



# TEXAS VÉLO

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Cycling Route

## Espresso

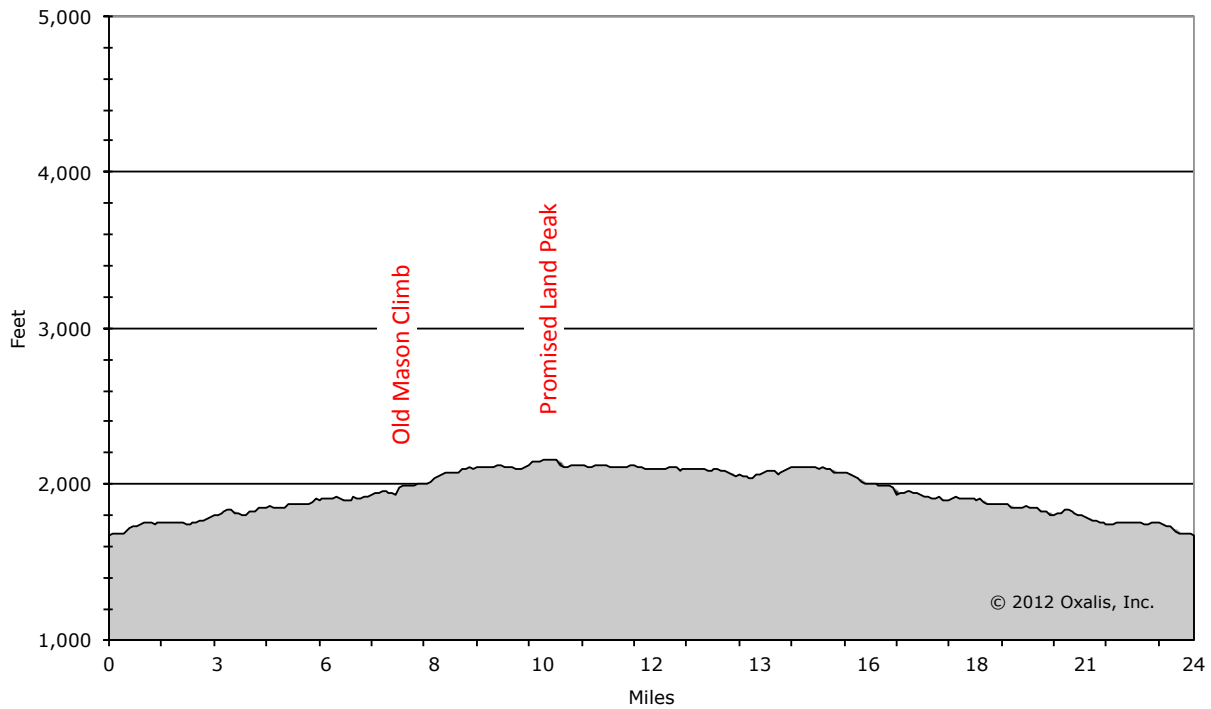
**24** miles

Region: Fredericksburg, Texas

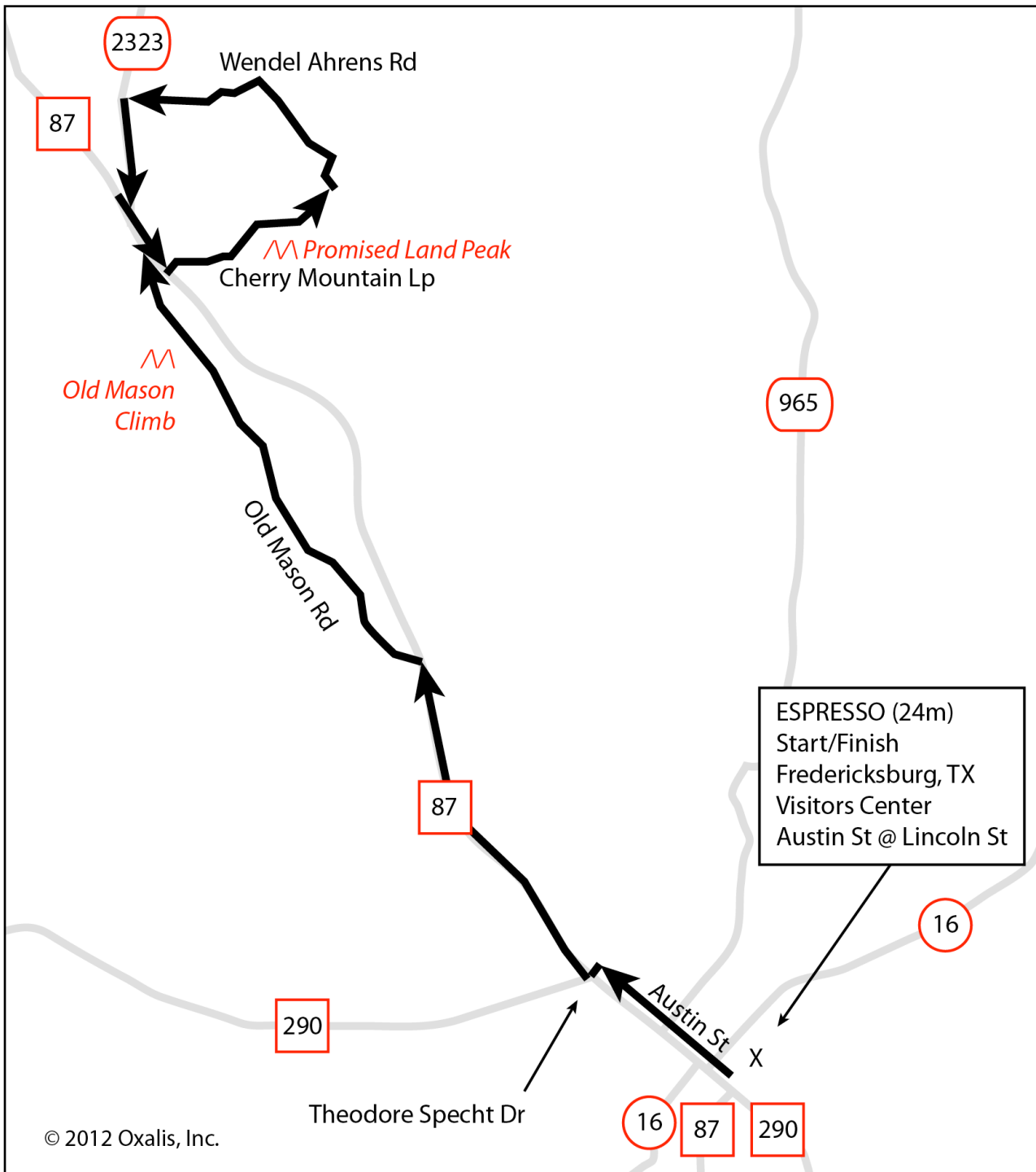
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**Espresso**  
Route Elevation Profile



### Route Map: Espresso



### Emergency Numbers

Police/EMS: 830-997-7585	Fire: 830-997-8080
FBG Hospital: 830-997-4353	FBG Taxi: 830-997-8044

**Route Instructions: Espresso**

<b>#</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Turn</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>to Next</b>
1	0.0 mi	Start	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi
2	0.0 mi	Go Straight (NW)	E Austin St	0.1 mi
3	0.1 mi	Cross TX 16 (NW)	W Austin St	1.3 mi
