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Cycling Route

# New Guadernales

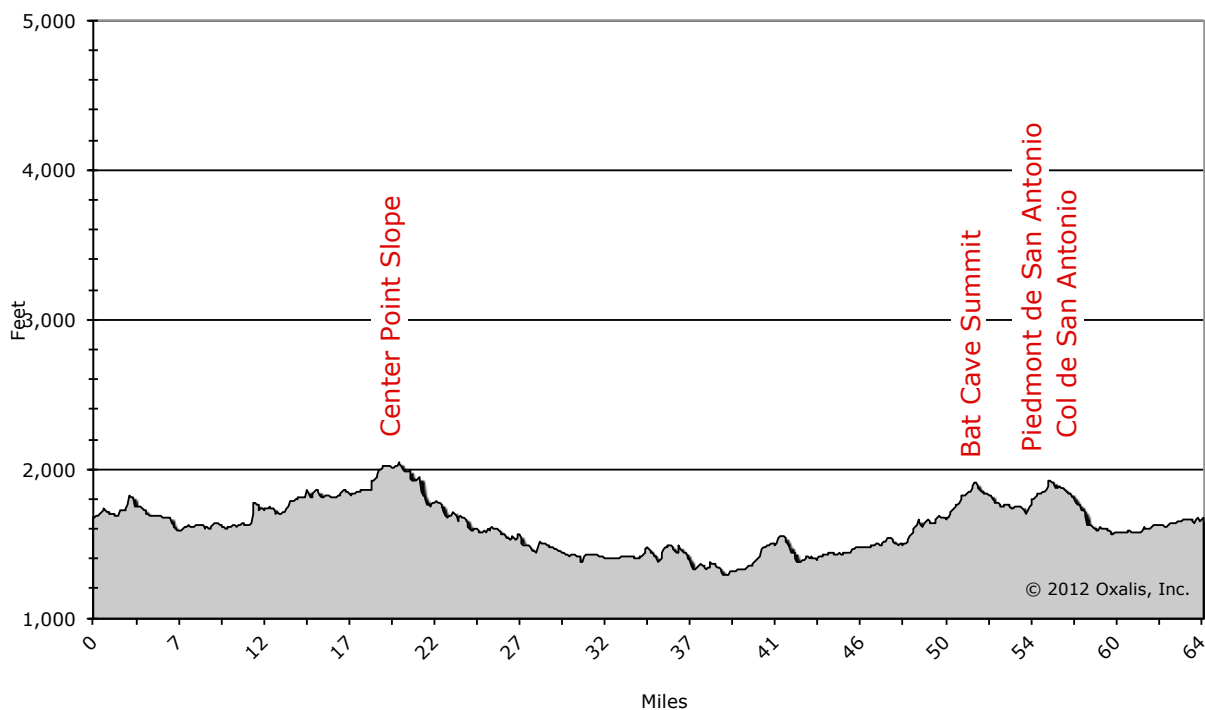
**64** miles

Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

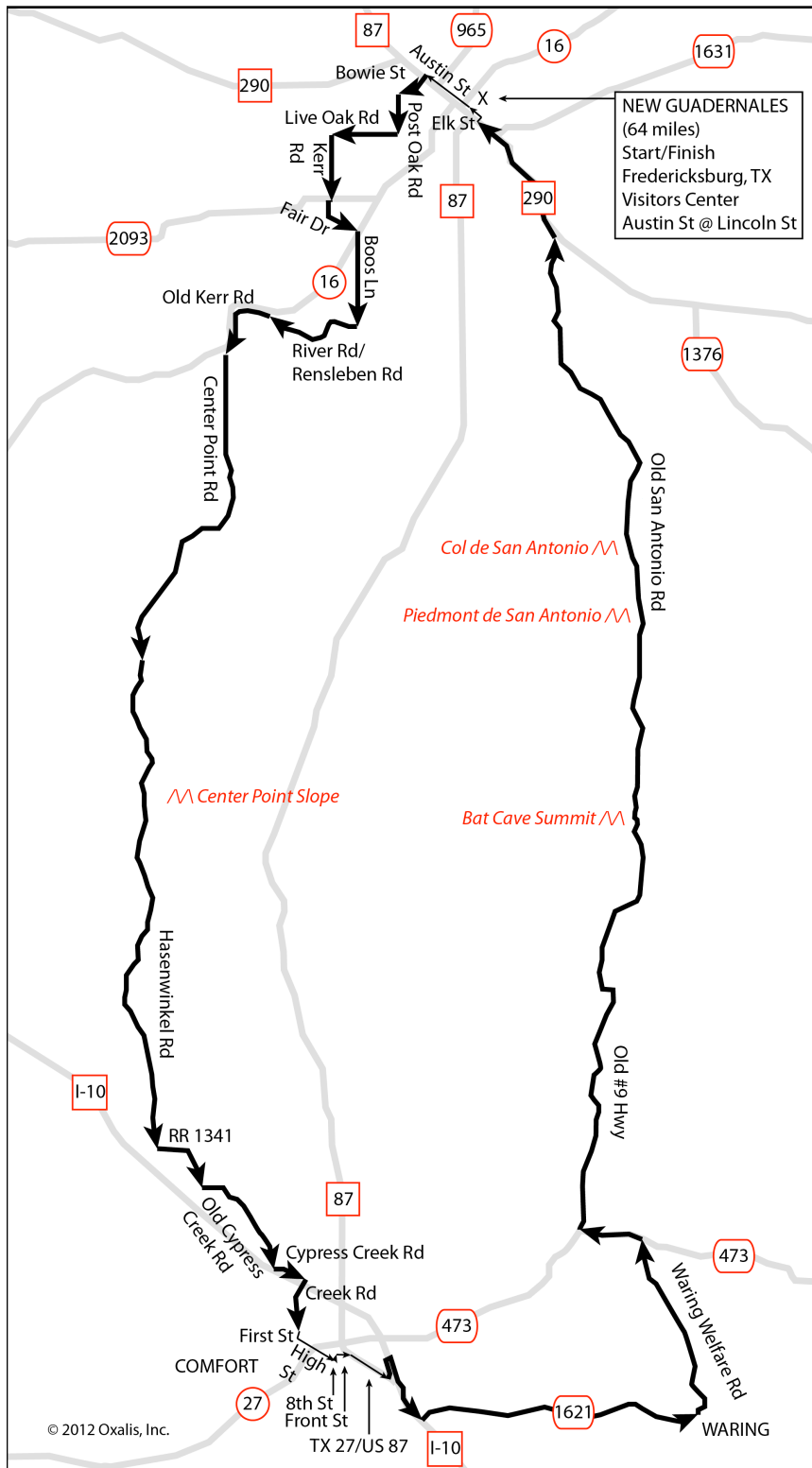
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Route Elevation Profile



