
Espresso

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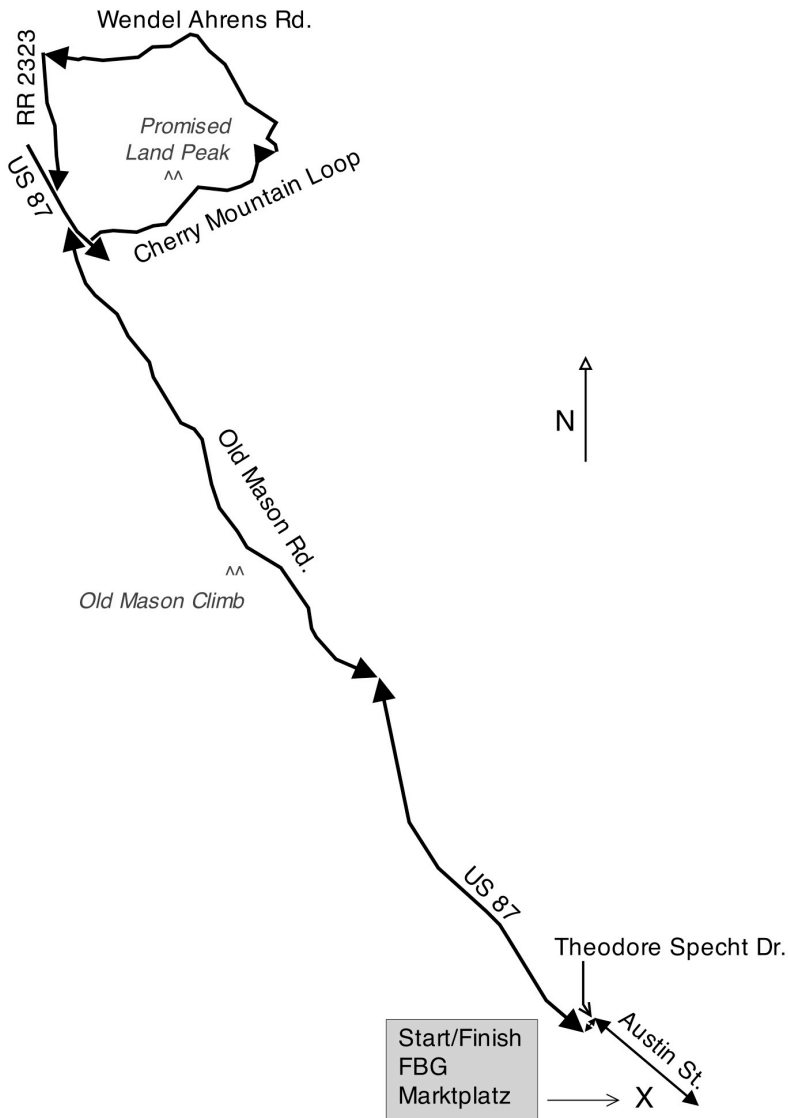
23 miles

Region: *Cycling Capital of Texas* ☆ *Fredericksburg and the Hill Country*

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Route Map: *Espresso*



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Route Instructions: Espresso

(in) Dist (miles)	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist (miles)
-	Start	Marktplatz	-
-	Go Straight (WNW)	W. Austin St.	-
1.2	Turn Left (SW)	Theodore Specht Dr.	1.2
0.1	Turn Right (WNW)	US 87	1.3
3.1	Turn Left (NW)	Old Mason Rd.	4.4
4.3	Turn Right (SE)	US 87	8.6
0.2	Turn Left (NE)	Cherry Mountain Loop	8.8
1.8	Turn Left (N)	Wendel-Ahrens Rd.	10.7
2.4	Turn Left (S)	RR 2323	13.1
1.1	Turn Left (SE)	US 87	14.2
0.2	Turn Right (S)	Old Mason Rd.	14.4
4.3	Turn Right (SE)	US 87	18.7
3.1	Turn Left (NW)	Theodore Specht Dr.	21.8
0.1	Turn Right (ESE)	Austin St.	21.9
1.2	Finish	Marketplatz	23.1

Ride Summary

Espresso makes a great route for days when one falls short on time or daylight. While it encompasses over 1,100 feet of climbing in only 23 miles, you face no severe slopes, so this makes a good ride for those aiming to cheat the hills here in the Hill Country.

