



Ghost Bridge Run

October 25, 2014

It's almost Halloween, so we've thrown in a spooky ride. The Old Alton Bridge is well known to locals for the stories of the ghost of the 'Goat Man' who was murdered there. On the way there, we will be learning more about the local ghosts in the downtown area, stopping for malts and shakes at Mr. Frosty, then continuing on some of the best kept secret roads in North Texas on the way to the bridge.

1. Turn Right (east) onto Colorado Blvd. After the Stop Sign Colorado becomes Mayhill Rd. and curves left (north). Continue on Mayhill Rd.
2. Turn Left (west) onto Morse St. There are two small bridges in the field on the left that have been moved here to be preserved.
3. Cross over Hwy 288 and continue on Shady Oaks Dr.
4. Go around small traffic circle and continue Left onto Teasley Ln.
5. Turn Right (north) on Hwy 77 Dallas Dr.
6. Just after the RR bridge, there is a tricky left turn followed by an immediate Right turn onto Locust St. WE WILL PAUSE AND WAIT FOR EVERYONE TO CATCH UP.
7. Entering haunted territory! See attachment for more complete discussion of the ghosts of Denton.
8. Look left as you cross Sycamore Street to see the old Le Blair Hotel. There will be a better view as we come back down the other side.
9. The Abbey Inn on the south east corner of the square is said to be haunted by Shamus.
10. The courthouse square has the grave of John Denton who is said to haunt the square late at night.
11. Andy's Bar on the north east corner is said to have two ghosts, a little girl named Sarah and an unnamed man.
12. The Opera House is said to have ghosts that talk to you behind your back, tap your shoulder and pull books from the shelves, especially in the upper floor.
13. One block north of the square, the Dude is said to haunt the old recording studio on the left.
14. Turn Left (west) on McKenney St.
15. Turn Left (south) on Elm St.
16. Coming back down Elm street into the square again, the Fine Arts building and both buildings on either side all have their ghosts, as does the McBride Pawn store on W. Oak Street on the north side of the square.
17. The low white building on the right just south of the square is the original hospital for the area and many people report hearing babies from the past still crying there.
18. As you cross Sycamore, there is a better view of the Le Blair hotel.

19. Follow Elm St. (Hwy 377) out of town and around the curve.
20. Turn Left (south) at the light to continue on 377.
21. Cross under Hwy 35.
22. Mr. Frosty will be on the left in one block. STOP FOR A MALT!
23. Turn Right (south) back onto 377.
24. Turn Left (south) at the light for FM 1830.
25. Just around a curve after you cross the creek, make a hard left onto Hilltop Rd. This will be the driving jewel of the run, very curvy, tree shrouded and some good but quick views from the hill top.
26. Turn Left (east) at the T intersection with Old Alton Rd.
27. Turn Left (north) at the T intersection with Copper Canyon Rd.
28. Just after you cross the bridge, turn Right into the parking lot for Old Alton Bridge. CAUTION this is a gravel parking lot, very dusty.
29. THERE WILL BE A BREAK AT THE OLD ALTON BRIDGE
30. Turn Left (south) out of the parking lot on Copper Canyon Rd.
31. Turn Right (west) onto Old Alton Rd. (brief backtracking but interesting view from other direction)
32. Follow around bend to left.
33. Turn Right(west) at Hickory Hill Rd.
34. After switch back, turn Right (north) on Fincher Rd.
35. Turn Left (north) on FM 1830.
36. Merge with Country Club Rd and continue North on FM 1830.
37. Just before meeting up with Hwy 377 Turn Right (east) on Hobson Ln.
38. Turn Right (east) at 2181 Teasley Ln.
39. Turn Left (north) on Lillian Miller Pkwy. Cross under Hwy 35.
40. Turn Right (south) on Colorado Blvd
41. Turn Right into hotel parking lot.

