

FUN IN FREDERICKSBURG

Whether you join us April 1 – April 5 or whether you go and ride on your own, this packet will provide you with several ride options. Before we talk about the routes, let's dispense with the required dialogue.

- ALL our routes are hilly
- We encourage you to ride legally, responsibly and with a helmet on your head.
- You are responsible for your own safety and as such, riding any of our routes is taken on at your own risk.
- You are responsible for your own support. Carry plenty of water and snacks, as well as tires, tubes and tools to assist with mechanical issues.
- There are some stores along some routes. Over the years, some of these stores have been hostile to cyclists and others are very welcome. Be cautious and courteous for best results.
- Many of our routes are along roads that are "open range" which means there are no fences. The lack of fences is not an invitation to trespass on private property. Cattle can and will be crossing the roads and grazing along the roads. Use caution and try not to startle the cattle.
- It is suggested that, if you encounter a bull on the road, it is not a good idea to look him in the eye.
- Many of these roadways will have cattle guards. Cross all cattle guards with caution.
- Many of the back roads will have water crossings, some active (water is flowing across the road) and some dry. While many of these water crossings have signage that says "Slick Slab", not all of them have signage. CAUTION: Cyclists have been known to crash while trying to ride across these water crossings/slick slabs. SOME cyclists have even fallen while trying to walk their bicycles across these slick slabs.
- My suggestion for a slick slab: Downshift to a low gear before descending to the water. Stop before the water line. Carefully walk your bike through the water crossing. Once on dry pavement, mount up and climb up the steep hill carefully. Mounting may be difficult as well as the climb up. One final warning: Not all algae is green – some of it is concrete colored.

Okay. Now that we have that stuff out of the way, let's get into the map descriptions.



MAP PACKET OVERVIEW

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ROUTE SCHEDULE

Monday, 4/1 Crabapple/Eckert Out & Back 36 Miles with 2000' climbing

Tuesday, 4/2 Doss Lollipop 45 Miles with 2212' climbing

Wednesday, 4/3 Willow City Loop Out & Back 66 Miles with 3320' climbing

Thursday, 4/4 Crabapple Lollipop 53 Miles with 2589' climbing

Friday, 4/5 Welgehausen 26 Miles with 1454' climbing
Go Home



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These routes start and finish on West Austin Street behind the Marktplazt (Market Place)

Crabapple/Eckert 36 Miles Day 1: We'll head out on Lower Crabapple Road with a number of challenging climbs early in the ride. We'll turn off on Eckert Road and more hills. Once we get to Highway 16, we'll turn around and head back the way we came – and get to go down those challenging climbs. Don't worry, we'll still have hills to climb on the way back.

Doss 45 Miles Day 2: This is one of my favorite routes, with lots of back roads, open range and breathtaking climbs. We'll stop by the Hilltop Restaurant for a break before heading back to town.

Willow City 66 Miles Day 3: We'll be climbing right out of the gate with some stimulating rollers, stunning views and exciting downhills. We'll ride to Willow City and head for the loop. Nice, long downhill to the loop, then winding, climbing and descending to the end of the loop. After a break, we'll turn around and head back the way we came.

Crabapple 53 Miles Day 4: We'll head out on Lower Crabapple Road with a number of challenging climbs early in the ride. Once we pass the Crabapple School, we'll head out on some lovely open range roads for a hilly loop before returning on Crabapple.



Welgehausen 26 Miles Day 5: This little loop starts out of town and packs a lot of punch with climbs, downhills and views. After the ride, we'll go to Enchanted Rock to hike The Rock. Then it's time to head for home.



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