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Cycling Route

Fredericksburg > Kerrville > Fredericksburg

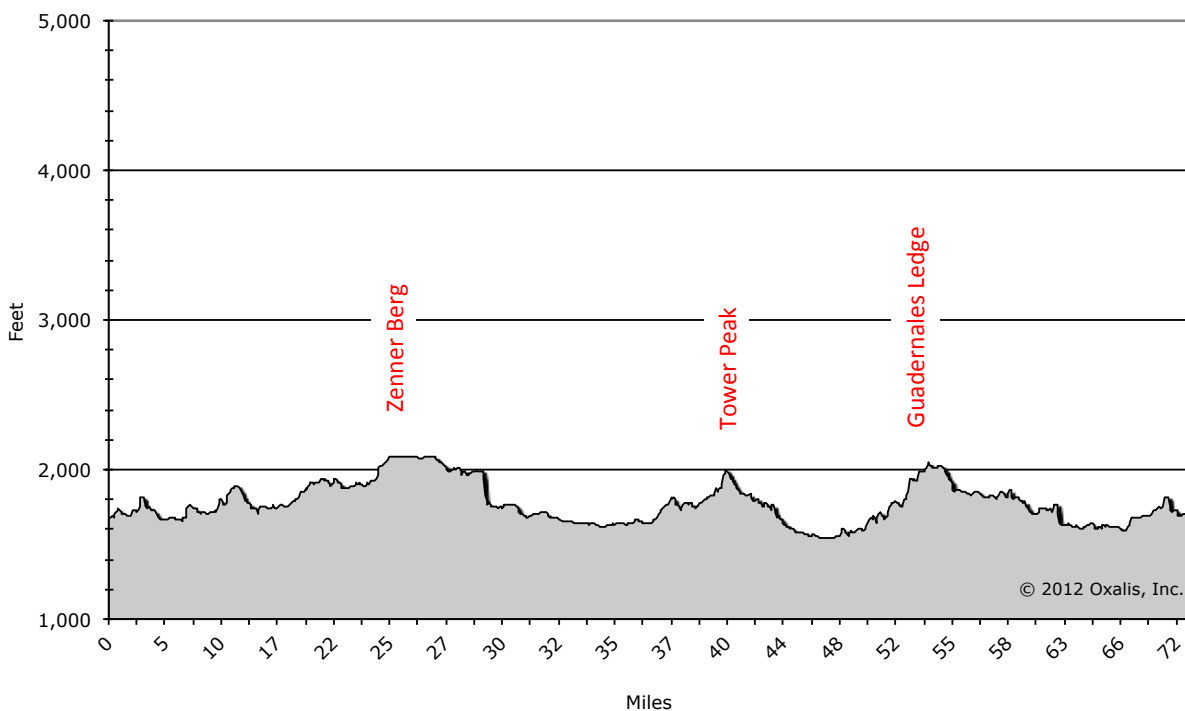
73 miles

Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

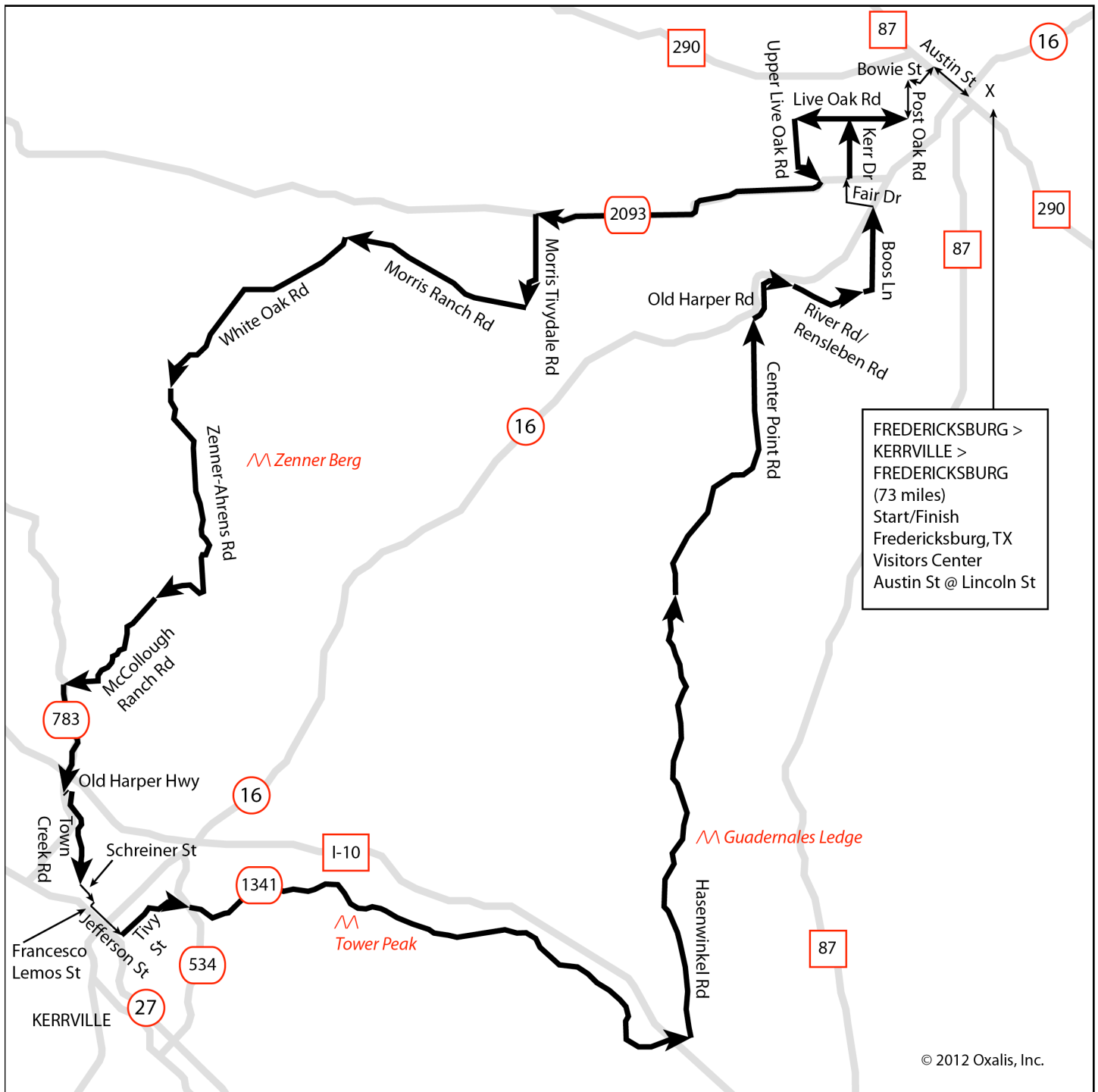
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Route Elevation Profile



Route Map: Fredericksburg > Kerrville > Fredericksburg



Emergency Numbers

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

Route Instructions: Fredericksburg > Kerrville > Fredericksburg

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
1	0.0 mi	Start	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi
2	0.0 mi	Go Straight (NW)	E Austin St	0.9 mi
3	0.9 mi	Turn Left (SW)	N Bowie St	0.6 mi
4	1.6 mi	Turn Left (S)	Post Oak Rd	0.7 mi
5	2.3 mi	Turn Right (W)	W Live Oak St	2.1 mi
