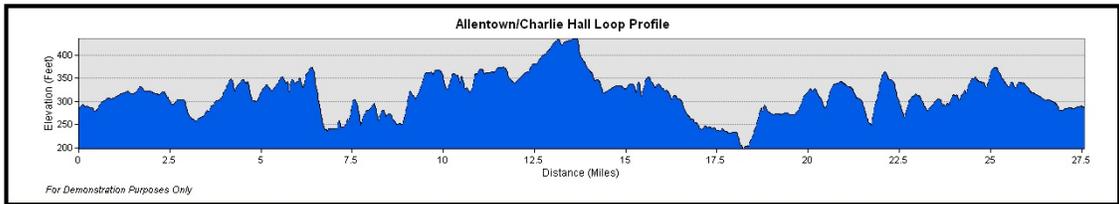
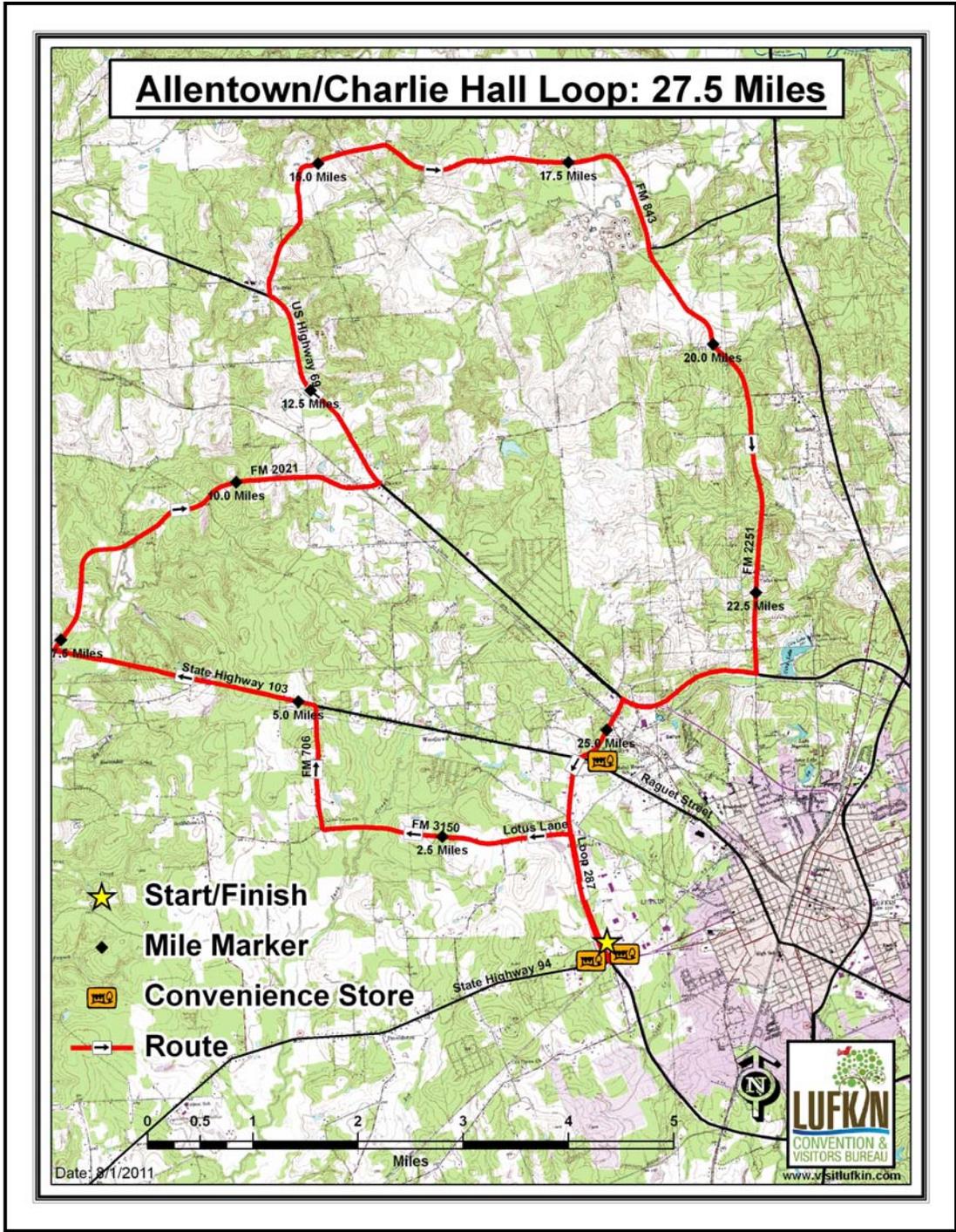

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Lufkin & Angelina County Bicycle Route

Total Miles: 27.5



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Route Directions: Allentown/Charlie Hall Loop

