

The Holiday Run to Waco – January 2, 2010

It's that time of the year... that magical time when a jolly fat man goes flying from town to town in his sled. No... not Saint Nick! It's me, in Jango, driving the twisties from Dallas to Waco, delivering happiness and good cheer to all who wish to follow! And boy, do I have a present for you this year! Check out the "Glen Rose Loop" section on the map to the right. Twisties galore!

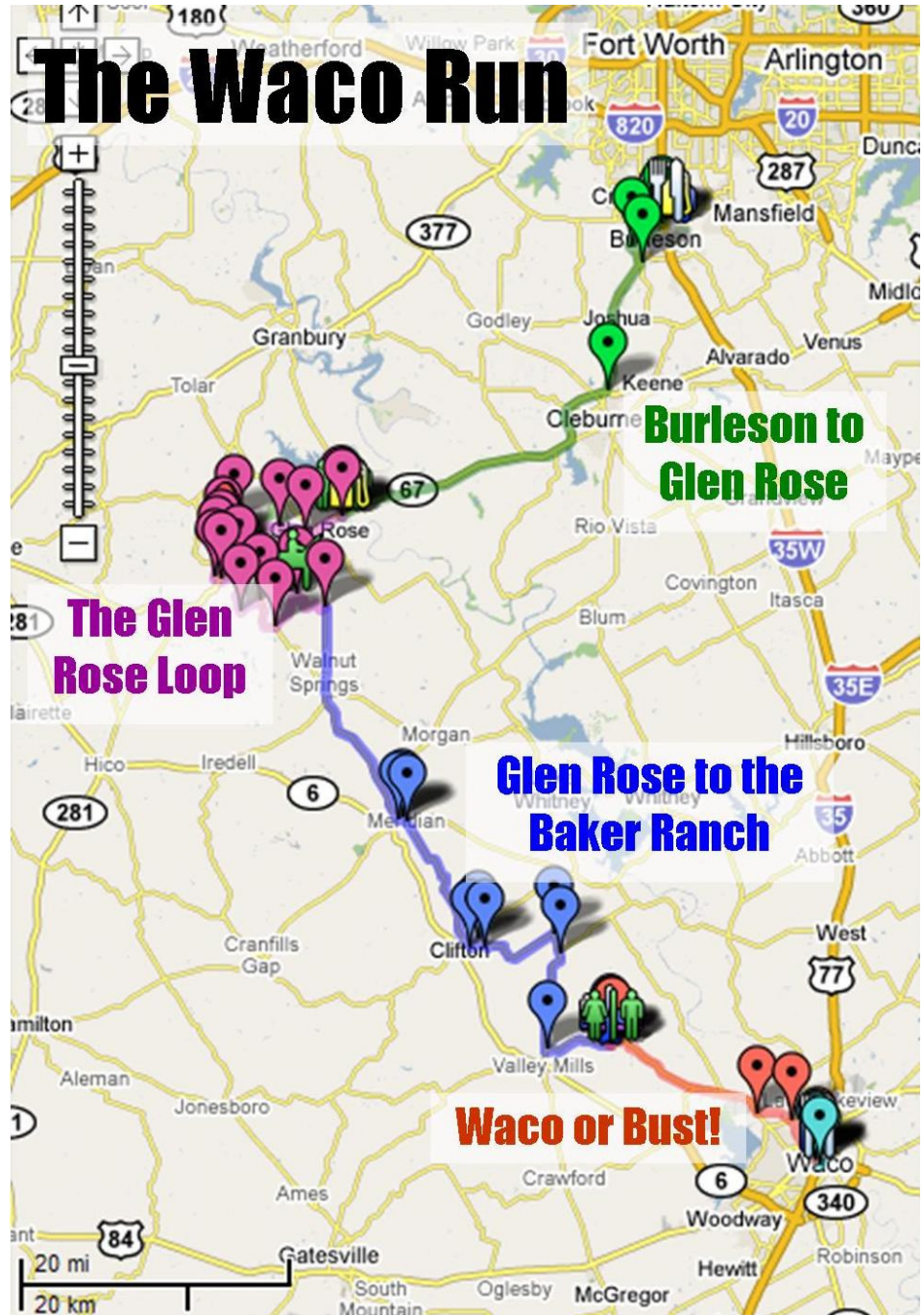
The "Waco Run" is an annual tradition since Christmas of 2004 and this is the sixth iteration of the event. This was my first event as a "real" MINI owner, having taken possession of my MCS, Jango, in December of 2005. Uncle John brought this event to us for the first two years (thanks, UJ) and this is my fourth year organizing the run.

I know that others feel the way that I do about this event... that it was the first time that they "got it" and really understood why we love driving these little cars and cherish the friendship of others who "get it".

This year we are ringing in the new-year and celebrating old friends with our favorite roads from the past and some new roads to help you get your twisty-fix. I hope you enjoy it!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Aaron



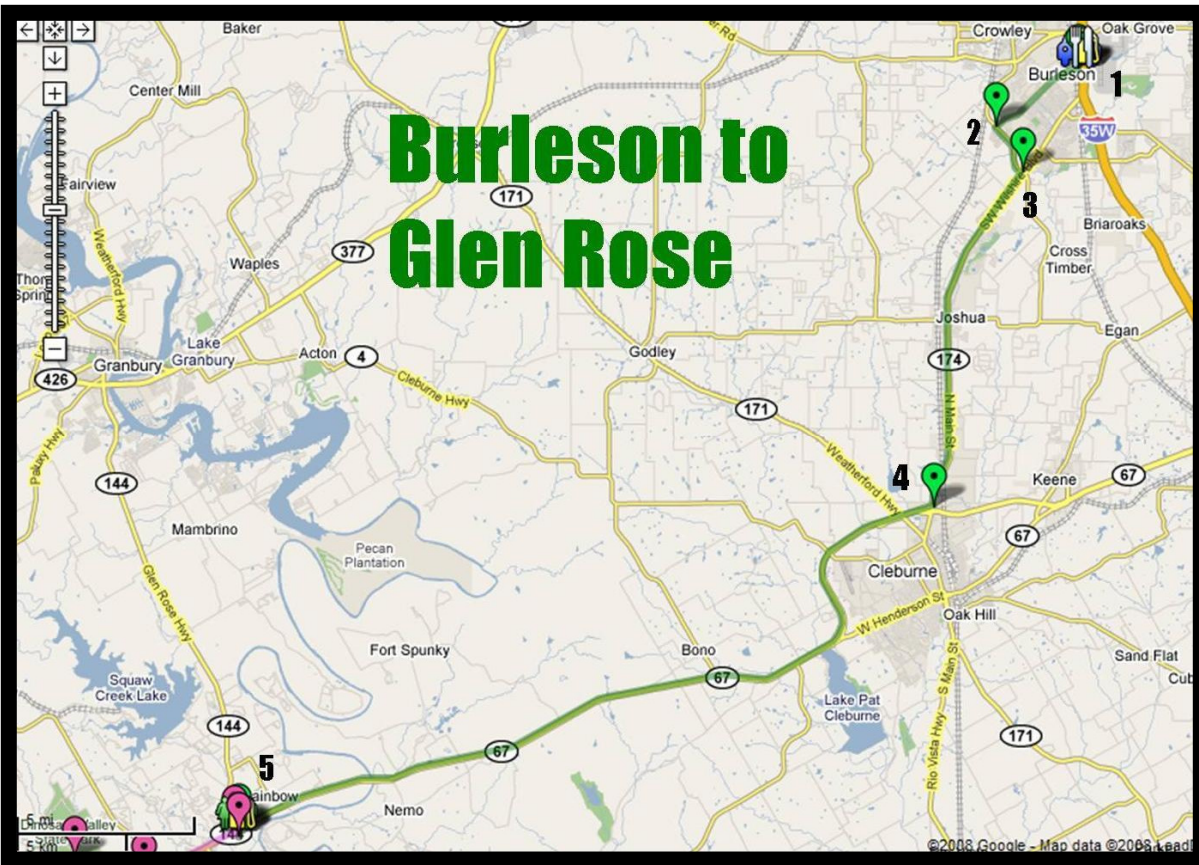
**IN CASE YOU GET LOST OR ARE RUNNING LATE AND NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO GO,
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME ON MY MOBILE:
Aaron Granger – (214) 394-7450**

