



Cycling Route

The Racers' Route

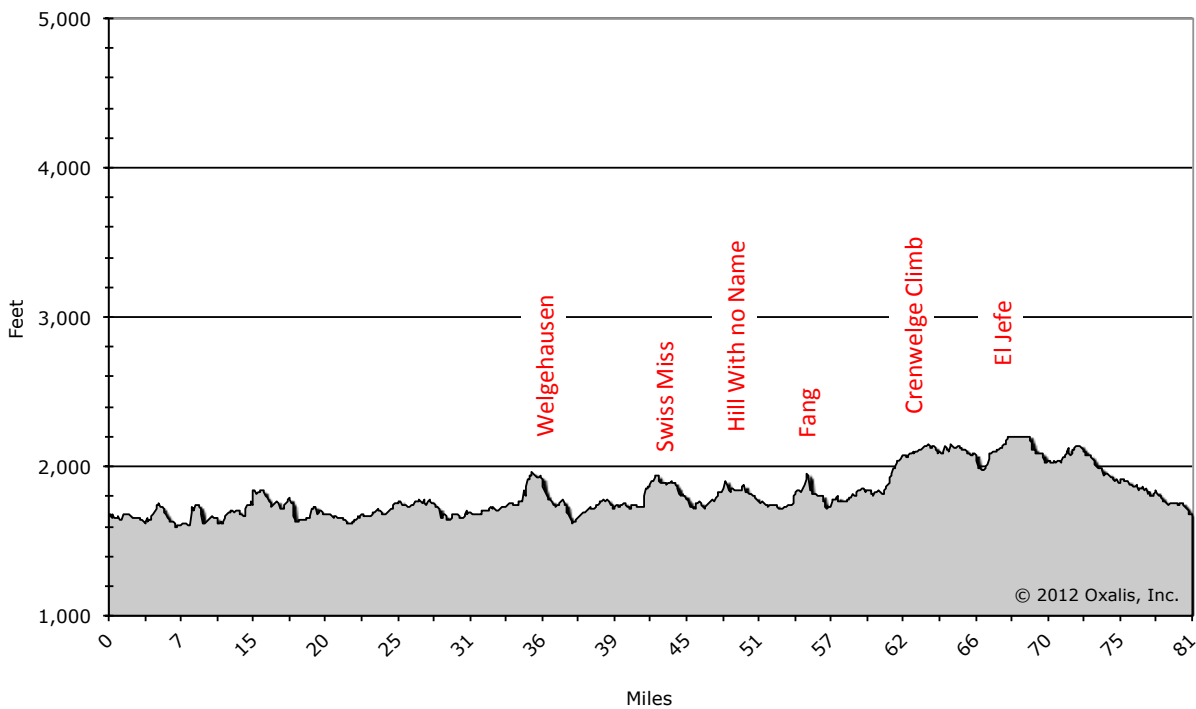
81 miles

Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

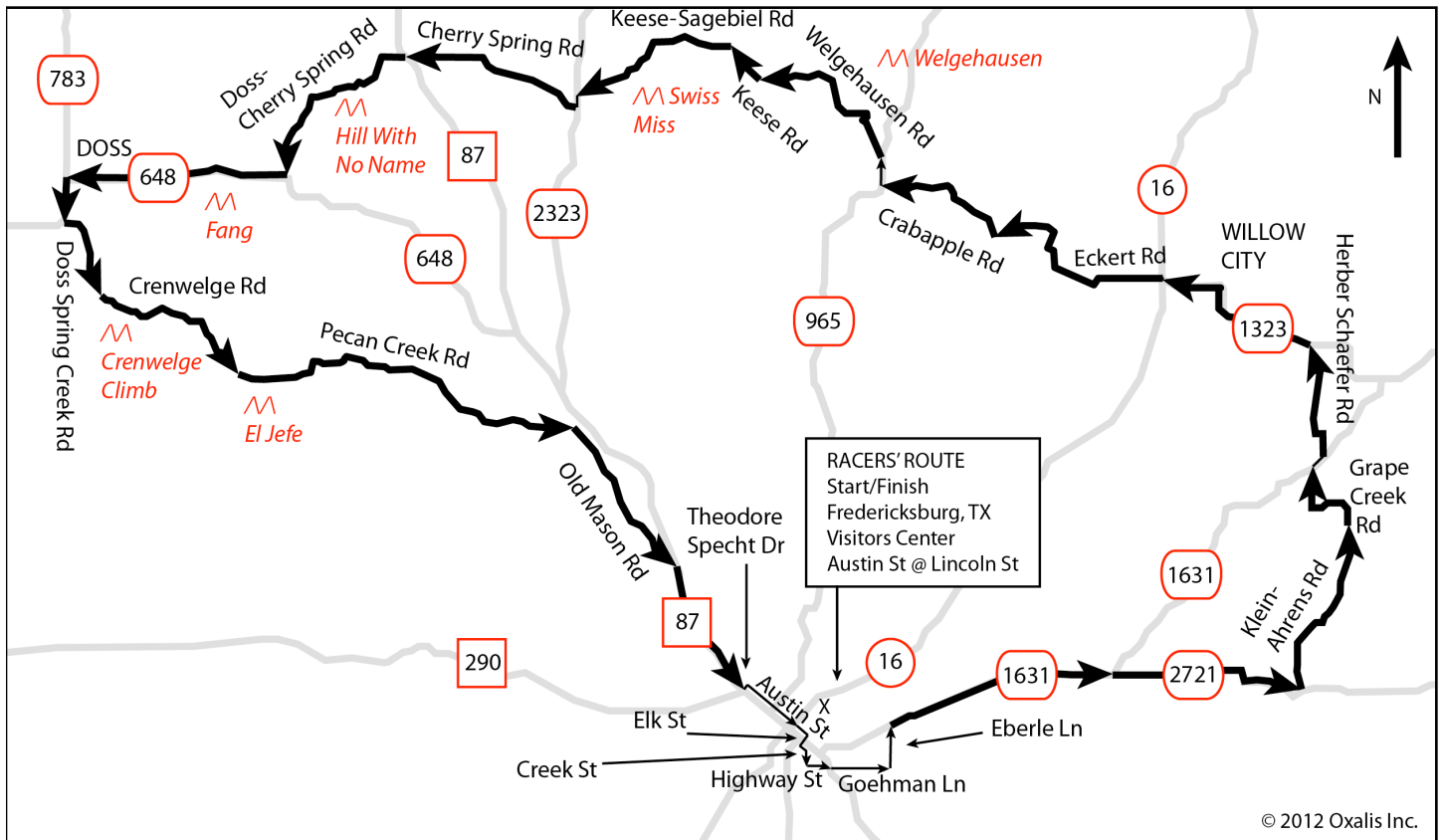
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Route Elevation Profile



Route Map: The Racers' Route



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FBG Hospital: 830-997-4353	FBG Taxi: 830-997-8044

Route Instructions: *The Racers' Route*

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
1	0.0 mi	Start	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi
2	0.0 mi	Go Straight (SE)	E Austin St	0.3 mi
3	0.3 mi	Turn Right (SW)	N Elk St	0.3 mi
4	0.5 mi	Turn Left (SE)	E Creek St	0.5 mi
5	1.0 mi	Turn Left (E)	Highway St	0.5 mi
6	1.6 mi	Go Straight (E)	Goehmann Ln	1.3 mi
7	2.8 mi	Turn Left (N)	Eberle Ln	1.0 mi
8	3.8 mi	Turn Right (NE)	RR 1631	5.0 mi
9	8.8 mi	Veer Right (E)	RR 2721	4.2 mi
10	13.0 mi	Turn Left (N)	Klein-Ahrens Rd	4.4 mi
11	17.4 mi	Go Straight (N)	N Grape Creek Rd	0.8 mi
12	18.3 mi	Turn Right (N)	N Grape Creek Rd	0.8 mi
13	19.0 mi	Turn Right (NE)	RR 1631	0.3 mi
14	19.3 mi	Turn Left (N)	Herber-Schaefer Rd	2.8 mi
15	22.1 mi	Turn Left (W)	RR 1323	1.3 mi
16	23.4 mi	Turn Left (W)	RR 1323 (in Willow City)	2.7 mi
