



Cycling Route

Thursday Nighter

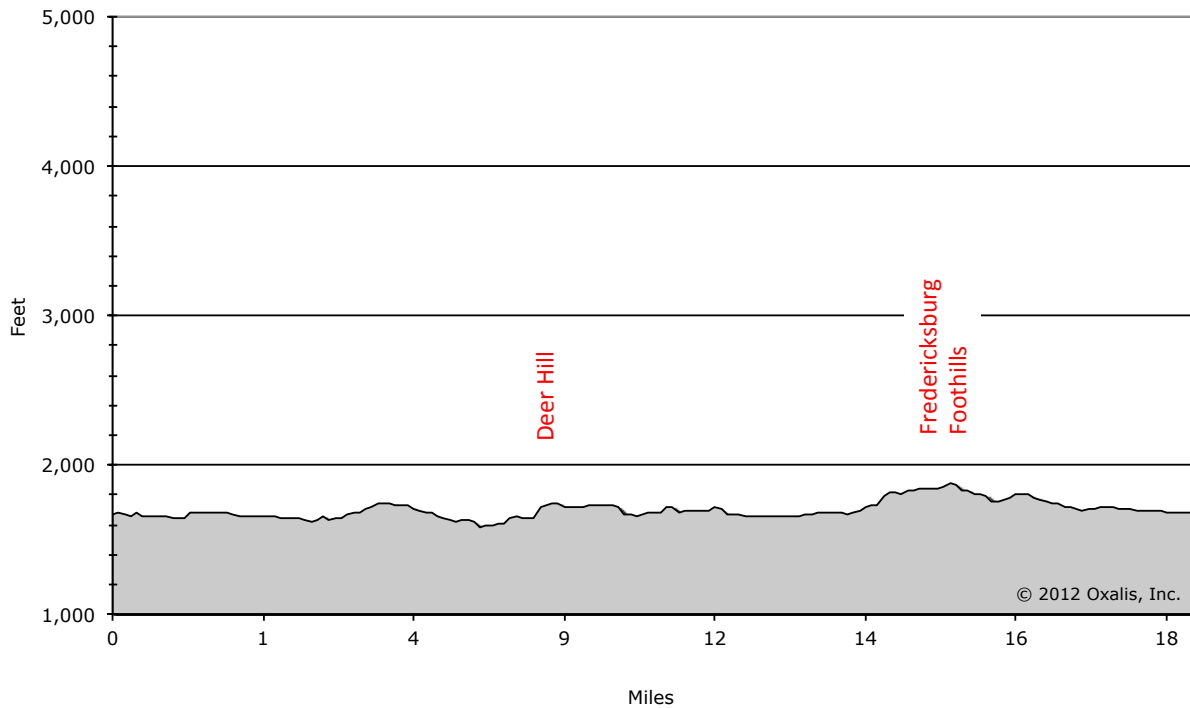
18 miles

Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

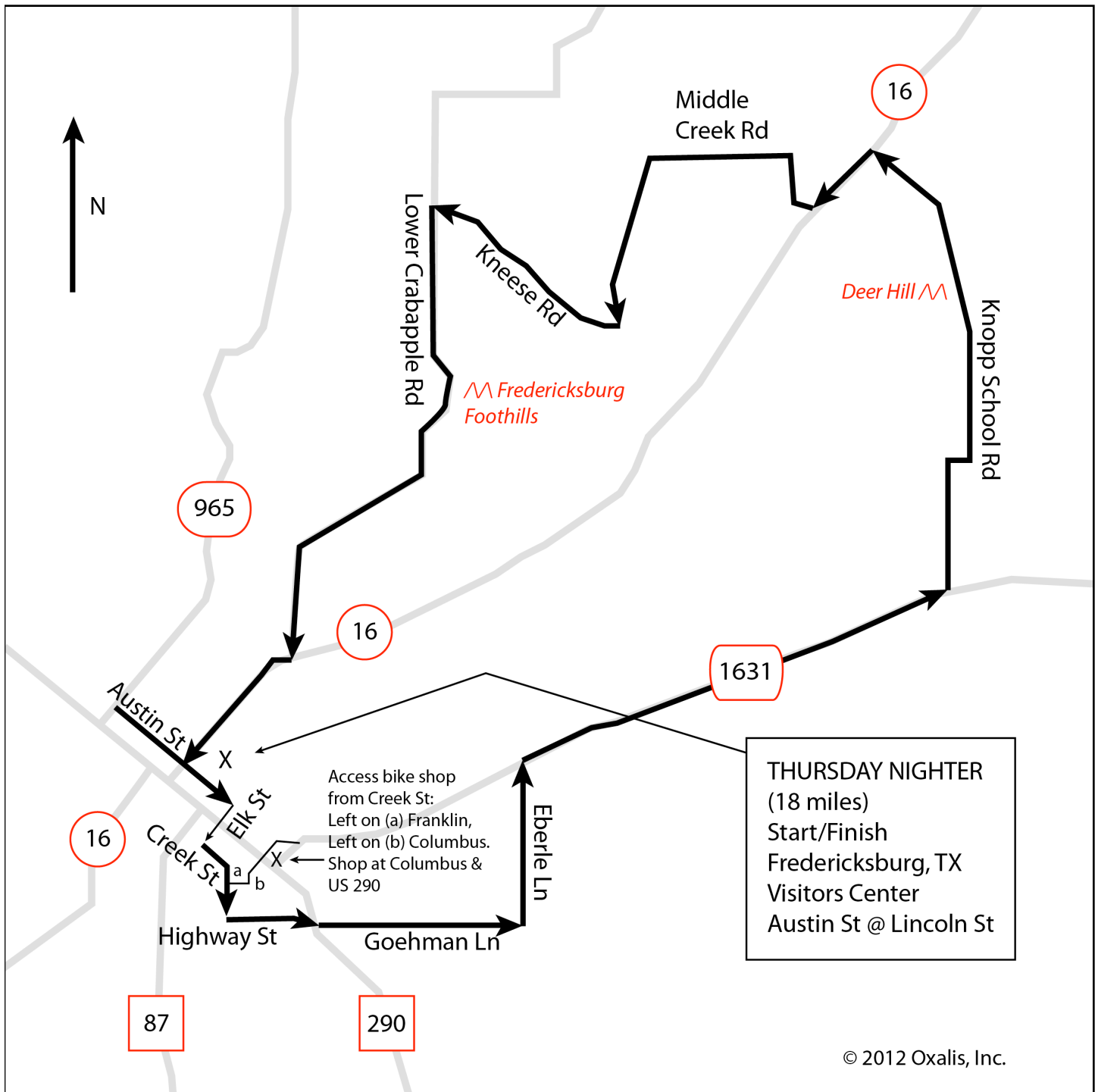
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Thursday Nighter
Route Elevation Profile