Do not be turned off by the route's out-and-back nature. Utilizing Old Mason Rd. for both the outbound and returning segments puts you on one of the greatest cycling roads in the county, twice! Also, the initial miles on US87 heading out of town, as well as the final miles back in, while not idyllic, do at least feature a wide shoulder.

The two named climbs (see below) should present only a mild challenge for cycling novices, if climbed with discipline; whereas, for more experienced cyclists, they make attractive obstacles for testing climbing fitness while remaining in the saddle.

The route traverses a particularly enjoyable loop at its northwestern perimeter. This "Promised Land Loop", so named because of sign labelled "Promised Land" that a local land owner hosts, features a twisting and rolling roadway. Enjoy this fun section without riding too far from town.

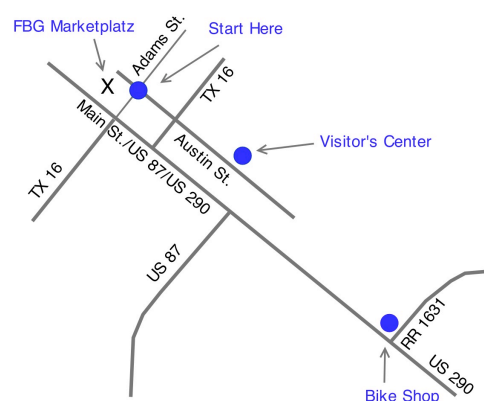
Safety

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

Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry tools. Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.

Start/Finish



This route begins at the Marktplatz in downtown Fredericksburg, Texas. Find this main town square located on the North side of Main Street (also HWY 290/ HWY 87) at the intersection of S. TX16. (North of this intersection, S. TX16 becomes N. Adams St.)

When groups meet here, generally they form up at the facility's northeast corner, where W. Austin St. intersects N. Adams St., which is not too far from the **restrooms** and off busy Main St. (Infrequently these restrooms may be closed for festival setup; find alternatives two blocks southeast at Fredericksburg's Visitor's Center).

Points of Interest

Old Mason Rd.

The old road to Mason makes a favorable alternate to US87. Quiet, very few vehicles, long gradual grade, and pretty.

Promised Land Loop

This complex of rural roads offers a little climbing, a little descending, and a lot of fun twisting and turning.

Hills of Interest

Old Mason

(Cat 4)—not a hard climb, but an extended one for sure. The early miles on Old Mason Rd. challenge very little, while the slope grows steeper as you near the top.

Promised Land Peak

(Cat 3)—Located on Cherry Mountain Loop, conquer this peak by climbing a few short grades, with plateaus in between.

Resources

This route offers virtually no commercial sustenance outside of the city of Fredericksburg. We strongly advise that cyclists fuel up before departing and carry a

liberal supply of food and water resources. During hot weather, we recommend hydration packs.

Responsibility

Ride Friendly, we are cycling ambassadors. Please share the road with motorists. Cyclists and motorists utilize our Hill Country Roads rightfully. Courtesy prevents angry motorists. Ride single file when cars approach from the rear. Large groups should be extra vigilant to “single up” in order to facilitate passing cars. Please politely “educate” rude cycling citizens.

Obstacles

Many obstacles, familiar and otherwise, dot the roads of the Hill Country. Such features include water crossings, cattle guards, deer, cows, cars, trucks and more. See the “Obstacles” section at CycleTexas.com for strategies related to negotiating some of the unique features of these roads. Also, distances on these roads between commercial food and hydration resources can be vast. We strongly advise that riders fuel up before departure and carry a liberal sustenance inventory.

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