Here's our schedule for the day:

- **8:30 to 9:30** – An optional Breakfast at Denny's (868 NE Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, TX)
- **9:30 am** - Leave from the gathering point, a parking lot next to the First National Bank of Burleson (899 NE Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, TX). Because of the number of traffic lights, we will split into smaller groups for the trip to Glen Rose. If you arrive late and we aren't there, just head to the Exxon in Glen Rose... odds are that you will catch up with us there.
- **10:30-ish** - Arrive at the Exxon in Glen Rose - Here's a good chance to get some gas, pick up something to drink and hit the bathrooms. Please let the 'scenic drivers' get gas first as they will be departing first!
- **10:40-ish** - Driver's briefing - The 'scenic' drive group will depart immediately after the briefing.
- **11:10-ish** - The 'spirited' drive group will leave about 20-25 minutes after the 'scenic' group heads out.
- **1:30 – 2pm** - Arrive at the Elite Circle Grill in Waco. We will be having a buffet of their special Dr. Pepper ribs, fajitas and rosemary chicken. The price is about \$15 + tax and tip, payable directly to the restaurant.

Notes:

- Check out the last page of this document for turn-by-turn instructions. If you reset your trip meter when it tells you to, you shouldn't have any trouble if you get a little bit behind. These 2 pages are the drive in a nutshell and it's what I have next to me while I'm leading the scenic group. Warning: I've pre-driven most of the route and the mileages are pretty good, but every set of tires will measure distance differently. There might be small variations.
- DRIVE SAFELY! Your car and your behavior is your own responsibility. If you feel unsafe at any time, pull over somewhere safe and let the other cars go on by. The maps and instructions will get you the rest of the way. You have to drive to your own skill and abilities. Whatever happens, be safe!
- We will be splitting up into smaller groups of cars from Burleson to Glen Rose. In Glen Rose you will have your choice of participating in the "Scenic" or "Spirited" driving groups.
 - The "Scenic" driving group will keep a brisk pace to enjoy the twisty roads, but it will be a more passenger friendly drive. Warning: There are seriously twisty roads ahead. If you are prone to motion sickness, now's the time for Dramamine or Sea-Bands.
 - The "Spirited" driving group will leave the Exxon in Glen Rose about 20 minutes later and will press the curves a bit harder than the other group. They will catch up to us at the Baker Ranch and we will all caravan as 1 group on the final leg to the MM.org Club Lunch in Waco.
- Bring your FRS / GMRS radios! If you don't have one, you can buy a set at Wal-Mart or Target for \$20-40. The cheap FRS ones will be fine and don't require any radio licenses. We will use channel 7 with no sub-channel (sub=0), so the cheap ones will work perfectly. If you haven't been on a group drive like this before, the radios are great for announcing turns or hazards in the road. You won't be lost without one, but it will make for a much more enjoyable trip for you. There are frequently loaners available at the driver's meeting.



It only takes a handful of turns to get from our meeting point in Burleson to the Exxon on the east side of Glen Rose where we will be splitting into our "scenic" and "spirited" drive groups. There are, however, a fair number of traffic lights and some busy traffic to deal with, so break into smaller groups.

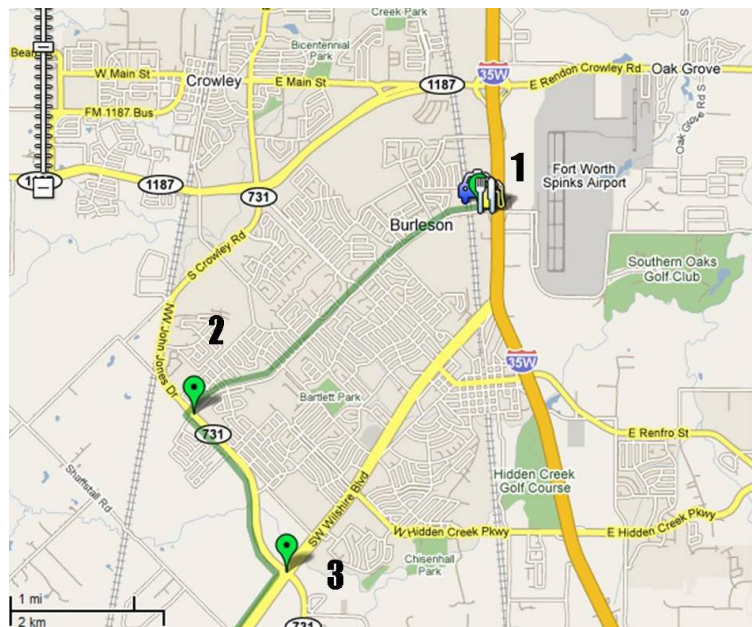
The turns are very well marked on this section, so don't worry if you get separated from your group. Just follow the instructions and you will be fine!

The turn numbers are marked on all the maps and the mileages next to them are your trip meter reading when you get to the turn. See! It's easy!

