
Tuesday Nighter

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30 miles

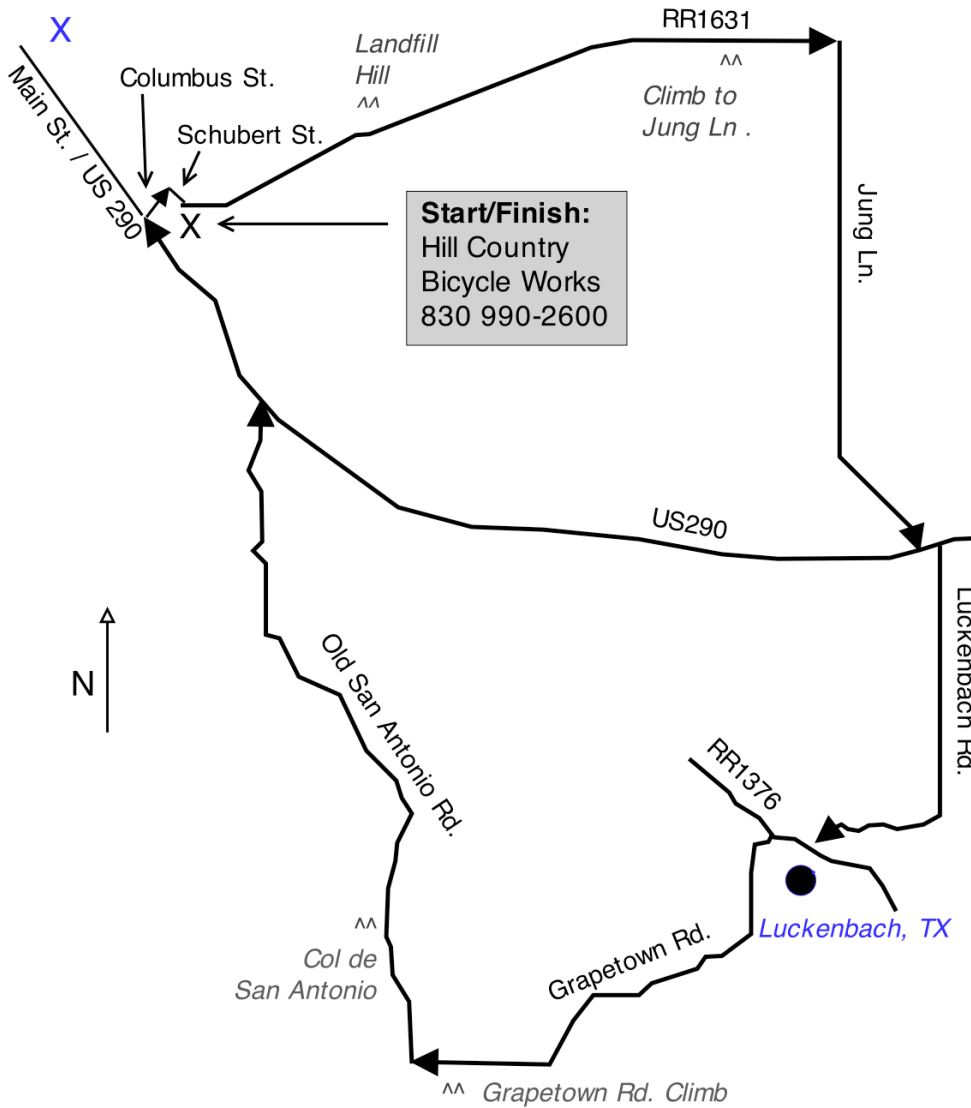
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Fredericksburg, TX



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Route Instructions: *Tuesday Nighter*

