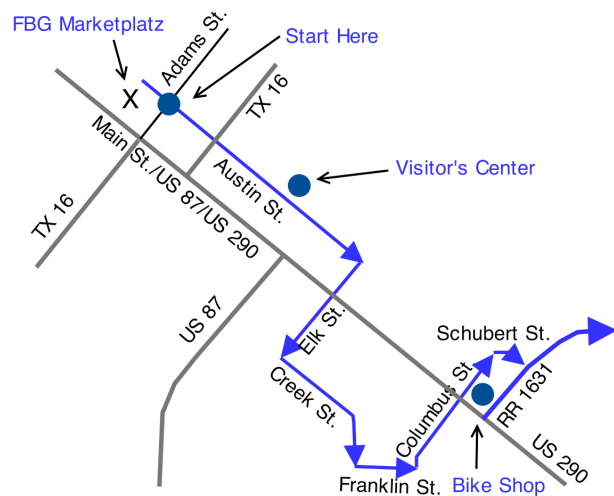
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Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry tools. Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.

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

Luckenbach, TX

Made famous by the song; you really have not visited the Hill Country until you have visited Luckenbach. Ending the route here allows one to enjoy a post-ride beer at one of Texas' most genuine watering holes.

Cain City

Little more than a ghost town now, this hamlet was a thriving railroad town from about 1915 to 1920. While a few houses and other relics remain, the bank, dance hall, stores, lumberyard, gin, and old water tower now only exist in the history books.

Hills of Interest

Landfill Hill

(Cat 4)—worthy of mentioning more as a form of disclaimer than anything else, this climb begins less than one mile into this ride with a gradual but steady grade. The locals usually take this one easy as a warm-up (and frown on those that do not).

Climb to Jung Lane

(Cat 3)—beginning at just over 17 miles into this route, this climb rises to Jung Lane. It eases off towards the top and then bites again in the final meters. (With over 100 feet of climbing over a short distance, it usually splinters the Tuesday night pack.)

Cain City Climb

(Cat 2)—the five mile stretch out of Luckenbach feature a gradual climb of just over 300 feet. We describe a detour for

those wishing to avoid the steepest part at the top. Enjoy the fabulous view of Fredericksburg from Cain City.

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.

Luckenbach offers restrooms and sells bottled water at the bar. Bar open 10am-12am Sunday-Friday, and 10am-1am Saturdays. March through October, Feedlot open 11am-8pm, Wednesday-Sunday. November to February, Feedlot open 11am-7pm Friday-Sunday.

Hill Country Bicycle Works (closed Sunday/Wednesday.), offers a restroom, sells energy bars, and sits opposite a convenience store/gas station across the street.

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

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