

## **SAJC Cruise 5/24/2025**

**Cruise is 67 miles – about 1.5 to 1.75 hours depending on traffic**

**Wine & nibbles at Pedernales Cellars Winery at end of cruise**

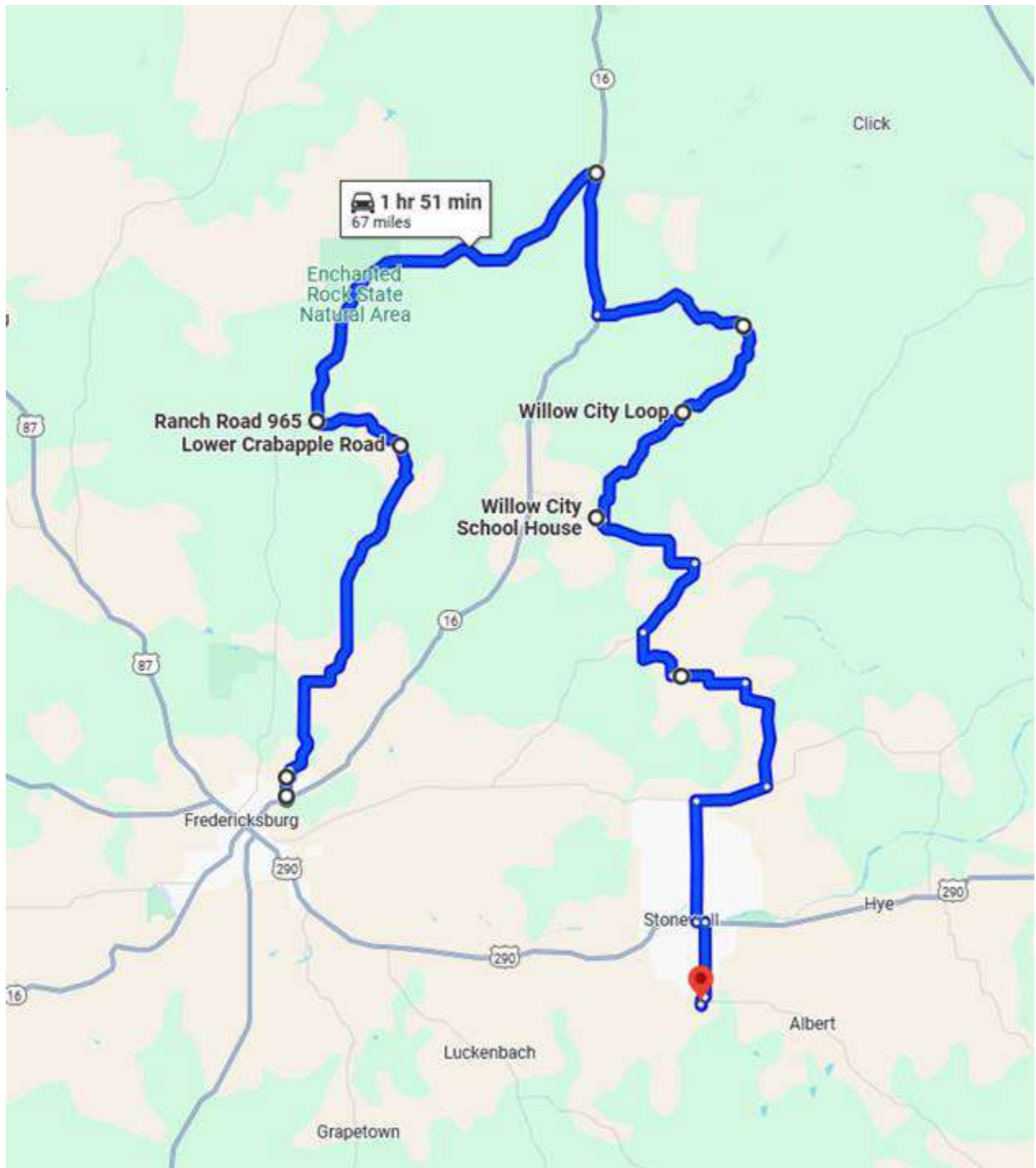
- Starting Point: Shell Mini Mart @ 1902 Llano St / TX-16, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
- Meet at 12:45PM – Leaving at 1:00PM
- 1. From parking lot, turn right onto E Driftwood Dr – 0.6 mi
- 2. Right onto Quailwood Dr – 0.1 mi
- 3. Left onto Frederick Rd – 0.2 mi
- 4. Right onto W Lower Crabapple Rd (will pass by 2025 Fire area on right) – 14.0 mi
- 5. Right onto Ranch Rd 965 (will pass by Enchanted Rock) – 12.7 mi
- 6. Right onto TX-16 S – 4.2 mi
- 7. Left onto Willow City Loop 1323 (near Loop end, will pass by the “Boot Fence” on your left) – 12.8 mi
- 8. At stop sign, right onto Ranch to Market Rd (RM) 1323 – 0.2 mi
- 9. *Brief stop at historic Willow City School for group photo*
- 10. From parking lot, left onto RM 1323 – 0.2 mi
- 11. Right to continue onto RM 1323 – 3.4 mi
- 12. Right onto RM 1631 – 2.5 mi
- 13. Left onto N Grape Creek Rd, with series of alternating L & R turns (on historic Country Schools Driving Trail) – 7.9 mi
- 14. Right onto Hwy 2721 – 2.0 mi
- 15. Left onto RM 1623 – 3.5 mi
- 16. Quick left onto US-290 – 0.2 mi
- 17. Quick right to continue onto RM 1623 – 2.1 mi
- 18. Right onto Upper Albert Rd to winery – 0.3 mi
- Ending Point: Pedernales Cellars – 2916 Upper Albert Rd, Stonewall, TX 78671
- Afterwards, nearby post-Cruise options (on your own):