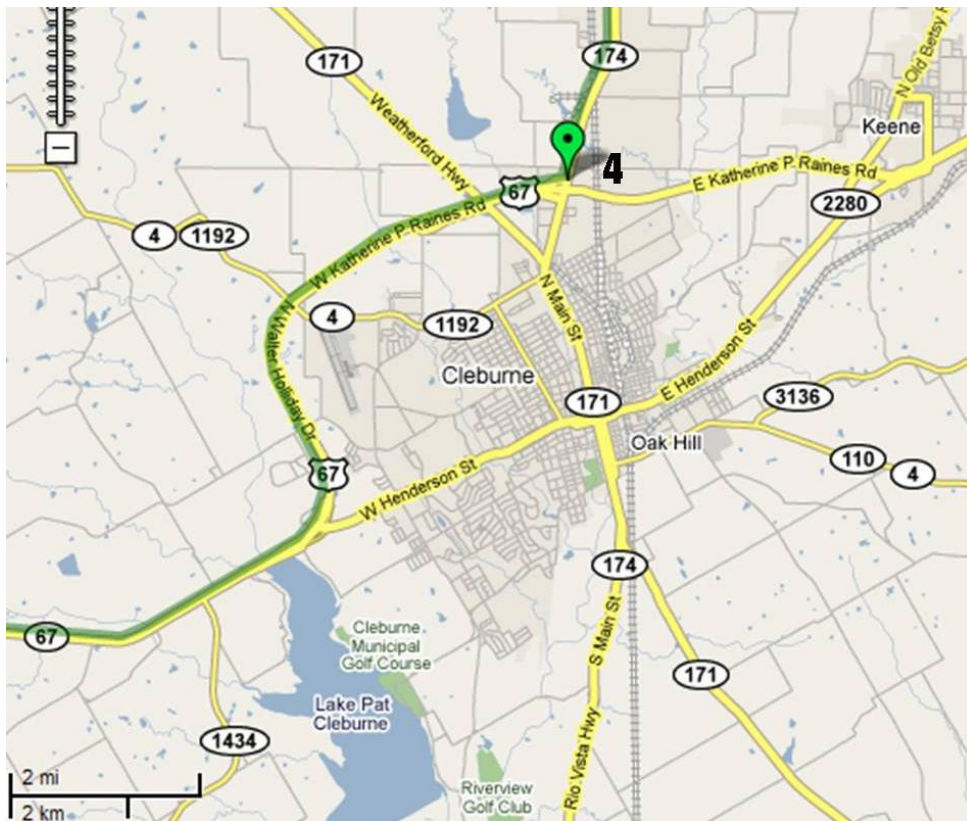
TURN #1: (0.0 Mi) Reset your trip meter to 0.0 Miles and then turn right out of the parking lot onto NE Alsbury Blvd.

TURN #2: (3.0 Mi) Turn left at the traffic light onto NW John Jones Dr. / 731 / Elk Dr.

TURN #3: (4.5 Mi) Turn right onto SW Wilshire Blvd / 174 towards Cleburne

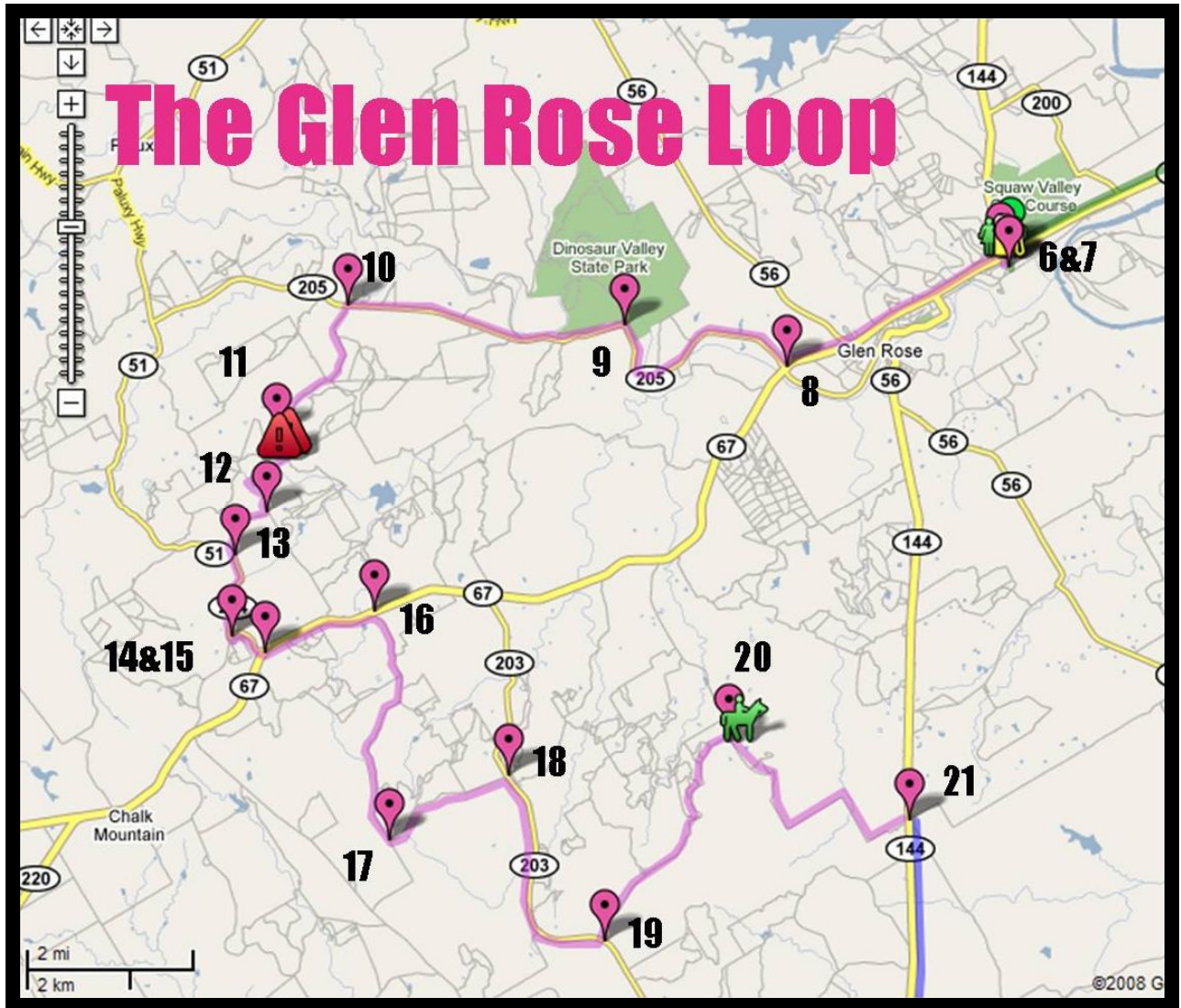


Turn #4: (14.6 Mi) Turn right onto US-67 / Loop 367, heading Southwest



Turn #5: (38.7 Mi) Turn left at the traffic light, marking the intersection of 67 and 114, and enter the parking lot of the Exxon. Get gas and head to the bathroom... it's gonna be a while before we stop again!

