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Cycling Route

Tuesday Nighter

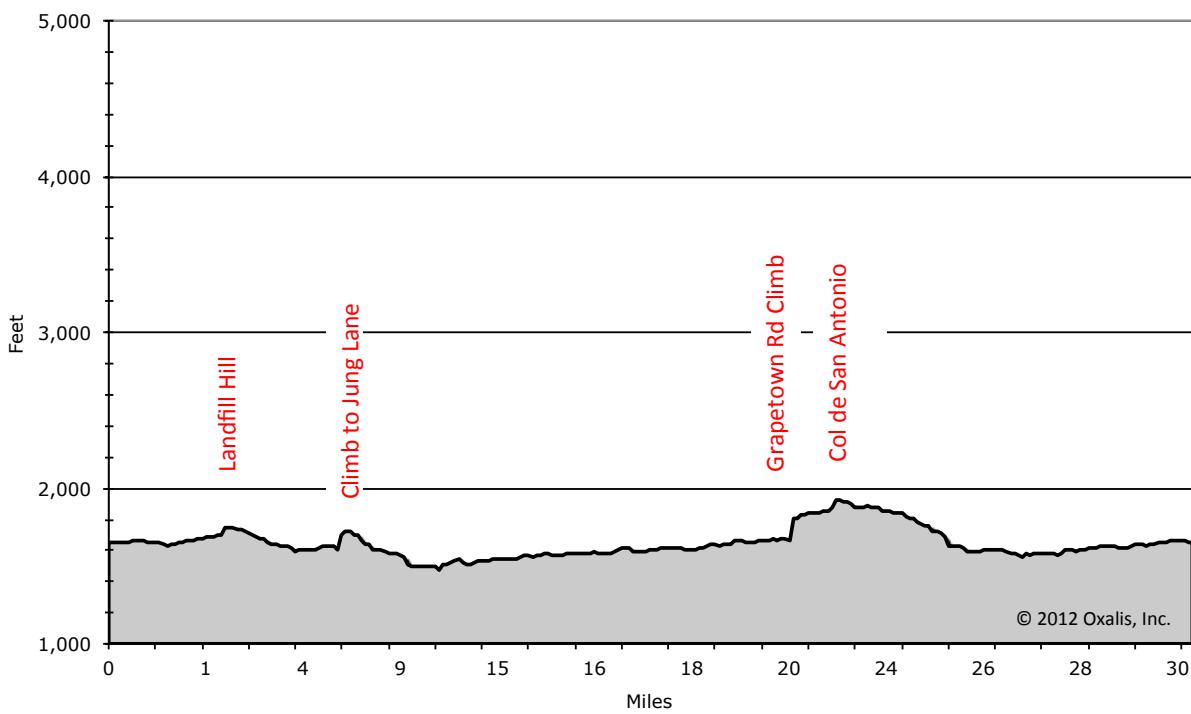
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Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