## Route Map: New Guadernales



## Emergency Numbers

Police/EMS: 830-997-7585

FBG Hospital: 830-997-4353

Fire: 830-997-8080

FBG Taxi: 830-997-8044

**Route Instructions: New Guadernales**

| #  | 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            | 0.1 mi  |
| 3  | 0.1 mi  | Cross TX 16      | W Austin St            | 0.8 mi  |
| 4  | 0.9 mi  | Turn Left (SW)   | N Bowie St             | 0.6 mi  |
| 5  | 1.6 mi  | Turn Left (S)    | Post Oak Rd            | 0.7 mi  |
| 6  | 2.3 mi  | Turn Right (W)   | W Live Oak St          | 1.1 mi  |
| 7  | 3.4 mi  | Turn Left (S)    | Kerr Rd                | 1.2 mi  |
| 8  | 4.6 mi  | Turn Right (W)   | RR 2093 / Tivydale Rd  | 0.0 mi  |
| 9  | 4.6 mi  | Turn Left (S)    | Fair Dr                | 0.9 mi  |
| 10 | 5.5 mi  | Cross TX 16      | Boos Ln                | 1.8 mi  |
| 11 | 7.3 mi  | Turn Right (W)   | River Rd               | 1.6 mi  |
| 12 | 8.9 mi  | Turn Left (W)    | Old Kerr Rd            | 1.4 mi  |
| 13 | 10.2 mi | Turn Left (S)    | Center Point Rd        | 6.0 mi  |
| 14 | 16.2 mi | Go Straight (S)  | becomes Hasenwinkel Rd | 8.8 mi  |
| 15 | 25.0 mi | Turn Left (E)    | RR 1341                | 1.1 mi  |
| 16 | 26.1 mi | Turn Left (E)    | Old Cypress Creek Rd   | 2.0 mi  |
| 17 | 28.2 mi | Turn Left (E)    | Cypress Creek Rd       | 0.6 mi  |
| 18 | 28.8 mi | Turn Right (S)   | N Creek Rd             | 1.0 mi  |
| 19 | 29.8 mi | Go Straight (S)  | becomes 1st St         | 0.1 mi  |
| 20 | 29.8 mi | Turn Left (ESE)  | High St                | 0.8 mi  |
| 21 | 30.6 mi | Turn Left (NE)   | 8th St                 | 0.1 mi  |
| 22 | 30.7 mi | Turn Right (E)   | TX 27 / Front St       | 0.3 mi  |

| #  | Miles   | Turn             | Location                      | to Next |
|----|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 23 | 31.0 mi | Veer Right (SW)  | TX 27 / US 87                 | 0.8 mi  |
| 24 | 31.8 mi | Turn Left (NE)   | I-10 Frontage Rd              | 0.4 mi  |
| 25 | 32.2 mi | Cross under      | I-10                          | 1.2 mi  |
| 26 | 33.4 mi | Turn Left (NE)   | RR 1621                       | 5.0 mi  |
| 27 | 38.4 mi | Turn Left (NE)   | Waring-Welfare Rd             | 0.3 mi  |
| 28 | 38.7 mi | Cross river (NE) | Waring Welfare Rd             | 3.2 mi  |
| 29 | 41.8 mi | Turn Left (W)    | RM 473                        | 1.1 mi  |
| 30 | 42.9 mi | Turn Right (N)   | Old No 9 / Old San Antonio Rd | 18.6 mi |
| 31 | 61.5 mi | Turn Left (NW)   | US 290                        | 2.4 mi  |
| 32 | 64.0 mi | Turn Right (NE)  | N Elk St                      | 0.1 mi  |
| 33 | 64.1 mi | Turn Left (NW)   | E Austin St                   | 0.3 mi  |
| 34 | 64.3 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

*New Guadernales* replaces *Guadernales*. Longer than the original, *New Guadernales* is less hectic and provides more scenery. The navigation out of Fredericksburg and through Comfort is now more complicated, but the revised route uses smaller, less trafficked roads. And it now takes riders through the heart of downtown Comfort and adds Waring, two great small Hill Country towns.