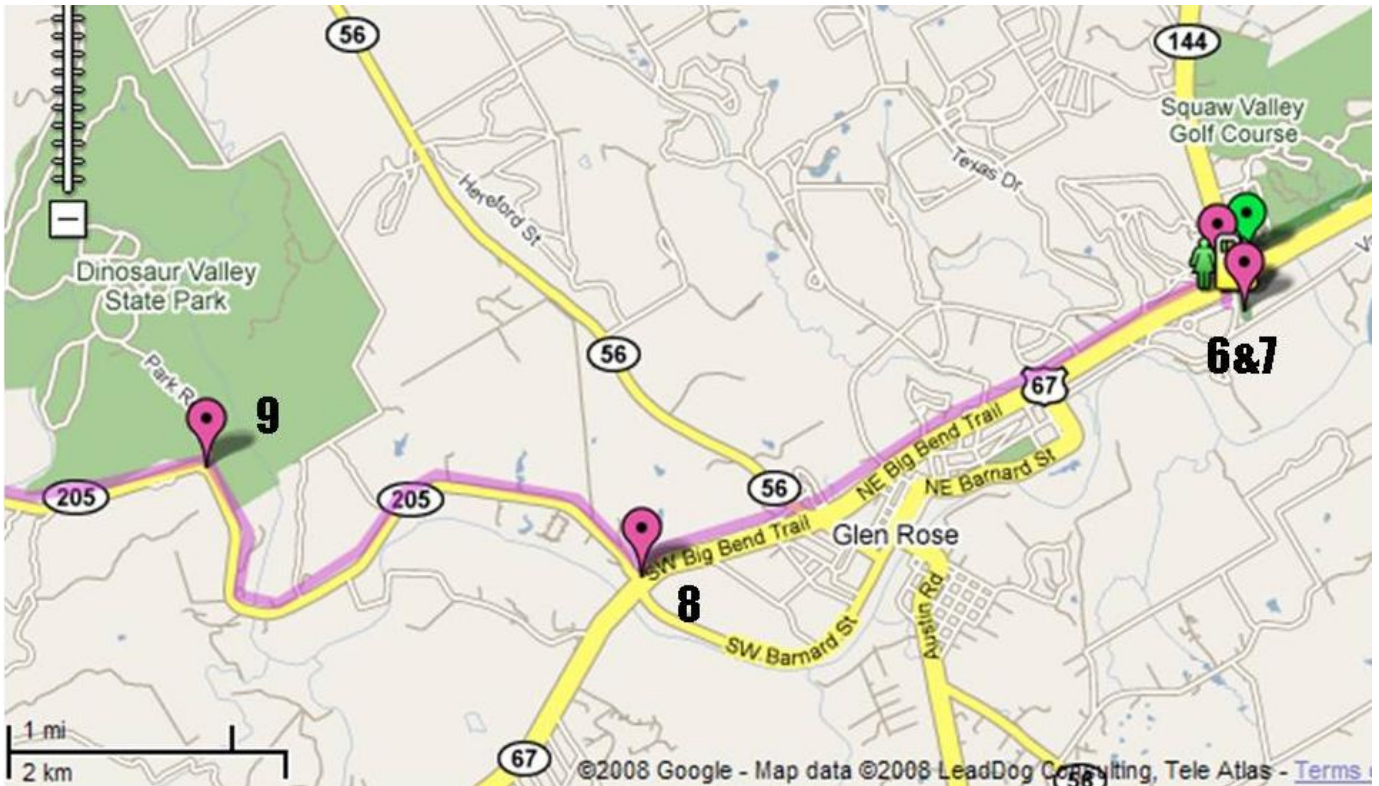
The driver's meeting will be 10 minutes after the last group of cars arrive. The 'scenic' group will depart immediately after that.



The "Glen Rose Loop" was a new section for 2008. This is my favorite part of the drive.

The regulars from previous years will remember County Road (CR) 2008, the wonderful little gravelly paved road that goes past the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center... about 5 minutes after we leave the Exxon. If you enjoyed that precious 5 miles of road, you are going to love the next 30 miles!

WARNING: The roads are all paved, but they are made with cast gravel, not the normal blended asphalt roads you are used to in the Metroplex. If you value the paint job on your front bumper and bonnet, you will give the car in front of you plenty of room. The drive groups will come to a complete stop at each major turn, so don't worry about getting lost because you aren't right on someone's bumper... you will catch up! Keep your distance and enjoy!



Turn #6: (0.0 Mi) Reset your trip meter to 0.0 miles and then turn left out of the Exxon parking lot

Turn #7: (0.1 Mi) Turn left at the traffic light onto 67, continuing on the same direction we were headed on the way here.

Turn #8: (3.0 Mi) Turn right onto 205 / 59, following the sign to "Dinosaur Valley State Park"

Turn #9: (5.8 Mi) Bear left at the un-naturally orange dinosaur to stay on 205

Turn #10: (9.1 Mi) Turn left onto CR 1004

Turn #11: (11.1 Mi) Follow the road to the left.



Off-camber with a severe downhill slope and a cattle crossing right after the turn



The "Dip" sign isn't referring to the driver, it's referring to the big dip in the middle of the road

- Turn #12: (12.5 Mi)** Turn right onto CR 1005
- Turn #13: (13.3 Mi)** Turn left/straight at the stop sign onto 51.
- Turn #14: (14.3 Mi)** Turn left with 51
- Turn #15: (15.1 Mi)** Turn left at T onto 67
- Turn #16: (16.5 Mi)** Turn right onto CR 2011 at the unmarked road
- Turn #17: (19.6 Mi)** Turn left onto CR 2012
- Turn #18: (21.2 Mi)** Turn right at stop sign onto 203
- Turn #19: (24.0 Mi at top of hill)** Turn left onto CR 2009
- Turn #20: (27.1 Mi)** Turn right at stop sign onto CR 2008

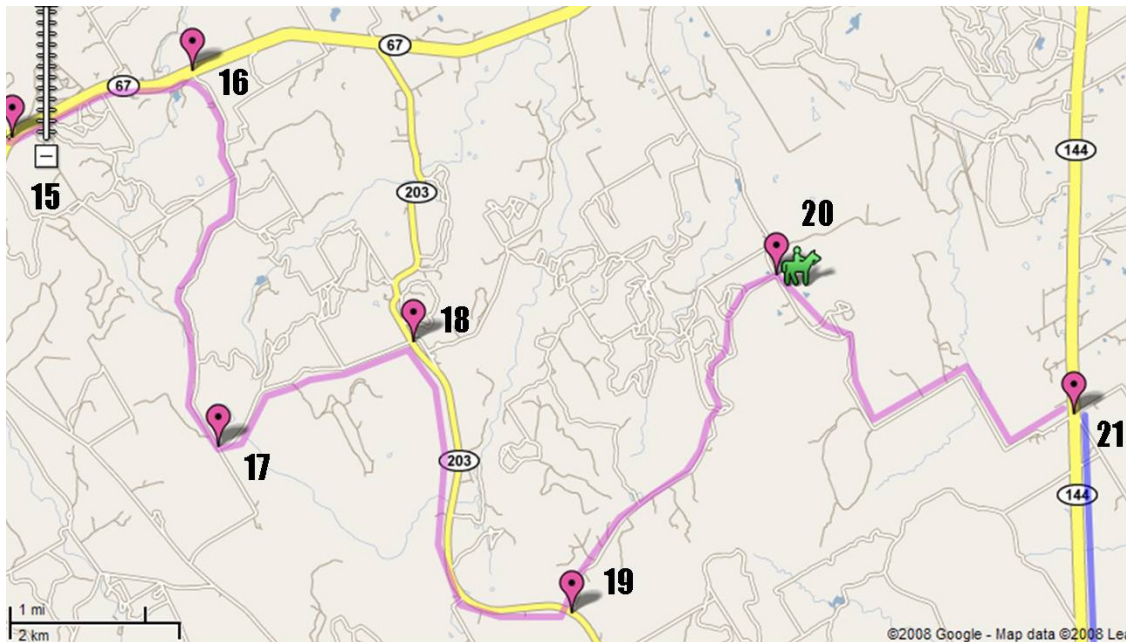
Good Photo: Just after this turn, look to your left to see if the llamas are out in the field

