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# Ranch Road 1 & Fredericksburg > Stonewall

CycleTexas.com Cycling Routes

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**13** miles\*

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

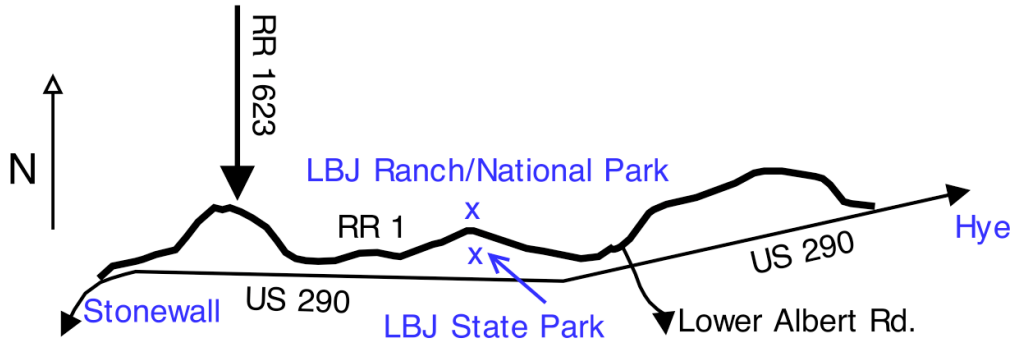
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\*includes two modular routes and a **48** mile "loop"

### Route: *Ranch Road 1*

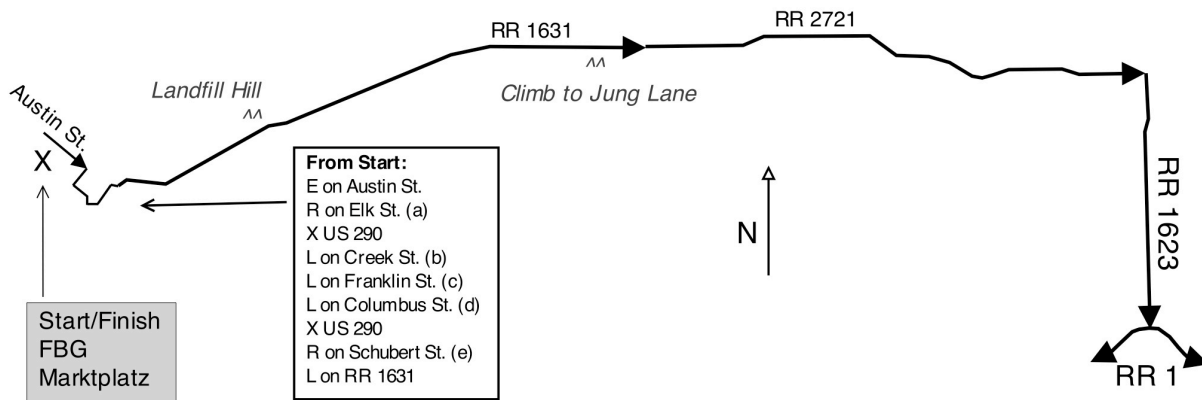
(6.6 miles, each way)



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### Route: *Fredericksburg > Stonewall*

(17.5 miles, each way)



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## Ride Summary

These modular Routes present several options for relatively easy Hill Country bicycling. We present two distinct but contiguous routes.

*Ranch Road 1* (RR1) stands out as the best flat stretch of bicycle-friendly roadway in Gillespie County. While it favors novice cyclists, experienced racers utilize it frequently to hone their time-trial form over the full 13.2 mile distance (round trip). It rolls downhill but drops only about 150 feet over 6.6 miles (one way).

For those wishing to bicycle from Fredericksburg to RR1 in Stonewall, we present *Fredericksburg > Stonewall*. This route encompasses 17.5 miles, one way.

Those riding from Fredericksburg to the park, riding RR1 (both ways), and then cycling back to Fredericksburg would enjoy about 48 miles of cycling using these routes.

Riding to RR1 from Fredericksburg presents mostly gently rolling hills along RR1631/RR2721. While this cycling artery carries a fair amount of traffic, most motorists stay on the lookout for cyclists along this stretch. Nevertheless, stay single file and ride friendly.

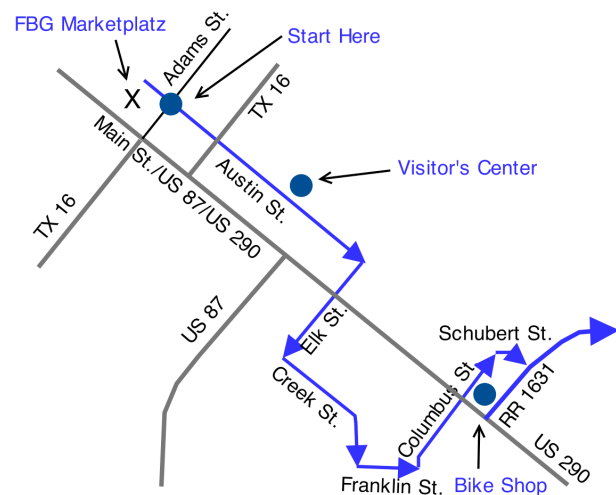
## Safety

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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



Those interested only in cycling on Ranch Road 1 would park anywhere along the road's length, which features several picnic areas. Also, the park headquarters (both the State Park and National Park share the headquarters.) Find the park located approximately 15 miles east of Fredericksburg, off US 290.

Folks cycling the *Fredericksburg > Stonewall* route begin at the Fredericksburg Marktplatz. The Marktplatz encompasses the town's main 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. (Infre-

quently these restrooms may be closed for festival setup; find alternatives two blocks southeast at Fredericksburg's Visitor's Center).

## Points of Interest

### LBJ Historic Site

Visit the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, the original Texas White House, and the LBJ State Park and Historic site.

### Sauer-Beckman Farm

This living history farm entertains kids of all ages. It presents life on the farmstead as it was in 1918. Access it via the Park Headquarters.

### Stonewall, TX

The peach capital of Texas thrives in summer when roadside stands offer delicious peaches, tomatoes, and more. The Weinheimer Store, located in Stonewall on US290, warrants a stop as well.

## Hills of Interest

### The Anti-Hill

(Cat 0)—Ranch Road 1 offers the only flat six-plus cycling-friendly miles in the county, and some of the best anywhere.

### Landfill Hill

(Cat 4)—warm up rapidly on this gradual rise.

### Climb to Jung Ln.

(Cat 3)—not a terrifically difficult climb, but it challenges more than any other along the *Fredericksburg > Stonewall* route.

## 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 many resources in Stonewall, including convenience stores and cafes. Nothing fancy here.

This route bypasses Hill Country Bicycle Works (closed Sunday/Wednesday.), which offers a restroom; sells energy bars, and sits across the street from a convenience store/gas station.

## 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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