Route Map: Thursday Nighter



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

Route Instructions: Thursday Nighter

#	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	2.8 mi
9	6.6 mi	Turn Left (N)	Knopp School Rd	3.0 mi
10	9.6 mi	Turn Left (SW)	TX 16	0.5 mi
11	10.1 mi	Turn Right (W)	Middle Creek Rd	2.3 mi
12	12.4 mi	Turn Right (W)	Kneese Rd	1.4 mi
13	13.8 mi	Turn Left (S)	Lower Crabapple Rd	3.2 mi
14	17.0 mi	Turn Right (SW)	TX 16	1.0 mi
15	18.0 mi	Turn Left (SE)	E Austin St	0.1 mi
16	18.1 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

Local Fredericksburg cyclists pursue a variation of this 18-mile cycling route on Thursday nights. Traditionally, the "Thursday Nighter" features a conversational pace and is not a competitive ride. The group ride starts and finishes at the **Hill Country Bicycle Works** bike shop; we recommend anyone interested in riding it confirm that it will occur on their chosen Thursday by checking with the shop in advance (phone is 830-990-2609). In winter, intrepid riders utilize headlights and taillights when occasionally riding this route after dark.

The first third of this route features nice scenery but cyclists must endure a somewhat narrow shoulder and elevated motorized traffic on Jung Lane. Ride single file here. The route then turns onto ex-urban roads dotted with mostly large residential lots. Motorized traffic travels quickly on the short transfer along Texas Highway 16, but this section of road hosts an ample shoulder. From there, this route follows up the flow of Palo Alto Creek and features terrific Hill Country scenery.

Turning southward on Lower Crabapple Road, cyclist soon face this route's primary climbing challenge. The *Fredericksburg Foothills* tend to scatter even the mild-mannered Thursday night group. Although not as ominous as the bigger hills in the vicinity, it is a climb for sure. What is more, the incline varies as the road rises, and it also turns and kinks. In the Hill Country, even a ride this short is long on character.

Returning to town, again on Texas Highway 16, cyclists utilize a wide but busy artery serving Fredericksburg's northeast flank. To minimize exposure to passing motorists riders might consider utilizing Adams Street, which parallels TX 16 and lies one block to its west. However, while more tranquil, Adams Street presents a battery of stop signs.

Points of Interest

Suburban Fredericksburg

This route shows off many exceptional rural vistas and landscapes, most of which lie just on the outskirts of town.

Knopp School Road

Look for the old Knopp School on the east side of this road. Now part of a private residence, this former school house is one of many rural schools in Gillespie County, several of which are now preserved by [The Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools](#).

Hills of Interest

Deer Hill

(Cat 5)—a long, gradual and steady rise; your legs and lungs will confirm this classic "false flat" goes uphill, especially against a north wind.

Fredericksburg Foothills

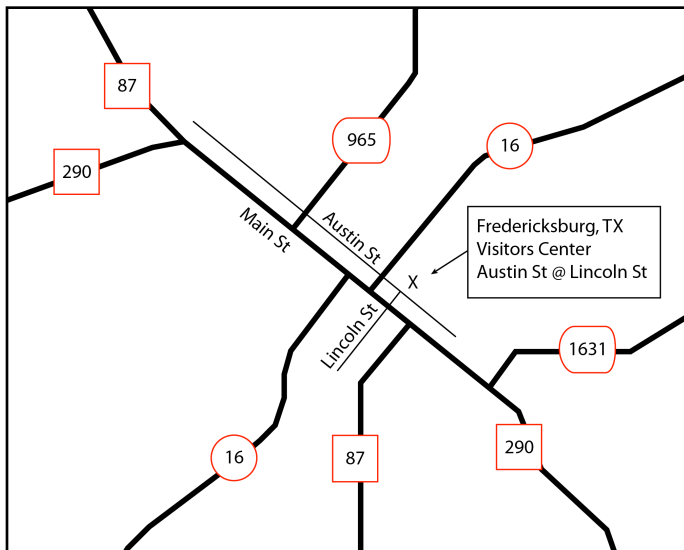
(Cat 2)—gaining approximately 200 feet, the road up and over these foothills features an uneven grade as it turns and kicks while it rises.

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.

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 Map

Print a road map corresponding to this route here:

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

Eat & Drink

This route offers NO commercial sustenance outside 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.



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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.