Chocolate  
Chocolates El Rey  
42 RM Rd 1623  
Stonewall, TX 78671  
Sat 11AM-6PM

Peaches  
Burg’s Corner  
15194 US-290  
Stonewall, TX 78671  
Sat 10AM–5PM

Race Cars & More Wine  
AJ Foyt Winery & Museum  
38 Jenschke Lane  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
Sat 11AM-6PM

## Map – SAJC Willow City Loop Drive



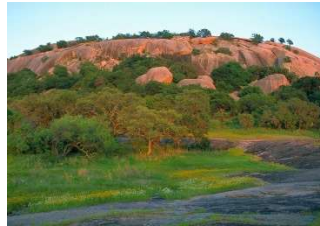
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## A Few Area Factoids

- The **March 2025 Crabapple Fire** was named after Crabapple Road where the fire began just NE of Fredericksburg, encompassing nearly 10,000 acres. In SA terms, the burn area would stretch from St Mary's University to the Frost Bank Center/AT&T Center -- a distance of nearly 10 miles.



- Covering 640 acres, **Enchanted Rock** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest granite outcropping in the US (only behind Stone Mountain in GA). At 1775 ft, its elevation is 2.5 higher than SA or NB. Climbing the Rock is like climbing the stairs of a 30- or 40-story building!



- The **Willow City Loop** winds for 13 miles. This private road is famous for bluebonnets (and traffic) in the Spring -- and majestic elevations and pink granite geology throughout the year. As we approach the end of the Loop, look for the famous TK Ranch "**Boot Fence**" on your left.



- Built in 1905, **Willow City School** is part of the Gillespie County "**Country Schools Driving Trail**". Our cruise will pass by 4 of 18 school buildings still standing -- 12 of which continue as community centers and festival sites thanks to local preservation efforts.
- The **Foyt Winery & Museum** opened in 2021. Swing by after the cruise and have your photo taken sitting in AJ Foyt's Formula 1 car! Check out the separate museum too.