This route acquired its peculiar name because it traverses a ridge separating the Pedernales River valley from the Guadalupe River valley, a geographic feature known by local cyclists as the "Guadernales Ridge."

It encompasses quite a bit of climbing, including a mildly steep slope almost ten miles in length from Fredericksburg toward Comfort. Returning, it traverses the challengingly steep slopes of the *Bat Cave Summit*.

Corollary to the climbing, the route also includes two fabulous descents, one on the ride down to

Comfort, the other on the return leg to Fredericksburg.

During spring and early summer the return trip from Comfort often benefits from a prevailing southeasterly tailwind.

## Points of Interest

### Comfort, Texas

A neat little Hill Country town on the Guadalupe River, and not yet overly compromised by its location just off of I-10. Here, High's Cafe and Store makes a great mid-point stop for coffee and more.

### Center Point Ledge

Just before descending *Center Point Slope* (see below), the route presents a tremendous view looking out over Kerr County; the ride down is not for the timid.

### Waring, Texas

This town (also on the Guadalupe River, but much smaller than Comfort) punches well above its weight. Every Wednesday it hosts Steaknite (sic) at the Waring General Store and dancehall.

### Old Tunnel Bat Cave

The abandoned railroad tunnel on the line from San Antonio to Fredericksburg has been adopted by bats, whose spectacular dusk emergence during the summer draws many folks to this Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Area.

## Hills of Interest

### Center Point Slope

(Cat 2)—a climb of about 10 miles with an elevation gain of over 450 feet. Not too difficult in terms of gradient; the very short, sharp beginning section represents its only steep challenge.

### Bat Cave Summit

(Cat HC)—one of the harder climbs in the Fredericksburg vicinity. Steepness exceeds length here, but that makes the length long enough for most. The parking lot for the Old Tunnel bat cave

viewing area lies at the top of this climb. Alamo Springs Cafe sits just one block to the east of this parking lot.

### Piedmont de San Antonio

(Cat 3)—the first of two slopes on Old San Antonio Road, this climb follows a long downhill section offering temporary relief after cresting the *Bat Cave Summit*.

### Col de San Antonio

(Cat 2)—the second slope of the two-stage climb (the two are separated by a false flat) up Old San Antonio Road. This climb challenges by virtue of its position near the route's end.

## Road Maps

Print road maps corresponding to 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.

Find many commercial sustenance resources along this route. Visit **High's Cafe and Store** in Comfort for coffee, sandwiches, soups and pastries. North of High's on TX 27 find bountiful convenience stores.

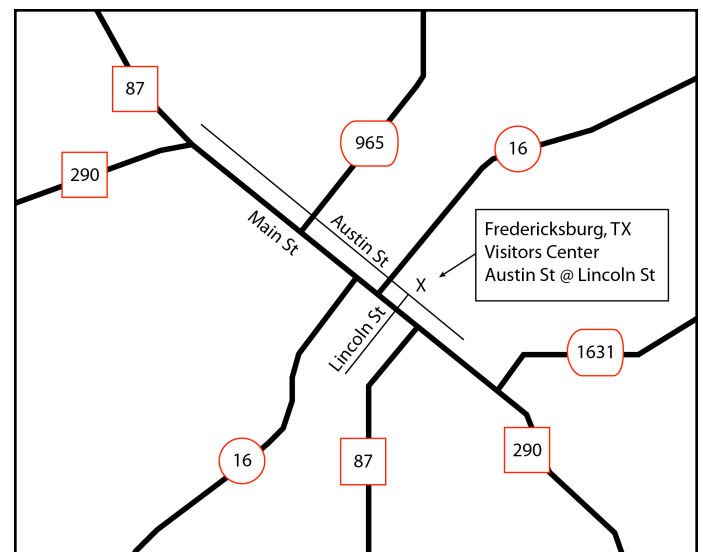
The **Waring General Store** provides a smaller selection of calorie-dense offerings. Hours of operation may be more limited than those convenience stores in Comfort, however, so best to rely on this store only for its photographic novelty and not for critical refueling.

Just east of the *Bat Cave Summit* find the **Alamo Springs Cafe**, renowned for its hamburgers. Cyclists face (only) two named climbs after this spot; we provide this information for those that

dare absorb a big lunch before returning to town. One should find ride-friendly fare here as well, but, again, the Comfort convenience stores have more liberal hours of operation.

## 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/>.

## 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.

## 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.

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