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# Go West

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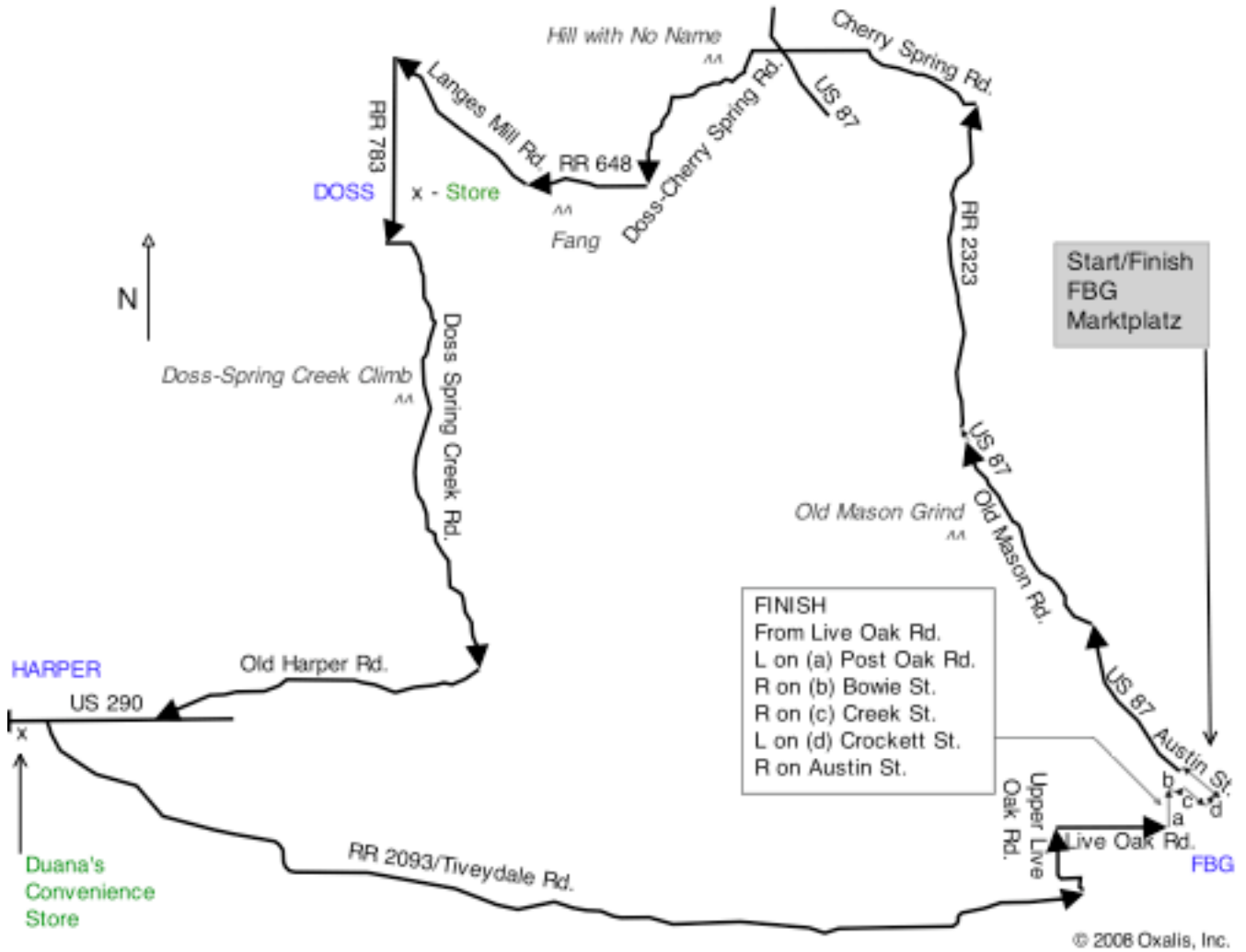
**77** miles

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

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### Route: Go West



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**Route Instructions: Go West**