4	1.4 mi	Turn Left (SW)	Theodore Specht Dr	0.1 mi
5	1.5 mi	Turn Right (NW)	US 87 / US 290 / Main St	3.1 mi
6	4.6 mi	Turn Left (NW)	Old Mason Rd	4.4 mi
7	9.1 mi	Turn Right (SE)	US 87	0.2 mi
8	9.3 mi	Turn Left (NE)	Cherry Mountain Lp	1.8 mi
9	11.1 mi	Turn Left (N)	Wendel-Ahrens Rd	2.4 mi
10	13.5 mi	Turn Left (S)	RR 2323	1.1 mi
11	14.6 mi	Turn Left (SE)	US 87	0.3 mi
12	14.8 mi	Turn Right (S)	Old Mason Rd	4.4 mi
13	19.3 mi	Turn Right (SE)	US 87	3.1 mi
14	22.4 mi	Turn Left (NE)	Theodore Specht Dr	0.1 mi
15	22.5 mi	Turn Right (SE)	E Austin St	1.3 mi
16	23.8 mi	Cross TX 16 (SE)	W Austin St	0.1 mi
17	23.9 mi	Finish	FBG Visitors Center	0.0 mi

## Safety

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Routes presented utilize public roads open to traffic; ride at your own risk and obey all traffic laws.