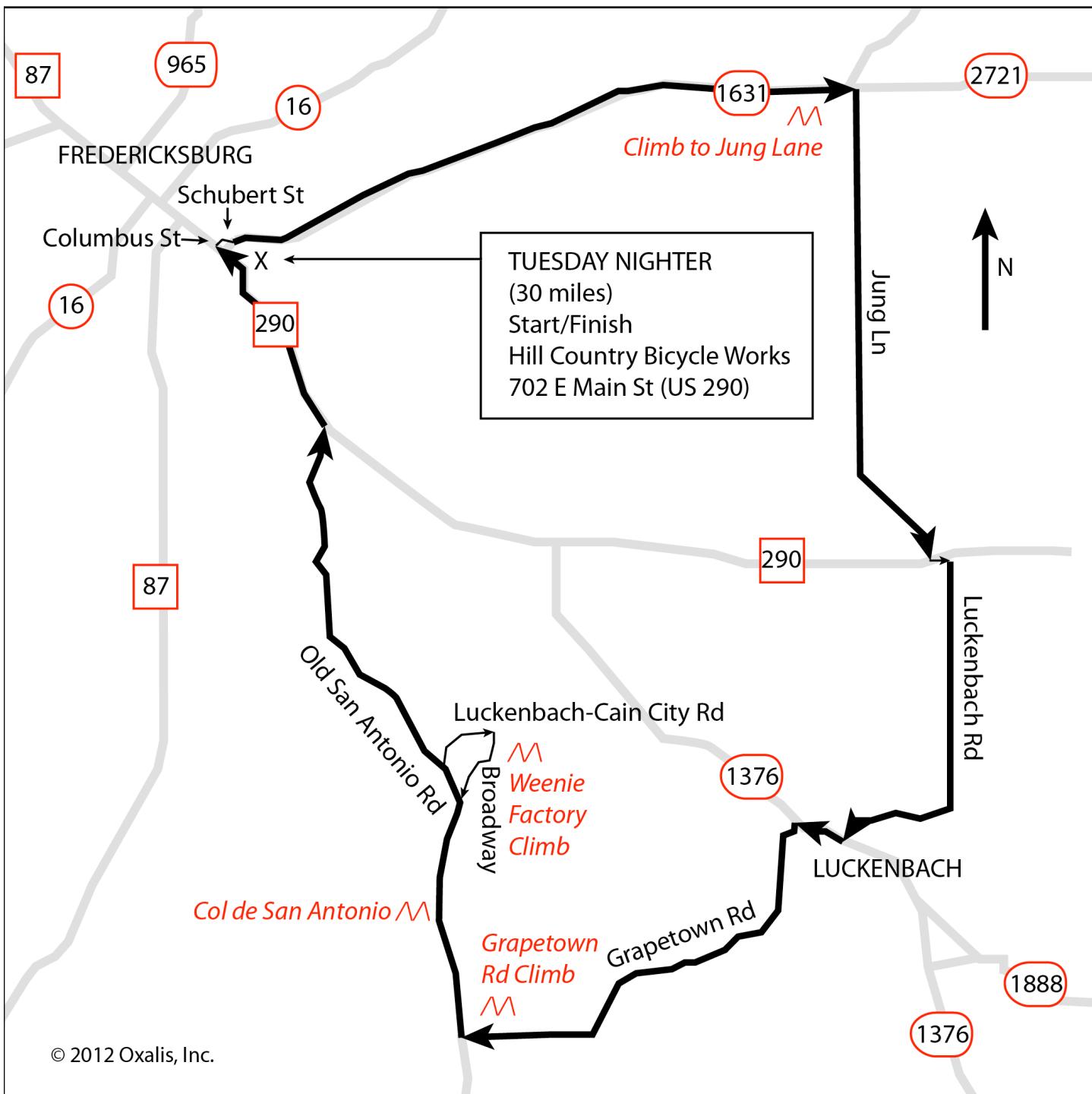
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Tuesday Nighter
Route Elevation Profile



Route Map: Tuesday Nighter



Emergency Numbers

Police/EMS: 830-997-7585	Fire: 830-997-8080
FBG Hospital: 830-997-4353	FBG Taxi: 830-997-8044

Route Instructions: Tuesday Nighter

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
1	-	Start	Hill Country Bicycle Works	0.0 mi
2	0.0 mi	Go Straight (NE)	N Columbus St	0.1 mi
3	0.1 mi	Turn Right (E)	E Schubert St	0.1 mi
4	0.2 mi	Turn Left (NE)	RR 1631 / Olive St	6.5 mi
5	6.7 mi	Turn Right (S)	Jung Ln	5.1 mi
6	11.8 mi	Turn Left (E)	US 290	0.2 mi
7	12.0 mi	Turn Right (S)	Luckenbach Rd	3.9 mi
8	15.9 mi	Turn Right (NW)	RR 1376	0.5 mi
9	16.4 mi	Turn Left (SW)	Grapetown Rd	4.7 mi
10	21.1 mi	Turn Right (N)	Old San Antonio Rd	7.0 mi
11	28.1 mi	Turn Left (NW)	US 290	2.1 mi
12	30.2 mi	Turn Right (N)	Hill Country Bicycle Works	0.0 mi
13	30.2 mi	Finish	-	0.0 mi

Visit the Weenie Factory

The instructions above exclude the *Weenie Factory Climb* addition. After climbing the *Col de Old San Antonio* (23 miles or so from the beginning) enjoy the sustained flat until the road turns left (northward) and drops downhill. Look for Luckenbach-Cain City Road on the right at about one half mile after the turn. Turn right. The road here is flat to slightly up for a stretch. Then turn right on Broadway and start climbing! The road eventually bends to the right, climbs again, and then dips down to reconnect with Old San Antonio Road where it turns northward. Rejoin the route in progress at that intersection.