(in) Dist	Turn	(at/on to) Road	Total Dist
	Start	Start	0.00 mi
	Go straight (NW)	W Austin St	0.00 mi
0.95 mi	Turn left (SSW)	N Kay St	0.95 mi
0.10 mi	Turn right (NW)	US 87 (US 290 (W Main St))	1.05 mi
3.24 mi	Turn left (NW)	Old Mason Rd	4.29 mi
4.37 mi	Turn left (NNW)	US 87	8.65 mi
0.25 mi	Bear right (N)	RANCH 2323	8.90 mi
6.39 mi	Turn left (W)	Cherry Spring Rd	15.29 mi
3.99 mi	Go straight (W)	Doss-cherry Spring Rd	19.28 mi
4.42 mi	Turn right (W)	RANCH 648	23.70 mi
2.32 mi	Turn right (NW)	Lange's Mill Rd	26.02 mi
3.56 mi	Turn left (S)	RANCH 783	29.58 mi
2.30 mi	Stop	Convenience store on RANCH 783	31.88 mi
	Go straight (S)	RANCH 783	31.88 mi
0.22 mi	Go straight (S)	N RANCH 783	32.11 mi
0.87 mi	Bear left (S)	Doss-Spring Creek Rd	32.98 mi
0.11 mi	Turn left (SSE)	Doss-Spring Creek Rd	33.09 mi
10.12 mi	Turn right (WSW)	Old Harper Rd	43.20 mi
4.10 mi	Bear right (W)	US 290	47.30 mi
2.26 mi	Stop	Convenience store on US 290	49.56 mi
		now backtrack eastward on US 290	
	Go straight (E)	US 290 (RANCH 783 (F-M 783))	49.56 mi
		Important: TURN SOUTHWARD ON TIVYDALE--	
0.22 mi	Turn right (ESE)	RANCH 2093 (Tivydale Rd)	49.78 mi
21.48 mi	Turn left (NNW)	Upper Liveoak Rd	71.04 mi
1.65 mi	Turn right (E)	Live Oak Rd	72.69 mi
2.14 mi	Turn left (N)	Post Oak Rd	74.83 mi
0.74 mi	Turn right (ESE)	S Bowie St	75.57 mi
0.22 mi	Turn left (NE)	S Bowie St	75.79 mi
0.13 mi	Turn right (ESE)	W Creek St	75.92 mi
0.54 mi	Turn left (NNE)	S Crockett St	76.46 mi
0.17 mi	Go straight (NNE)	N Crockett St	76.63 mi
0.11 mi	Turn right (ESE)	W Austin St	76.74 mi
0.07 mi	Finish	Finish	76.81 mi

## Ride Summary

A great long-distance route, especially on days with westerly winds. *Go West* presents a challenging distance but also provides substantial recuperative opportunities in the towns of Doss and Harper.

One faces a dose of climbing on this route for sure, but only a few notably steep slopes await. The outward leg of the route climbs a long, mostly steady rise. Then, the second quarter of the route mostly rolls up and down rather gingerly, but here lies the most challenging slope: *Fang*. After this challenge the route passes by the scenic *Lange's Mill* and then drops you into Doss, where a convenience store makes a welcome rest stop. From here face a long challenging rise to the highest point of the route, but again, few sharp slopes await. Mostly steady climbing beyond here.

Once in Harper, a primarily downhill course awaits. But don't be fooled, the sawtooth profile presents plenty of mildly-challenging climbing obstacles.

## Safety

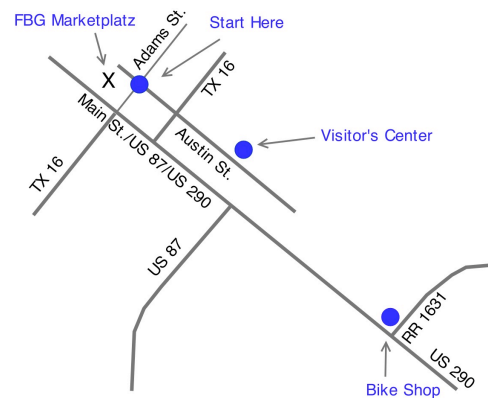
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Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry tools. Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.

## 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

### Lange's Mill

Virtually all that remains of the old Lange's Mill community, much of the mill near the creek still stands.

### Doss

A nice church and a few other buildings dot the landscape here; fuel up at the store for the long climb toward Harper.

### Harper

Larger than Doss but smaller than Fredericksburg, some say Harper is just right. Final stop for food and water lies here.

## Hills of Interest

### Old Mason Grind

(Cat. 4) arriving early in this route, before complete warm-up, this climb encompasses your first nine miles of riding; long but not steep

### Hill with No Name

(Cat. 4) no doubt you ascend here, but we find a dearth of nearby geographic features by which to identify this hill -- hence the name.

### Fang

(Cat. 1) this climb bites! "Only" about 200 feet of climbing; the second 100 feet inflicts venomous climbing discomfort.

### Doss – Spring Creek Climb

(Cat. 2) long and gradual, over a span of eight miles you climb 470 feet. A few short spikes along the way, but mostly just an invigorating sustained burn.

### Live Oak Wilt

(Cat. 1) this gradual but steady climb challenges primarily because of its location at the end of this long route, otherwise not too difficult in its own right

## Resources

We strongly advise that you fuel up before departing and carry a liberal supply of food and water resources. During hot weather, we recommend hydration packs.

Find two points along the route with commercial sources of food/drink. The convenience store in Doss welcomes cyclists regularly. Harper offers several options, including a barbecue restaurant on the south side of US290. In Harper, we recommend the convenience store, located on the south side of the highway a few blocks west of the intersection of US290 and RR2093/Tivydale Road.

## 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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