

## Route Information for the 90 Mile Route – HCRA 2017:

**7:30 Ride-out:** The start for the 90 Mile Route ONLY is at 7:30. The start gate at Krause Springs in Spicewood will remain open until 7:40 AM. Miss this window and you will have to wait until the other routes depart Krause Springs at 8:30 – and then it's highly unlikely you'll make it to the 90 Mile Gate prior to its closure at 9:30. Please line-up by the bike gate at the rear of the Krause property (not the gate you arrived through) with faster riders to the front of the line.

Route Comments: All routes are on roads that have not been closed to traffic, so ride aware and take care. There is a 0.6-mile section of highway riding on this course. Please choose another course if you're not comfortable with highway riding. The wildflowers are fantastic this year and you'll enjoy miles of them as you roll across the beautiful Texas hill country.

The 2017 90 Mile Route for the Hill Country Ride for AIDS has been recently upgraded with the discovery of a newly paved country road allowing for a peaceful, beautiful ride across the hill country with a total of 91 miles or so.

- From the start at Krause Springs, the terrain is fairly flat on lightly traveled until mile 9.6, when you start a series of rises bringing you into **Pit Stop 2** (your first pit, mile 21) and shortly after to the highest point on your route.
- At mile 23, you fly through your 1<sup>st</sup> 90 Mile gate (closes 9:30), on a moderately busy road by Round Mountain before turning onto a beautiful, recently paved country road to your route's high point, before dropping into the **90 Mile Pit Stop** (mile 38.2; closes 11AM). Along that route you'll enjoy grand vistas, deer, turkey, and even gazelles, few cars, but also cattle guards and a few low water crossings depending on recent rains.
- You'll soon be on a moderately busy road as you pass through Sandy on rolling hills and then come to a ½ mile ride on Hwy 281 north of Johnson City. While there is a wide shoulder for a bit, it thins before you turn right and into **Pit Stop 4** (mile 51.1). If you are uncomfortable with highway riding, please wait for a lift from SAG for the ½ mile section.
- After Pit 4, you are again on quieter, country roads through rolling terrain into Lunch Pit (mile 60).
- After Lunch, you have the option to ride a 15 mile spur. The route cuts-off just after lunch to gain a few miles on a 7.7 mile out-and-back down Hamilton Pool road/962 to Westcave Preserve before returning toward lunch pit. **Entry to this spur closes at 1.**
- Just before lunch, you'll turn right (go left to Lunch Pit, 0.2 miles, if you if you wish) and soon right again 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 at **Pit Stop 6** (mile 82.3).
- You'll continue on hilly terrain for three miles, crossing another slippery low water crossing (please walk across both low water crossings!), before ascending up our Ride-of-Silence before enjoying a grand downhill almost all the way to the **finish at Krause** (mile 90.5).
- 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!

### Mileage and Hours of Pit Stops

<b>Pit Stops:</b>	<b>Hours:</b>	<b>13 Miles</b>	<b>26 Miles</b>	<b>45 Miles</b>	<b>65 Miles</b>	<b>90 Miles</b>
Pit One	8:30 to 10:30	6.5	–	6.5	6.5	(not open) 21
Pit Two	8:30 to 11:30	–	–	21	21	21
90 Mile Pit	9:30 to 11:00	–	–	–	–	38.2
Lunch Pit	10:00 to 2:15	–	–	29.6	30.2	60.1
Pit Four	10:00 to 1:15	–	–	–	49 2nd visit 39.6	51.1
Hilltop Pit Six	11:15 to 3:15	–	–	36.1	55.4	82.3
<b>Finish:</b>	<b>All Routes close at 4:00</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>90.5</b>