Segment Distance (miles)	Direction of Turn	Road Traveled	Total Distance (miles)
Start		Carpenter's Way Baptist Church (400 N John Redditt Drive)	0.0
1.1	Right heading North	N John Redditt Drive/Loop 287	1.1
0.7	Left heading West	Lotus Lane/Farm-To-Market Road 1194	1.8
1.7	Continue Straight	Farm-To-Market Road 3150	3.5
1.2	Right heading North	Farm-To-Market Road 706	4.7
2.5	Left heading West	State Highway 103	7.2
4.0	Right heading Northeast	Farm-To-Market Road 2021	11.2
2.1	Left heading Northwest	US Highway 69	13.3
5.4	Right heading North, East, and South	Farm-To-Market Road 843	18.7
4.4	Veer Right heading South	Farm-To-Market Road 2251	23.1
4.4	Right heading West and South	Ellen Trout Drive/Loop 287	27.5
Finish		Carpenter's Way Baptist Church (400 N John Redditt Drive)	27.5

Emergency Contact Information:

Angelina County Sheriffs Office	(936) 634-3331
Lufkin Police/Fire/EMS	(936) 633-0356
Memorial Health System of East Texas - Lufkin	(936) 634-8111
Woodland Heights Medical Center - Lufkin	(936) 634-8311
Checkerboard Taxi	(936) 639-4911

Route Summary:

The Allentown/Charlie Hall Loop is named after the small community of Allentown and the late Charlie Hall who was an avid Cyclist, Mentor, Wrench (Bike Mechanic), Friend & all-around good-guy. Many of Angelina Bicycle Club members have fond memories of Mr. Hall, and wanted to honor his contributions to the cycling community.

This is not a very long route, but still provides a great workout for cyclists. This route is featured as a 25 mile route for the Pineywoods Purgatory Event every year. There are numerous small hills that will help riders pick up steam, as well as challenge them to climb. The scenery can be really nice at times with traditional farm and pasturelands, and wooded areas.

Start/Finish:

This route begins at Carpenter's Way Baptist Church at 400 N John Redditt Drive. The only times when cyclist should not park at the church is during worshipping hours which are Sunday mornings, Monday nights, Tuesday mornings, and Wednesday nights. For further information regarding appropriate parking times please call the church at (936) 632-6599. If cyclists need to use the **restroom** or pick up supplies before departing, it is suggested that they use one of the convenience stores located on the corner of Loop 287/John Redditt Drive and Highway 94. There are facilities on both sides of the Loop and are within a 0.25 quarter mile of the starting/finishing point.

Resources:

It is advised that all cyclists obtain the appropriate food and water resources before departing. Distances between commercial resources to restock can be vast, and therefore can result in an unpleasant experience if

cyclists are not prepared. There are convenience stores located throughout the route, and are identified on the map. Riders should plan to utilize these resources in order to rest, refuel, and use the restroom.

Special Considerations:

Angelina County offers great opportunities for cyclist to experience the Pineywoods Region of East Texas. However, there are special considerations that need to be taken in order to ensure a pleasant and memorable ride. Such considerations include numerous water crossings, narrow roads, and agricultural activities.

Water Crossings

Angelina County is fortunate to have many streams, rivers, and lakes but this can cause unsafe road conditions for cyclist. The narrow bridges that cross these features often have no shoulders which can lead to close interactions between motorists and cyclists. The most notable for this particular route are the stream crossings along the Farm-to-Market Roads.

Narrow Roads

With the exception of Highway 103, Highway 69, and Loop 287 the other Farm-to Market Roads do not provide a wide shoulder for cyclist to ride on. These roads can also have narrow turns that limit visibility, and have rough surfaces. Cyclists are encouraged to ride single file when encountering these obstacles.

Agricultural Activities

Farming, ranching, and logging are important economic activities that occur throughout Angelina County. These industries require large trucks that haul substantial loads; especially on the narrow Farm-to Market Roads. These large trucks make it difficult to provide plenty of room for cyclist, and they can often times shed various debris. Cyclists are encouraged to ride with a mirror so they can see these obstacles coming.

Safety:

The Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau, and its affiliates, assume no responsibility to the cyclists who wish to partake in this activity. They also do not provide any guarantees regarding the accuracy of the proposed mileage and road conditions. Every cyclist is responsible for confirming the route and ensuring their own safety.

The proposed route does utilize public roads that are open to motor vehicle traffic, and therefore cyclists should obey all traffic laws and ride at their own risk.

It is highly recommended that all cyclists use extreme caution when riding, wear helmets, and have rear view mirrors.

Despite the convenience stores located on this route, cyclist should still carry their own food and water, emergency supplies, cell phone, and some form of personal identification.

Climatic conditions can also change suddenly and therefore cyclist should plan accordingly.

Always let someone know where you are going and your approximate departure and arrival times.

Enjoy the Ride!

For any comments or updates to this ride, please contact Aaron Friar, LCVB Trails Coordinator at 936-633-0364 or afriar@cityoflufkin.com