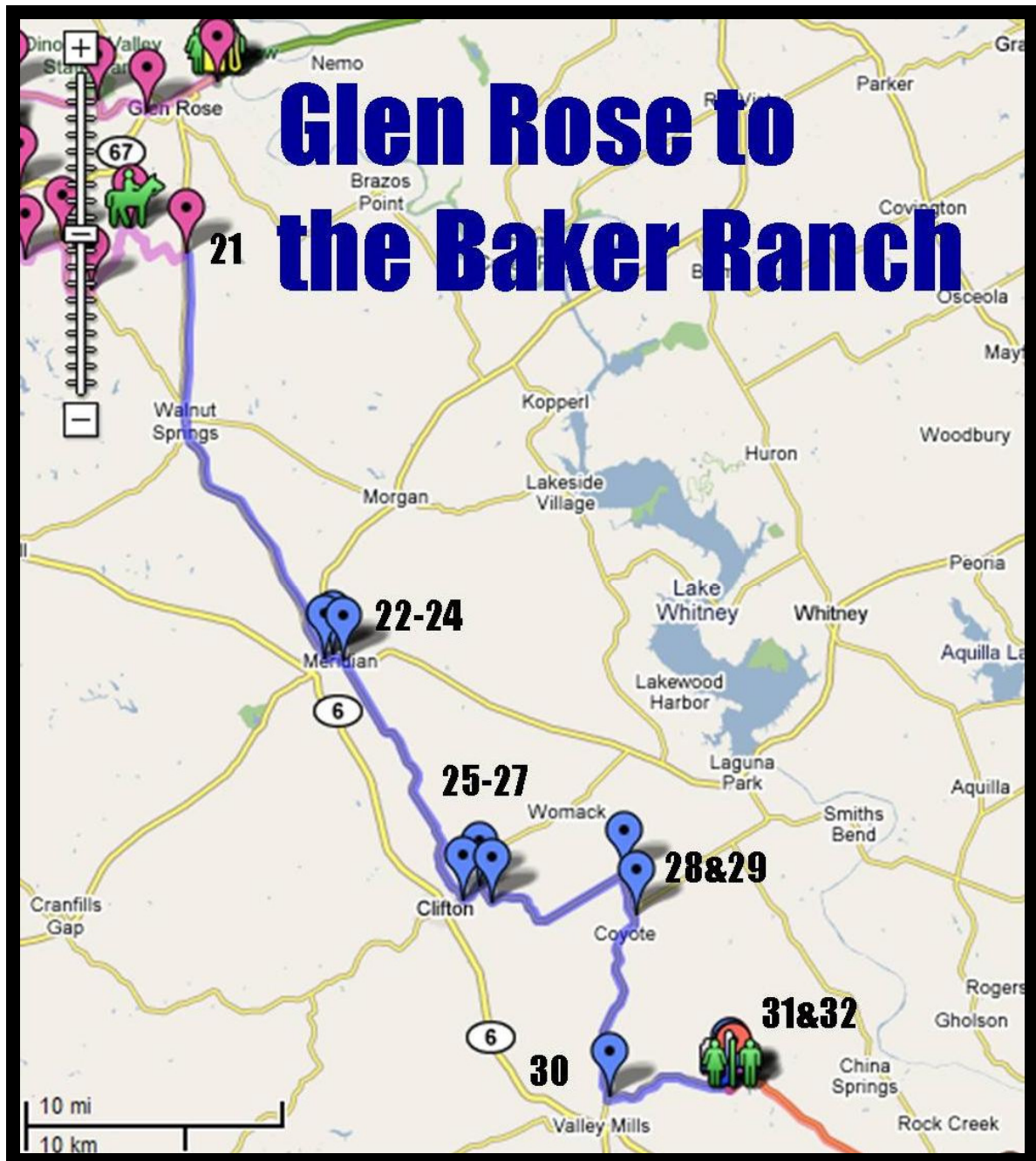


- Turn #21: (30.6 Mi)** Turn right at the stop sign onto 144

If you just wanted a nice morning drive with the club, you can turn left here to head back to Glen Rose on 114 (Austin Rd). Turn right in downtown Glen Rose on Barnard Rd. and follow it around to 67. A right turn there will take you back to the Exxon.

The roads from this point on are a bit less twisty, but still very scenic. You get a rest for the next 30 minutes or so. Lots of fun yet to be had.





You get a bit of a breather from the twisty roads for the first bit of this leg of our trip, but you will still get an eye-full of the Texas countryside.

We are on our way past the Baker Family Ranch. They have a beautiful grass airstrip where in previous years, we stopped for a group photo. Unfortunately, this year the Baker's can't be with us, so we will bypass that section this year.

Turn #22: (48.4 Mi) In the little town of Meridian, turn left onto 22 / 2840 / W. Morgan St.