6	4.4 mi	Turn Left (S)	Upper Liveoak Rd	1.6 mi
7	6.1 mi	Turn Right (W)	RR 2093 / Tivydale Rd	5.7 mi
8	11.7 mi	Turn Left (S)	Morris Tivydale Rd	1.8 mi
9	13.5 mi	Turn Right (W)	Morris Ranch Rd	3.6 mi
10	17.2 mi	Turn Left (SW)	White Oak Rd	4.7 mi
11	21.9 mi	Go Straight (S)	Zenner Ahrens Rd	7.8 mi
12	29.7 mi	Memo: Becomes	McCollough Ranch Rd	0.0 mi
13	29.7 mi	Turn Left (S)	Harper Rd	1.8 mi
14	31.5 mi	Cross under	I-10	0.4 mi
15	32.0 mi	Turn Left (E)	Old Harper Hwy	0.1 mi
16	32.1 mi	Turn Right (S)	Town Creek Rd	2.0 mi
17	34.1 mi	Turn Left (S)	Schreiner St	0.5 mi
18	34.5 mi	Turn Right (SW)	Francisco Lemos St	0.1 mi
19	34.6 mi	Turn Left (SE)	Jefferson St	0.4 mi
20	35.1 mi	Cross	Sidney Baker St / TX 16	0.4 mi
21	35.4 mi	Turn Left (NE)	Tivy St	1.5 mi
22	37.0 mi	Memo: Becomes	Cypress Creek Rd	0.0 mi

