

MAY 2026 HILL COUNTRY DRIVE

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- This route covers just over 80 miles and takes just over two hours.
- There is not a gas station along the route.
- There will be an optional comfort stop about 30 minutes in at step 9 below, at the Gillespie County Safety rest area on US 290.
- Follow the main road. If road turns and a side road continues straight, follow the prior road, usually but not always, defined by a continuation of the same type of road surface.
- The middle portion of this drive will go counter clockwise around The Willow City Loop, where there is often poor cellular reception. NOTE: If you have no desire to travel Willow City Loop for whatever reason, you can turn left where FM 1323 turns in Willow City and bypass it as described in #18 below.
- You will see signs on fences on Willow City Loop with 'No Trespassing' and "Violators Will Be Prosecuted". Those signs do not apply to the road, which is maintained by the county. These signs apply to people who get off the road onto private property. Sign would have to say "Private Road".
- We will have a final car with some extra seats and safety gear on board following everyone.
- If you have any questions or a problem during the drive, call or text Brian Blackwell at 210-255-0361. Texts might be more likely to work in weak areas.

Route Instructions are as follows:

| NO. | Cumulative Dist., miles | Route Instruction |
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| 1 | 0.0 | Turn Left out of The Bistro at Blanco River (Soon to be Rustica). Road bends to the right to follow the river. |
| 2 | 0.4 | Turn Right on Mesquite. Continue straight for more than 5 blocks. |
| 3 | 1.1 | Turn Left on 7 th Street. |
| 4 | 6.7 | Turn Left on Cottonwood Road. Sign is small and on the left, and turn comes after a curve to the left. |
| 5 | 9.7 | Turn Right on McKinney Loop at T intersection. |
| 6 | 10.4 | Turn Right to stay on McKinney Loop in right turn lane at T intersection. Sign indicates Cooley Road is to the left. |
| 7 | 11.4 | Turn Right on Ranch Road 1623 at Stop sign at T intersection. |
| 8 | 19.7 | Turn Right on <u>LOWER</u> Albert Road, right after a bridge. |
| 9 | 22.7 | EXERCISE CAUTION AS CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT SLOW DOWN OR STOP. You can either go straight across US 290 and go down to Ranch Route 1 and turn left twice to enter the rest area from the back side, OR |

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| | | Turn Left on US 290, and in about 200 yards, turn right into Gillespie County Safety Rest Area for optional comfort break. Come and go as needed. |
| 10 | 22.9 | Drive out the back of the Rest Area, and turn Left onto Texas Ranch Road 1. |
| 11 | 26.1 | Turn Right to go north on FM 1623 North. |
| 12 | 29.1 | Turn Left at T intersection on FM 2721. |
| 13 | 30.9 | Turn Right on Klein-Ahrens Road. |
| 14 | 34.9 | Continue straight at intersection at Yield sign with N Grape Creek Rd. Road name changes to N Grape Creek Rd. |
| 15 | 35.35 | Turn Right at intersection with Wahrmond-Ahrens Rd. |
| 16 | 38.1 | Once past the Cattle Guard, bear Right at Tee near intersection with FM 1631 and then turn Right on FM 1631. |
| 17 | 38.4 | Turn Left at T intersection Stop sign onto TX FM 1323. |
| 18 | 41.7 | Continue straight, which will take you on Willow City Loop. NOTE: If you have no desire to travel Willow City Loop for whatever reason, you can turn left where FM 1323 turns in Willow City and bypass it. Following FM 1323 will take you to TX 16. If you turn left there, it is 7.3 miles to Knopp School Road in route instruction number 20 below. |
| 19 | 55.0 | Follow Willow City Loop, and watch out for wildlife, narrow bridges, low water crossings, and cattle guards. Turn Left at Stop Sign intersection with TX 16. Cross traffic does not slow down or stop. |
| 20 | 68.0 | Turn Left on Knopp School Road. |
| 21 | 71.0 | Turn Left at T intersection Stop sign on TX 1631 heading east. |
| 22 | 73.3 | Turn Right on Jung Road. |
| 23 | 78.5 | USE CAUTION AS CROSSING TRAFFIC AT 70 MPH DOES NOT STOP OR SLOW DOWN! Turn Left on US 290, heading east at Stop sign. |
| 24 | 80.8 | Turn Right on Jenschke Road |
| 25 | 81.0 | Turn Right into Foyt Winery and Museum, 38 Jenschke Lane, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. |