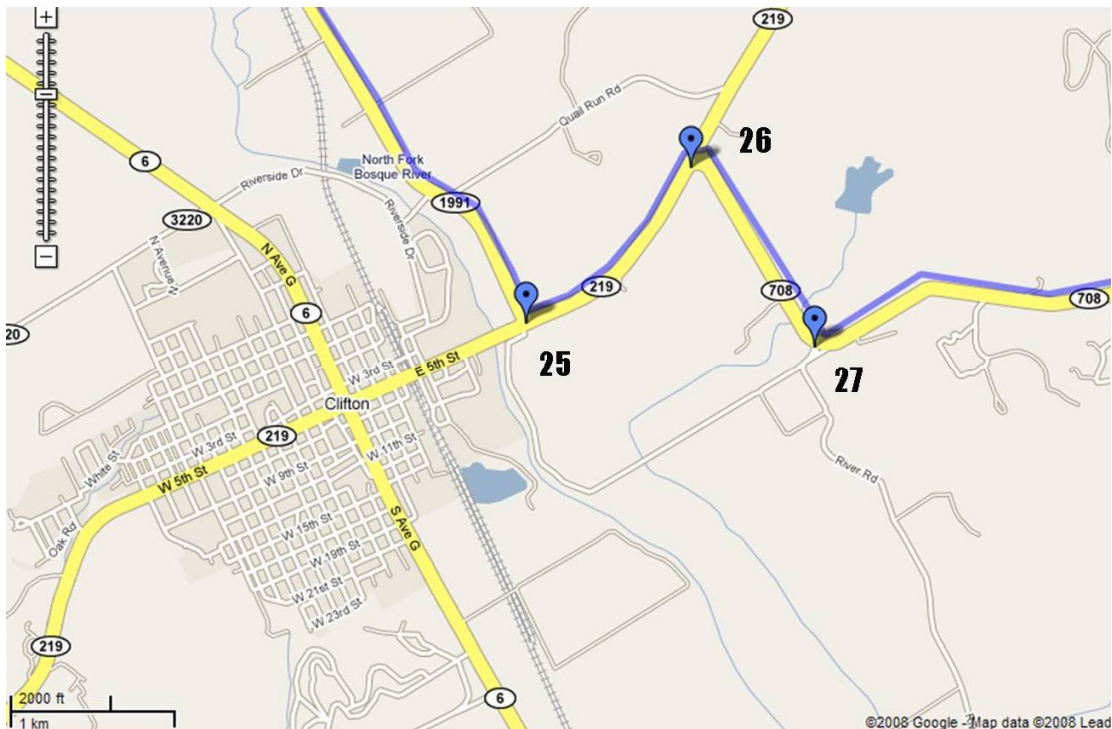
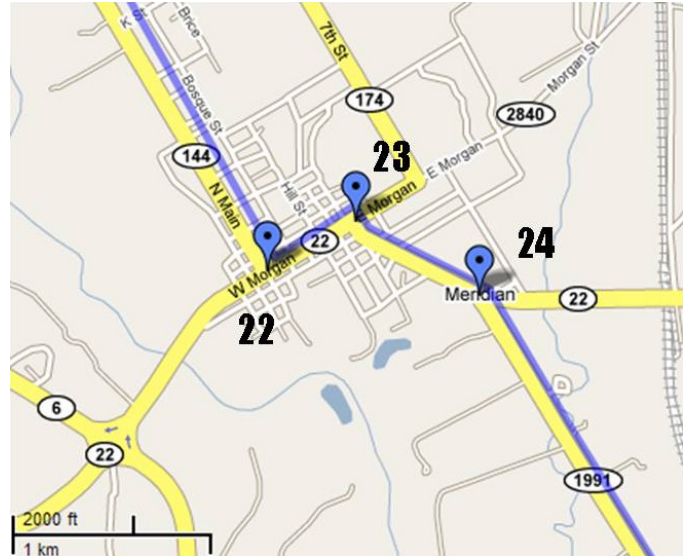
Turn #23: (48.7 Mi) Turn Right at S. Cleveland, following 22

Turn #24: (49.1 Mi) Turn right onto 1991. 3.3 miles in from this turn (at 52.4 on the trip meter), there are some rough-ish RR tracks. Please SLOW DOWN!

Turn #25: (60.4 Mi) Near Clifton, Turn left onto 219 / E. 5th St

Turn #26: (61.2 Mi) Turn right onto 708

Turn #27: (61.5 Mi) Bear left, following 708



Turn #28: (68.6 Mi) Just north of the town of Coyote, turn right, following 708

Turn #29: (70.1 Mi) Turn right/straight at yield onto 56. BE SURE TO STOP AT THIS INTERSECTION! There usually isn't much traffic on 56, but BE CAREFUL!

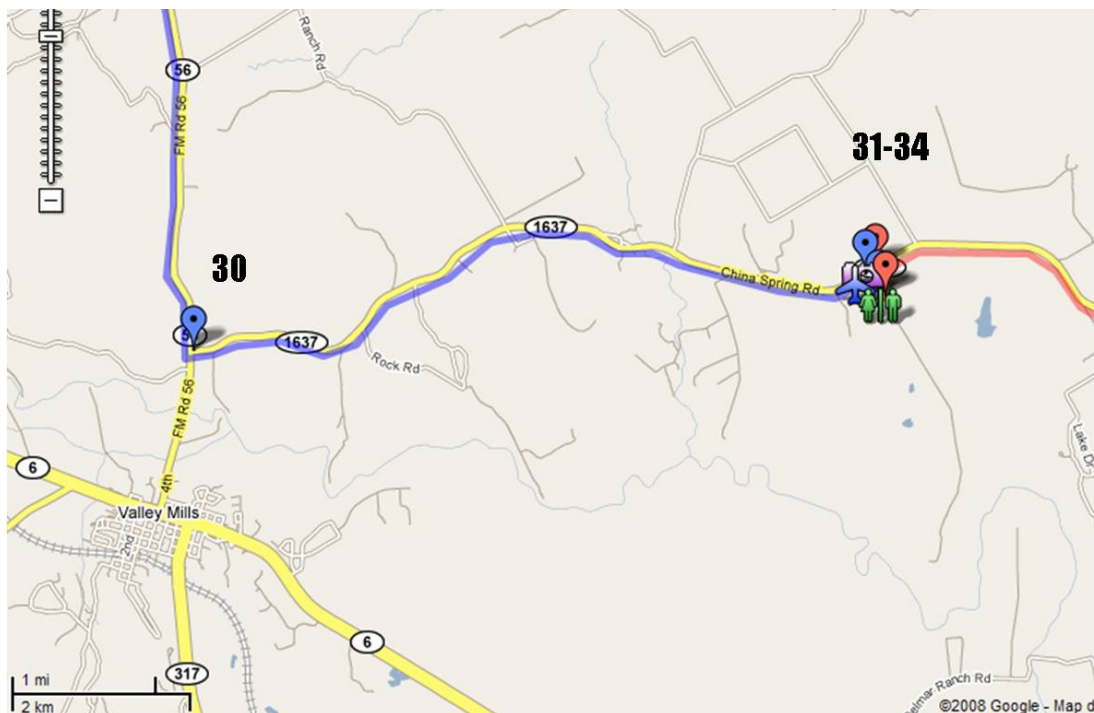
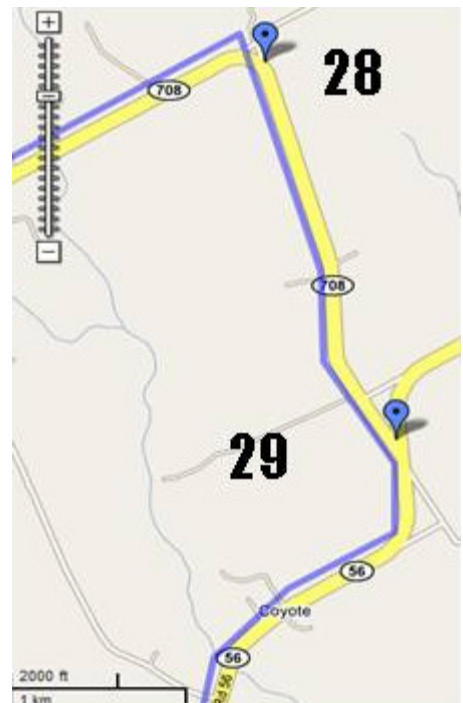
Turn #30: (77.8 Mi) Turn left onto 1637 / China Springs Rd. The turn is at the bottom of a hill, so you have to keep a sharp look-out to spot it.