17	26.1 mi	Turn Right (N)	TX 16	0.1 mi
18	26.2 mi	Turn Left (W)	Eckert Rd	4.8 mi
19	31.0 mi	Turn Right (N)	Crabapple Rd	3.2 mi
20	34.2 mi	Turn Right (N)	RR 965	0.6 mi
21	34.8 mi	Turn Left (NW)	Welgehausen Rd	4.1 mi
22	39.0 mi	Turn Right (NW)	Keese Rd	1.1 mi

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23	40.0 mi	Turn Left (W)	Keese-Sagebiele Rd	3.9 mi
24	43.9 mi	Turn Left (S)	RR 2323	0.2 mi
25	44.1 mi	Turn Right (W)	Cherry Spring Rd	4.1 mi
26	48.2 mi	Cross	US HWY 87	0.0 mi
27	48.2 mi	Go Straight (W)	Doss-Cherry Spring Rd	4.4 mi
28	52.6 mi	Turn Right (W)	RR 648	4.8 mi
29	57.4 mi	Turn Left (S)	RR 783 (Doss, TX)	0.8 mi
30	58.2 mi	Turn Left (E)	Doss-Spring Creek Rd	2.1 mi
31	60.3 mi	Turn Left (E)	Crenwelge Rd	3.9 mi
32	64.3 mi	Turn Left (E)	Pecan Creek Rd	8.3 mi
33	72.5 mi	Turn Right (SE)	Old Mason Rd	3.9 mi
34	76.5 mi	Turn Right (SE)	US HWY 87	3.1 mi
35	79.5 mi	Turn Left (NE)	Theodore Specht Dr	0.1 mi
36	79.6 mi	Turn Right (SE)	W Austin St	1.5 mi
37	81.1 mi	Finish	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi

Safety

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

Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry ample food and water. Carry tools. Carry a mobile phone in case of emergency.

Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Use common sense. Carefully walk bikes when crossing wet water crossings.

Ride Summary

If cycling routes could be anthems, this would be it for Fredericksburg, Texas—long, rural, scenic, and HILLY. Although only 80 miles in length, 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 lightly-traveled Crenwelge and Pecan Creek Roads. Note, however, the water crossings on Crenwelge Road may be extremely slippery!

We recommend *The Racers' Route* on days with winds from the north, but because the final leg runs downhill, find it suitable even against a prevailing southeast wind. We advise use of triple chainrings for all but advanced riders; and for the latter we recommend an otherwise liberal 25- or 26-tooth maximum rear cog.

Points of Interest

Willow City, TX

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

Enchanted Rock

Riders may catch an expansive view of this impressive geographic feature while descending Welgehausen Road.

Doss, TX

A small Hill Country town on the small highway linking Harper and Mason, Doss features a photogenic church and a cyclist-friendly 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.

Hill with No Name

(Cat 3)—Lower and shorter than the other named climbs on this route, but the *Hill with No Name* will not be forgotten if cyclists push the pace on this terrain.

Fang

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

Crenwelge Climb

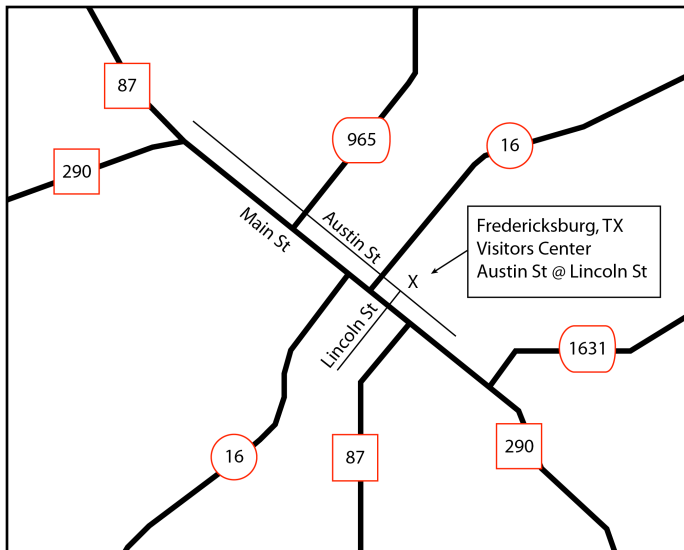
(Cat 2)—Straightforward because of its straight-up trajectory; the grade looms in site as riders approach, and then challenges mightily.

El Jefe

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

Start/Finish

This route begins and ends at the Fredericksburg, Texas Visitor Center. Find it at the corner of Austin Street and Lincoln Street, one block north of Main Street.



Fredericksburg Visitors Center location map

This departure location favors groups of gathering cyclists because it features off-street parking. When forming a group ride here, we recommend cyclists gather in the large parking lot located behind (north of) the Visitor Center (and Chamber of Commerce) office buildings. To minimize exposure to traffic, we discourage gathering in front of the facility on busy Austin Street.

The restrooms here usually open at 8 A.M. For more information visit the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/>.

Road Maps

Find downloadable and printable companion road maps for this route here:

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/371.pdf>

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Eat & Drink

Fuel up before departing and carry ample hydration and energy resources. Distances between commercial establishments offering such may be vast. When cycling on hot days we recommend hydration packs for longer routes.

A favorite and reliable resource on this route is **the convenience store in Doss, Texas**. Note that reaching it requires a very short detour. In Doss, where RR 648 intersects RR 783, go north on RR 783 about 1 block and look for the gas station/store on the east side of the road.

Cyclists may find resources in Willow City, Texas, although hours and opening days have been volatile over the years. **Harry's on the Loop** lies just south of town on RR 1323; also, the **Knot in the Loop Saloon** is located on RR 1323 just east of TX 16.

Ride Friendly

We are all cycling ambassadors. Cyclists and motorists utilize our roads rightfully. Courtesy mitigates anger. Ride single file when vehicles approach from behind. Large groups should be extra vigilant to accommodate passing vehicles. Please educate inconsiderate cyclists—share the road.

Obstacles

Many obstacles—familiar and otherwise—dot Texas roads. Potential dangers include cars, cattle, cattle guards, deer, trucks, water crossings, and more. Stay vigilant and slow down.



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