#	Miles	Turn	Location	to Next
23	37.0 mi	Cross (ALERTLY)	Loop 534	11.4 mi
24	48.3 mi	(Becomes)	FM 1341	0.0 mi
25	48.3 mi	Turn Left (N)	Hasenwinkle Rd	8.8 mi
26	57.1 mi	Memo: Becomes	Center Point Rd	6.0 mi
27	63.1 mi	Turn Right (NE)	Old Kerr Hwy / River Rd	1.4 mi
28	64.4 mi	Turn Right (SE)	River Rd / Rensleben Rd	1.6 mi
29	66.0 mi	Turn Left (N)	Boos Ln	1.8 mi
30	67.8 mi	Cross (ALERTLY)	TX 16	0.9 mi
31	68.7 mi	Memo: Becomes	Fair Dr	0.0 mi
32	68.7 mi	Turn Right (E)	RR 2093 / Tivydale Rd	0.0 mi
33	68.8 mi	Turn Left (N)	Kerr Rd	1.2 mi
34	69.9 mi	Turn Right (E)	W Live Oak St	1.1 mi
35	71.0 mi	Turn Left (N)	Post Oak Rd	0.7 mi
36	71.8 mi	Turn Right (SE)	W Bowie St	0.6 mi
37	72.4 mi	Turn Right (SE)	W Austin St	0.3 mi
38	72.6 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

Riding from Fredericksburg to Kerrville and back, this route combines spectacular remote scenery with one of the steepest ascents in the Fredericksburg vicinity—the *Guadernales Ledge*. Traversing the urban grid of Kerrville, find the trip along Town Creek surprisingly tranquil.

After escaping suburban Fredericksburg, venture along placid county roads while climbing mildly but steadily out of the Pedernales River valley. This south-bound leg visits exceptional roads not often enjoyed by even local cyclists. A steep descent then drops you into the environs of greater Kerrville, where you pass by the headquarters of the James Avery jewelry empire.

This urban section of the route through Kerrville rolls first along a placid creek and then bisects residential neighborhoods. Perhaps not typical Hill Country cycling, but surprisingly stress-free for city riding.

Leaving Kerrville the route parallels I-10 but riders barely know it and favorable scenery continues.

Meanwhile, a sneaky climb—*Tower Peak*—lies in wait here.

Crossing under I-10 and returning northward, riders face the diabolically steep *Guadernales Ledge*. After vanquishing it, riders descend for most of the distance back to Fredericksburg.

Points of Interest

Southwestern-County Roads

This route features fabulous cycling roads, many of which see little use by even local cyclists because they do not readily network back to Fredericksburg.

James Avery Corporate Offices

The route passes directly in front of the corporate offices of one of Kerrville's more famous businesses; check <http://www.jamesavery.com> for visitor center hours.

Kerrville

Much bigger than Fredericksburg, "Big K" resides not only on the beautiful Guadalupe River, but on busy I-10 as well. (What Kerrville lacks in charm, it partially offsets with big box home centers.)

Hills of Interest

Zenner-Berg

(Cat. 3) — this climb along Zenner-Ahrens road challenges modestly. It leads to a wonderful descent; be alert because this descent terminates at a busy T intersection that often features fast cross traffic.

Tower Peak

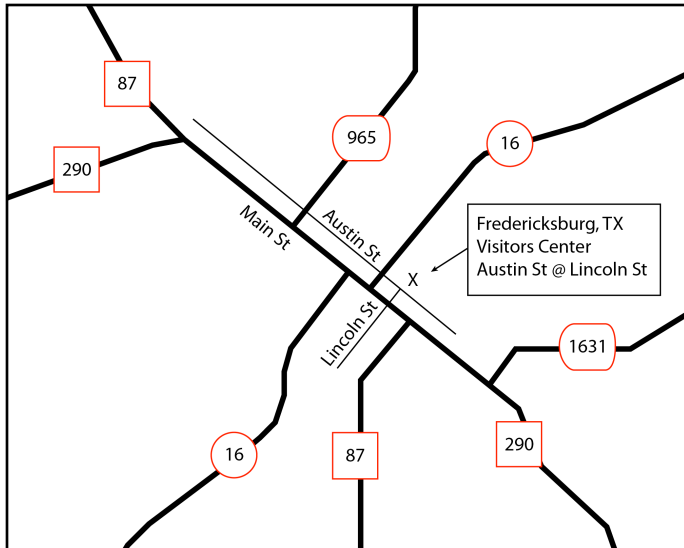
(Cat. 2) — so named because at its peak lies the base of a transmission tower. No doubt this climb will splinter any pack of cyclists.

Guadernales Ledge

(Cat. HC) —Wow! Steep! It takes you from out of the Guadalupe river valley over a ridge to the Pedernales river valley, hence the name.

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/>.

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.

Road Maps

Print road maps corresponding to this route here:

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

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/372.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/343.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.

Find numerous convenience stores and other food and hydration resources in Kerrville. The greatest abundance of opportunities lie to the north or south of the defined route on TX 16 in the heart of town.