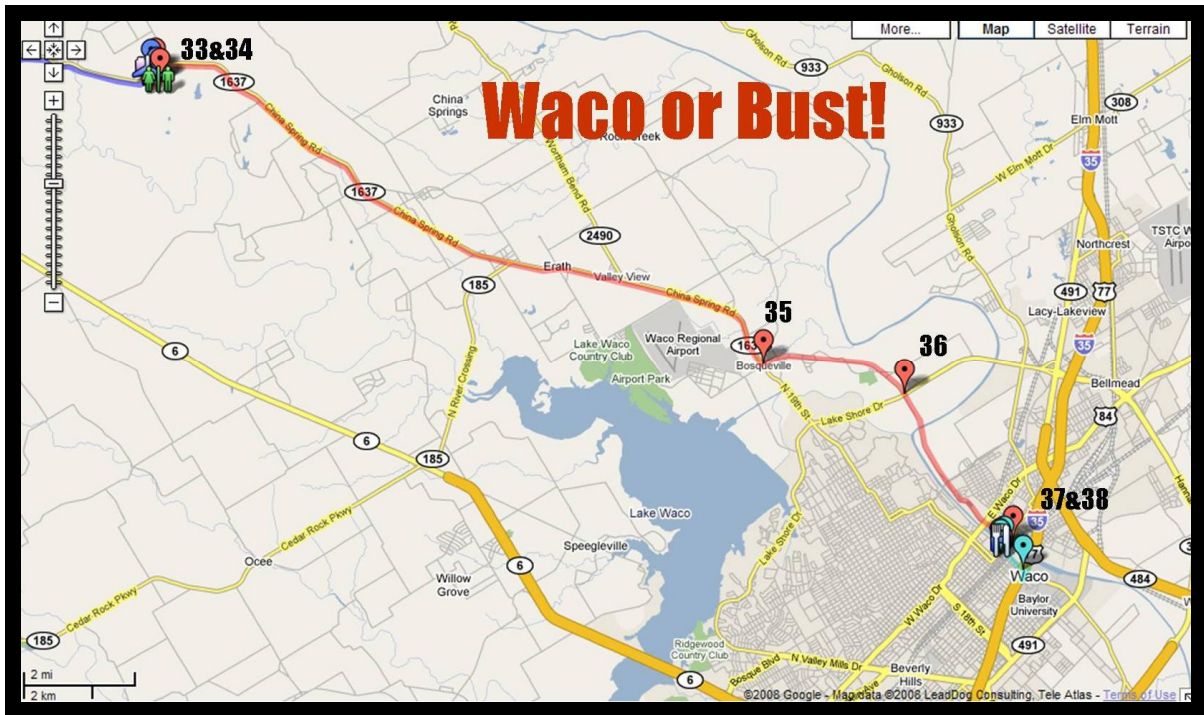
Turn #31: (85.4 Mi) Turn right onto Bend of the Bosque Rd.

We may not make this stop... the airstrip is grass and if there has been much rain, it will be too muddy. The decision to stop or skip will be announced on the day of the drive.

If we skip the stop at the Baker Ranch, we will not execute turns #31 through #34

Turn #32: (85.5 Mi) Turn right onto the Baker Ranch Road and park in line on the airstrip.





Woo Hoo! Waco!

Now that we are all back together again, we will make the final 30+ minute drive into Waco and end our journey at the Elite Circle Grill.

There are traffic lights along the way, so it is almost assured that the group will get broken up as we get closer to Waco. If you haven't been paying much attention to the maps and instructions so far, now is a good time to start. Depending on when the light turns from green to red, you just might wind up being the leader of a smaller group of cars and if you get them lost, the event is sure to be documented on the internet for the rest of eternity!

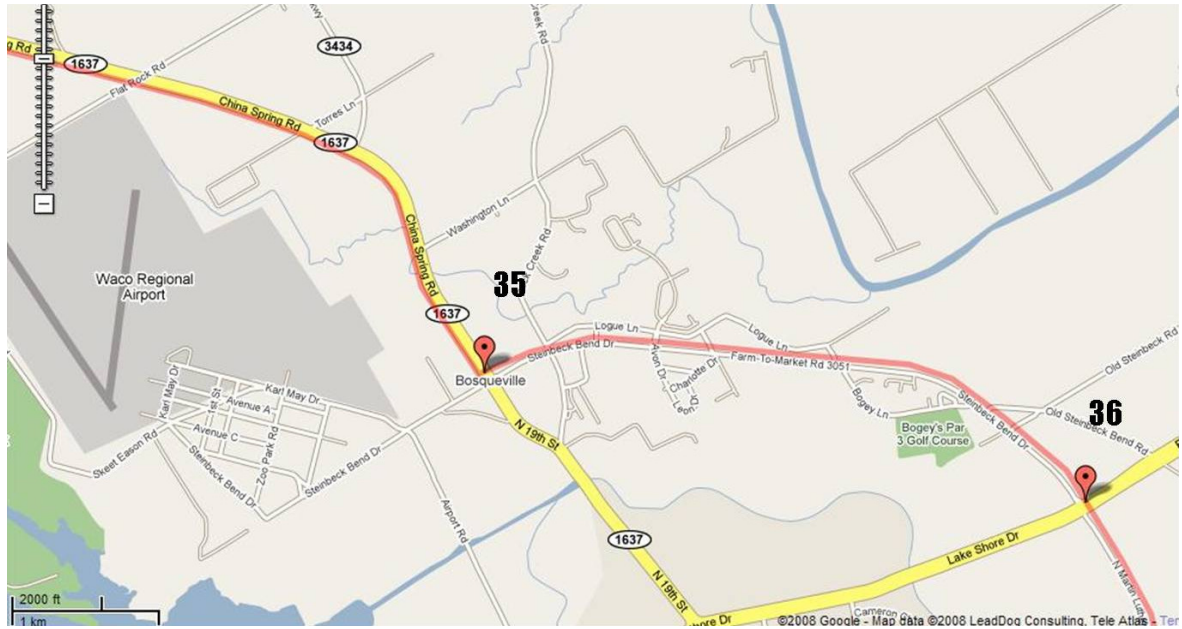
If we didn't stop at the Baker Ranch, ignore Turns #33 and #34.

Turn #33: (85.6 Mi) Turn left out of the airstrip onto Baker Rd.

Turn #34: (85.7 Mi) Turn right onto 1637 / China Springs Rd.

