

## Route Information for 13, 27, 45 and 65 Mile Routes:

**8:30 Start:** The 65 & 45 Mile Riders depart, soon followed by the 27 & 13-mile riders, all at our ride location at Krause Springs in Spicewood. Please line up with advanced/fast riders toward the front and leisurely riders toward the rear.

Route Comments: All routes are on roads that have not been closed to traffic, so ride aware and take care. The wildflowers are fantastic this year and you'll enjoy miles of them as you roll across the beautiful Texas hill country, but there are many low water crossings, so please stop and use the steps or be willing to wade across to avoid falls.

**13-Mile Route:** You'll ride across fairly flat terrain for 6.5 miles into a welcoming crew at Pit Stop 1 where you turn around and ride back to Krause Springs to a grand celebration, pool, lunch and festivities.

**27-mile Route:** For a bit more distance, and provided it's not yet 10AM, you can ride outbound for an additional 6.8 miles out to Pit Stop 2 (or reverse any time before then for shorter mileage), then reverse, following the same route back past Pit Stop 1 and into the finish at Krause. It's fairly flat or undulating until mile 9.6 or so, then you have some hills into the pit stop.

### 45-Mile Route Comments:

- From the start at Krause Springs, the terrain is fairly flat on lightly traveled roads into **Pit Stop 1** (mile 6.5), where the 13-mile riders reverse back to Krause Springs.
- The 27, 45 & 65 mile riders continue past Pit 1 and enjoy a few more miles of flat/descending terrain until mile 9.6, when you start a series of rises bringing you into **Pit Stop 2** (mile 13.2), where the 27-mile route reverses.
- The 45 & 65 mile riders continue up a few more plateaus and across beautiful fields of flowers, bringing them into **Pit Stop 3** (mile 22), which is the highest point on your route.
- You then ride somewhat downhill, with a few rises, for almost seven miles into **Lunch Pit** (mile 30 or so) at Cypress Mill, where 45-milers reverse for ½ mile.
- After Lunch, 45-milers reverse quickly while 65-milers can continue (until Noon) on rolling terrain out to **Pit Stop 5** before reversing to rejoin the 45-route. Since it's an out-and-back road, provided you start before Noon, you are welcome to ride part of the way out toward Pit 4 and then turn around at will (we'll have a sign showing where to turn around for a 50-mile ride for the day).
- As the 45/65 routes leave lunch for the finish, you'll reverse for ½ mile, then ride on a quaint, mostly flat, ranch road for several miles. Please be careful when crossing cattle guards and especially at the several slippery low water crossings. Soon following is a short but steep hill, on top of which is an amazing view at **Pit Stop 7** (mile 36.1).
- You'll continue on hilly terrain for three miles, crossing another slippery low water crossing (please walk across both low water crossings!), with a bit of an ascent before enjoying a grand downhill almost all the way to the **finish at Krause** (mile 44).
- Routes close at 4 PM. If you are not past a pit by the time it closes, you will be sagged to the next open pit stop. There are medical volunteers helping with first aid issues at each pit stop and a roving van with Bicycle Sport Shop techs to assist with serious mechanical problems.
- Please bring a couple of extra tubes in case of flats.
- Ride safely, enjoy the vistas, and have a great day in the Hill Country!

**65-mile Route:** This route follows the 45 mile Main Loop above, but adds 19 miles. For terrain issues into Lunch Pit, see above.

- At Lunch Pit Stop, around Mile 30, you have the option to ride a quiet, rolling, 9.5 mile spur (19 miles out-and-back) before rejoining the 45-Route. To enjoy this option, however, you **MUST** pass the Lunch Pit before NOON, when the entrance to the 65-spur closes.

- Once on the spur, you can turn around at will or, if you go the distance, you will be celebrated by the crew at **Pit Stop 5** (mile 39.6).
- You must start your return from Pit 5 by 1:15 when it closes and be off the spur by the time lunch pit closes at 2:15. Century riders will also be crossing this spur on their way in from the Century Loop.
- Leaving lunch for the finish, you'll reverse for ½ mile, then ride on a quaint, mostly flat, ranch road for several miles. Please be careful when crossing cattle guards and especially at the slippery low water crossing. Soon following is a short but steep hill, on top of which is an amazing view & welcoming crew at **Pit Stop 7** (mile 55.4).
- You'll continue on hilly terrain for three miles, crossing another low water crossing (please walk across low water crossings as they may be slippery!), with a bit of an ascent before enjoying a grand downhill almost all the way to the **finish at Krause** (mile 63.2).
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### Mileage and Hours of Pit Stops

<b>Pit Stops:</b>	<b>Hours:</b>	<b>Route: 13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>90</b>
▪ Pit One	8:30 to 11:30	Mile 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	not open
▪ Pit Two	8:30 to 10:30	--	13.2	13.2	13.2	not open
▪ Pit Three	8:30 to 11:30	--	--	22	22	22
▪ Pit Six (90-mile route only)						38.2
▪ Lunch Pit	10:00 to 2:15	--		29.6 49 (2 <sup>nd</sup> visit)	30.2	60.1
▪ Pit Five	10:00 to 1:15	--	--	--	39.6	51.1
▪ Hilltop Pit Seven	11:15 to 3:15	--	--	36.1	55.4	82.3
▪ <b>Finish: all routes close at 4:00</b>		<b>Mile 13</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>90.5</b>