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

During Daylight Saving Time this rolling 30 miler hosts Fredericksburg's longest running semi-organized regular group ride. Cyclists gather at Hill Country Bicycle Works (Fredericksburg's bike shop) every Tuesday evening and the ride usually departs just after the shop closes at 6:00 P.M.

Except for the unfortunately positioned (and poetically named) *Landfill Hill*, the first six miles of the route offer a gradual warmup. Real challenges begin on the *Climb to Jung Lane*. Get dropped here on Tuesday and you may ride the rest of this route alone.

The middle third of this route features mostly flat roads with few obstacles and a prevailing headwind favoring pack riding. Located in this section of the route find the town of Luckenbach, Texas just off of the primary cycling course. Worth a trip for anyone who has never visited this famous small town.

On Tuesdays, any conviviality abates as the pack rolls up the *Grapetown Road Climb*, which usually

shatters the Tuesday peloton. Just after which a plateau allows for some regrouping if the protagonists do not push things too hard, but then shrapnel flies again on the *Col de San Antonio*. From here the route falls mostly downhill until reaching a sustained flat leading to US Highway 290. (Visitors will have to bribe a local to learn the location of the final gentlemen's sprint—we're not telling.)

On the longer days of summer many *Tuesday Nighter* riders add the stinging *Weenie Factory Climb*. The Tuesday Night group rides this section clockwise, doubling back on the regular route. (This direction is much safer than counter-clockwise because it eliminates a steep descent into a stop sign.)

Points of Interest

Luckenbach, TX

Made famous by the song, find the town located just a (very) short diversion off of the route. Well worth the stop for anyone uninitiated.

South Grape Creek

The route winds up this creek's drainage for several miles. A nice Hill Country stream, South Grape Creek makes for good scenery before facing the *Grapetown Road 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 US HWY 290 and Fredericksburg.

Hills of Interest

Landfill Hill

(Cat 4)—This climb begins less than one mile into the route with a gradual but steady grade. 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 six miles into the route, this climb rises quickly over 100 feet to Jung Lane. It eases off just past midway, and then bites again in the final meters. It usually fragments the Tuesday night pack.

Grapetown Road Climb

(Cat 1)—The longest and most abrupt incline 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 Road Climb* after turning on to Old San Antonio Road (just over 21 miles into the ride); a false flat offers rest before this sharp climb, which kicks hardest near the top.

Weenie Factory Climb

(Cat HC)—A mercilessly steep climb that plateaus and then kicks again before launching riders on the long descent down Old San Antonio Road. The climb's name refers to the hill's tendency to separate weaker riders ("weenies") from stronger ones.

Start/Finish

This route begins at the **Hill Country Bicycle Works** bicycle shop at the intersection of Main Street (US HWY 290/HWY 87) and N. Columbus Street.

For those riding the Tuesday night ride, usually leaving at or after 6 P.M., find the best parking on the east side of N. Columbus St and in the small lot behind the bike shop. The so-called A-Group averages over 20 mph and the B-Group averages less. 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 only infrequently.)

Eat & Drink

This route offers little commercial sustenance outside of the city of Fredericksburg. 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.

Hill Country Bicycle Works offers a restroom, sells energy bars, and sits across the street from a convenience store/gas station. This bike shop is closed Sundays & Wednesdays.

The **Luckenbach dance hall** offers restrooms and sells bottled water at the bar. Confirm hours of operation before departing. Bar open 10am-12am Sunday-Friday, and 10am-1am Saturdays. March through October, Luckenbach's **Feedlot** is open 11am-8pm, Wednesday-Sunday. (November to February, Feedlot open 11am-7pm Friday-Sunday.)

Road Map

Print road maps corresponding to this route here:

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

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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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