Turn #35: (96.5 Mi) Turn left onto Steinbeck Bend Dr / FTM 3051, just after the Waco Regional Airport

Turn #36: (99.3 Mi) Continue straight at Lake Shore Drive onto N. MLK Jr. Blvd / N. Lake Brazos Dr.

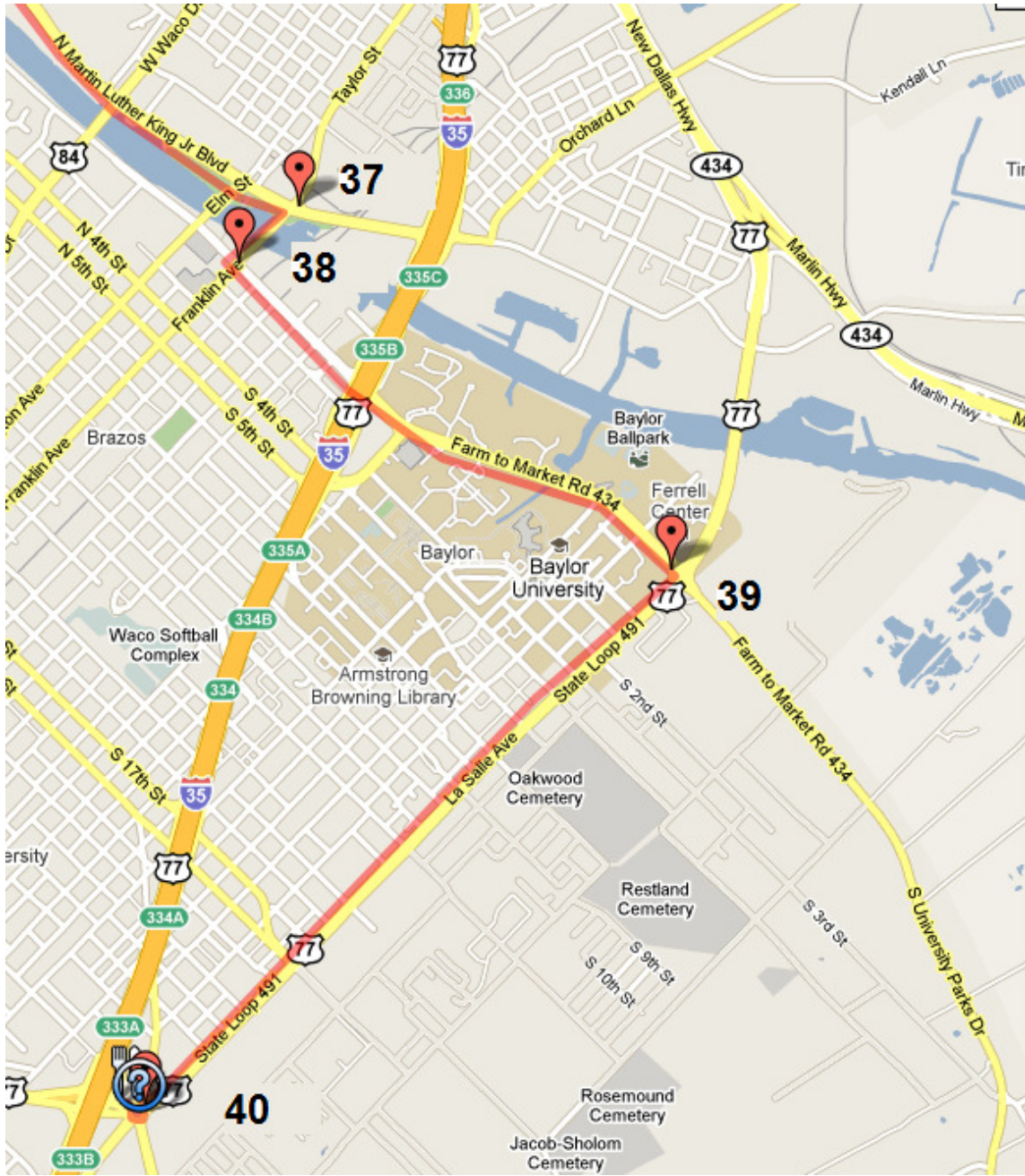



Turn #37: (102.3 Mi) Turn right onto Franklin Ave / Taylor St.

Turn #38: (102.6 Mi) Turn left onto S University Parks Drive / FTM 434

Turn #39: (104.1 Mi) Turn right onto S La Salle Ave / State Loop 491, just past the gold domed roof of the Ferrell Center. You will have your own turn lane on the right.

Turn #40: (106.3 Mi) Turn right onto Texas' largest traffic circle. Be careful as people in the US aren't used to these. Loop around a few times for fun, then pull into the Elite Circle Grill for lunch!



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7	0.1	Turn left at the traffic light onto 67
8	3.0	Turn right onto 205 / 59, following the sign to "Dinosaur Valley State Park"
9	5.8	Bear left at the un-naturally orange dinosaur to stay on 205
10	9.1	Turn left onto CR 1004
11	11.1	Follow CR1004 to the left  The next right turn is off-camber and has a hidden cattle crossing The marked 'Dip' at the bottom of the hill is severe. SLOW DOWN!
12	12.5	Turn right onto CR 1005
13	13.3	Turn left / straight at the stop sign onto 51
14	14.3	Turn left with 51
15	15.1	Turn left at the T onto 67
16	16.5	Turn right onto CR 2011 (unmarked)
17	19.6	Turn left onto CR 2012
18	21.2	Turn right at the stop sign onto 203
19	24.0	At the top of the hill, turn left onto CR 2009
20	27.1	Turn right at the stop sign onto CR 2008 (llama farm on left, after turn)
21	30.6	Turn right at the stop sign onto 144
22	48.4	In Meridian, turn left onto 22 / 2840 / W. Morgan St.
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27	61.5	Bear left, following 708
28	68.6	Turn right, following 708
29	70.1	Turn right /straight at yield onto 56 – COME TO FULL STOP AND LOOK SHARP!
30	77.8	Turn left onto 1637 / China Springs Rd. at bottom of hill
31	85.4	Turn right onto Bend of the Bosque Rd (Weather Permitting)
32	85.5	Turn right onto Baker Ranch airstrip (Baker Rd) (Weather Permitting)
33	85.6	Turn left off of Baker Rd. onto Bend of the Bosque Rd (Weather Permitting)
34	85.7	Turn right onto 1637 (Weather Permitting)
35	96.5	Turn left onto Steinbeck Bend Dr / FTM 3051, just after Waco Airport
36	99.3	Continue straight at Lake Shore Dr onto N MLK Jr. Blvd / N Lake Brazos Dr
37	102.3	Turn right onto Franklin Ave / Taylor St
38	102.6	Turn left onto S. University Parks Dr. / FTM 434
39	104.1	Turn right onto S. La Salle Ave / State Loop 491, just past the Ferrell Center
40	106.3	Turn right into the traffic circle and then turn right into the Elite Circle Grill.