Always wear a helmet and utilize properly maintained equipment. Carry ample food and water. Carry tools. Carry a mobile phone in case of emergency.

Climactic conditions may change rapidly. Use common sense. Carefully walk bikes when crossing wet water crossings.

## Ride Summary

Although only 24 miles of cycling, *Espresso* delights with Hill Country terrain and scenery. This route encompasses over 1,100 feet of climbing. But, because it presents no severe slopes, it suits those aiming to avoid the steeper hills here in the Hill Country.

The route traverses a particularly enjoyable loop at its northwestern perimeter. This "Promised Land Loop"—so named because of a sign hosted by a local land owner—features a fun twisting and rolling roadway.

The two named climbs present only a mild challenge if climbed with discipline, even for cycling novices. For more experienced cyclists, meanwhile, they make attractive obstacles for testing climbing fitness.

This route features one of the best cycling roads in the county, Old Mason Road, for both the outbound and returning segments. The initial miles on US HWY 87 heading out of town, as well

as the latter miles returning in, while not idyllic, mostly host a wide shoulder.

## Points of Interest

### Old Mason Road

The old road to Mason makes a favorable alternate to US HWY 87. Quiet, with few vehicles, a long gradual grade, and pretty scenery.

### Promised Land Loop

This knot of rural roads offers a little climbing, a little descending, and much fun twisting and turning.

## Hills of Interest

### Old Mason Climb

(Cat 4)—not a hard climb, but an extended one. Early miles on Old Mason Road challenge very little, with the slope then growing steeper on the western half.

### Promised Land Peak

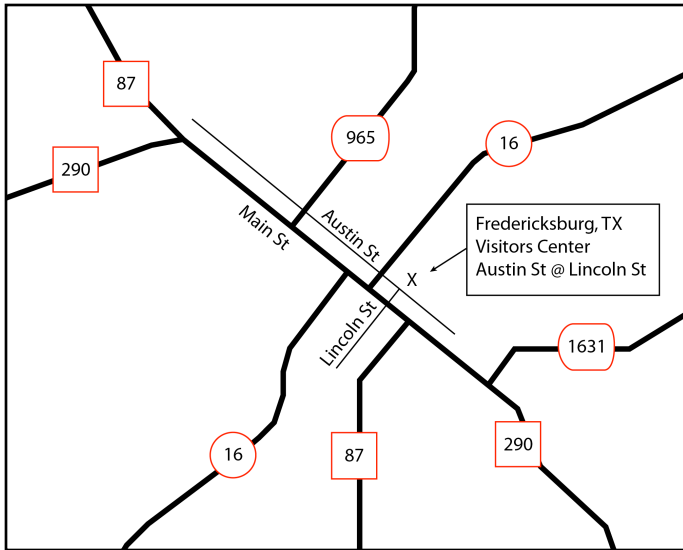
(Cat 3)—Located on Cherry Mountain Loop, conquer this peak by climbing a few short grades while enjoying the plateaus and dips between.



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## Start/Finish

This route begins and ends at the Fredericksburg, Texas Visitor Center. Find it at the corner of Austin Street and Lincoln Street, one block north of Main Street.



Fredericksburg Visitors Center location map

This departure location favors groups of gathering cyclists because it features off-street parking. When forming a group ride here, we recommend cyclists gather in the large parking lot located behind (north of) the Visitor Center (and Chamber of Commerce) office buildings. To minimize exposure to traffic, we discourage gathering in front of the facility on busy Austin Street.

The restrooms here usually open at 8 A.M. For more information visit the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/>.

## Road Map

Print a road map corresponding to this route here:

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/countymapbook2006/Pages/371.pdf>

## Eat & Drink

This route offers NO commercial sustenance outside the city of Fredericksburg. Fuel up before departing and carry ample hydration and energy resources. Distances between commercial establishments offering such may be vast. When cycling on hot days we recommend hydration packs for longer routes.

## Ride Friendly

We are all cycling ambassadors. Cyclists and motorists utilize our roads rightfully. Courtesy mitigates anger. Ride single file when vehicles approach from behind. Large groups should be extra vigilant to accommodate passing vehicles. Please educate inconsiderate cyclists—share the road.

## Obstacles

Many obstacles—familiar and otherwise—dot Texas roads. Potential dangers include cars, cattle, cattle guards, deer, trucks, water crossings, and more. Stay vigilant and slow down.