

## **Horse Country Run**

October 25, 2014

North Texas is home to some of the best horse ranches west of the Mississippi. We plan to drive through the premier area north east of Denton. This run will have some of everything North Texas has to offer for rides; lake views, horse views, cattle views, scenic vistas, flowing plains, Miatas, etc. Driver's Meeting 8:45AM hotel parking lot Depart 9:00 AM hotel parking lot

- 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 E. McKinney St (FM 426).
- 3. Turn Right (north) on Hwy 288
- 4. Take exit for FM 438. Turn Right (north) onto FM438.
- 5. Turn Left (north) onto FM 2153 just before the bend.
- 6. Turn Right (north) onto Running Bear Rd.
- 7. Turn Right (east) onto Hwy 455 and go over the dam. Great view of lake on left and valley on right.
- 8. Turn Right (south) onto St. John Rd. across from the entrance to the state park. This road winds through some of the best horse ranches.
- 9. Cross over RR track and Hwy 377. CAREFUL, there are some pot holes here!
- 10. Turn Left (north) onto Friendship Rd.
- 11. Turn Left (north) onto Foutch Rd. Heads up, after a sharp turn there will be a quick left.
- 12. Turn Left (west) onto Dane Rd.
- 13. Turn Right (north) onto Stiles Rd.
- 14. Turn Left (west onto Foutch Rd. (yes it is the same one but the path was more fun!)
- 15. Turn Right onto Hwy 377. CAREFUL, there will be construction here. We will proceed through Pilot Point and meet just out of town at the EXXON station on the left.
- 16. PIT STOP AT EXXON STATION.
- 17. Depart EXXON, Turn Left (north) onto HWY 377. There will be bridges and lake views.
- 18. Pass through the town of Tioga (known as the birth place of Audey Murphy.
- 19. Turn Left (west) onto Hwy 922. More views of the lake and the beginning of some vistas. This will be a long stretch as we travel across the top of our journey to head down the other side of Denton.
- 20. Cross under Hwy 35 and pass through Valley View. More long views.
- 21. Turn Left (south) onto Hwy 51.

- 22. Just after the bend turn Left (south) onto CR 365. CAUTION, there are some rough spots and one five foot section of gravel.
- 23. Turn Left (east) at the T intersection with Gregory Rd.
- 24. The road will curve Right (south) at Lois Rd.
- 25. Continue straight (south) onto Sam Bass Rd when Lois Rd exits to the left.
- 26. Jog Left then Right to cross Hwy 455 and continue on Sam Bass Rd. There will be a left over iron bridge at the crossing of Clear Creek that has been forgotten.
- 27. Turn Right (south) at the T intersection at Rector Rd.
- 28. Cross over Hwy 156 and continue on Rector Rd.
- 29. Turn Right (west) at the T intersection with Ganzer Rd.
- 30. Turn Left (south) at the T intersection with Hopkins Rd.
- 31. Turn Left (east) at the T intersection with FM 1173.
- 32. Turn Right (south) onto the HWY 35 Service Rd.
- 33. Turn Right (west) onto Hwy 288. This will circle around and cross over Hwy 35.

ALTERNATE ENDING: Continue on Service Rd and get onto Hwy 35. Take exit at Hwy 377 and turn south one block to go to Mr. Frosty for a Malt!

- 34. Turn Left (south) on Colorado Blvd.
- 35. Turn Right (south) into hotel parking lots.