(in) Dist	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist
	Start	Hill Country Bicycle Works	0.00 mi
	Go straight (NNE)	N Columbus St	0.00 mi
0.05 mi	Turn right (ESE)	E Schubert St	0.05 mi
0.09 mi	Turn left (ENE)	RANCH 1631 (N Olive St)	0.14 mi
6.53 mi	Go straight (E)	RANCH 2721	6.68 mi
0.09 mi	Turn right (SSE)	Jung Ln	6.76 mi
5.06 mi	Turn left (ENE)	US 290	11.82 mi
0.18 mi	Turn right (SSW)	Luckenbach Rd	12.00 mi
3.87 mi	Turn right (WNW)	RANCH 1376	15.87 mi
0.51 mi	Turn left (SW)	Grapetown Rd	16.38 mi
3.42 mi	Bear right (W)	Grapetown Rd	19.81 mi
1.34 mi	Turn right (NNW)	Old San Antonio Rd	21.14 mi
6.87 mi	Bear left (NW)	US 290	28.01 mi
2.12 mi	Turn right (NE)	N Columbus St	30.14 mi
0.07 mi	Finish	Hill Country Bicycle Works	30.20 mi

Route Summary

This 30 mile route probably hosts more cycling miles than any other in the county. During Daylight Saving Time, it hosts a veritable "spring classic" every Tuesday for local cyclists pitted against each other.

Except for the unfortunately positioned (and poetically named) *Landfill Hill*, which thankfully features a mild slope, the first six miles or so offer a warm up. The real pain begins soon after, on the *Climb to Jung Lane*. Get dropped here and you may ride the rest of this route alone.

The mid third of the route features mostly flat roads, with a few obstacles to jostle the pack, but little to unsettle it on a normal Tuesday. Those pursuing a more leisurely pace may be interested in a stop to take in *Luckenbach, Texas*.

The conviviality soon abates as the pack rolls up the *Grapetown Rd. Climb*, which usually shatters the Tuesday peloton. peloton plateau allows for some regrouping if the protagonists don't push things, but then shrapnel flies again on the *Col de San Antonio*. After which the route falls mostly downhill until a long flat and the intersection with US 290 signal the return to a neutral pace. (You will have to bribe a local to learn the location of the final gentlemen's sprint; we're not telling.)

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 Hill Country Bicycle Works bicycle shop at the intersection of Main St. (US HWY 290/HWY 87) and N. Columbus St.

For those riding the Tuesday night ride, which again usually leaves at or after 6 P.M., it is recommended that participants park on the east side of N. Columbus St. The so-called A-Group averages over 20 mph and the B-Group averages less than 20 mph. Note that although this is an institutionalized ride, sometimes someone will "call an audible" and change the route, so be prepared to be flexible, or to ride this route alone. A change in the route occurs very infrequently.

Points of Interest

Luckenbach, TX

Made famous by the song, to see it make just a short (very) diversion off of the “normal Tuesday-Nighter” route. Well worth the stop if you have never done so before.

South Grape Creek

The route winds along up this creek’s drainage for several miles. A nice Hill Country stream, South Grape Creek makes for good scenery before facing the Grape-town Rd. Climb.

Old San Antonio Rd - Vista

After climbing the *Col de San Antonio*, this road features a truly exceptional vista and long descent as the route drops back towards HWY 290 and Fredericksburg

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 Ln.

(Cat 3)—beginning at just over 6 miles into the 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, it usually splinters the Tuesday night pack.

Grapetown Rd. Climb

(Cat 1)— the longest and most abrupt of the ride, this climb begins in earnest at just past the 20 mile point. Bragging rights start here, but must be defended on the climb that follows.

Col de San Antonio

(Cat 2)—basically an extension of the *Grapetown Rd. Climb* after turning on to Old San Antonio Rd (just over 21 miles into the ride), a false flat offers rest before this sharp climb, which kicks hardest near the top.

Resources

This route offers little commercial sustenance outside of the city of Fredericksburg. You are strongly advised to fuel up before departure with a liberal amount of food and water. Public restrooms and water are available at the Marktplatz. During hot weather, hydration packs are recommended.

A convenience store lies at the intersection of Columbus St. and US290. Also, find a bathroom at Hill Country Bicycle Works (closed Sunday and Wednesday). **Luckenbach** offers limited resources during hours that vary daily and seasonally.

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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