
Allentown/Charlie Hall Loop Alternative

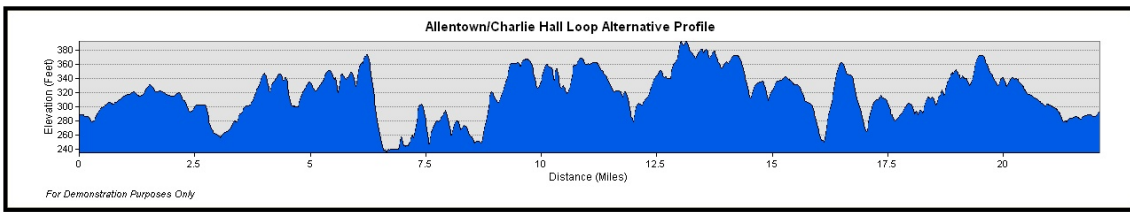
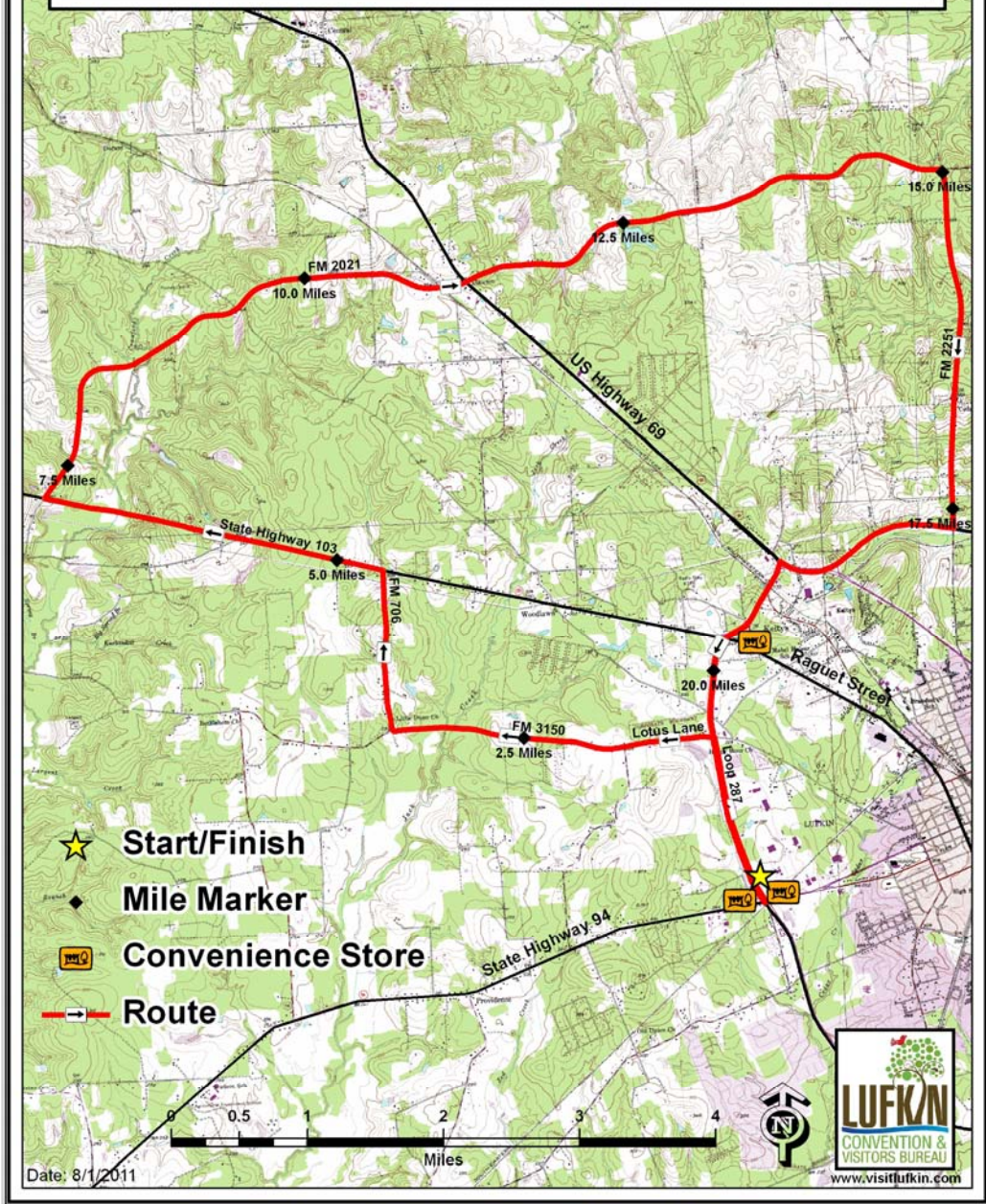
Lufkin & Angelina County Bicycle Route

Total Miles: 22



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Route Directions: Allentown/Charlie Hall Loop Alternative

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
7.7	Right heading Northeast	Farm-To-Market Road 2021	14.9
2.7	Right heading South	Farm-To-Market Road 2251	17.6
4.4	Right heading West and South	Ellen Trout Drive/Loop 287	22.0
Finish		Carpenter’s Way Baptist Church (400 N John Redditt Drive)	22.0

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 Alternative takes 5.5 miles off the original Allentown/Charlie Hall Loop, and avoids the busy Highway 69. This gives riders the opportunity to enjoy more of the scenery along the less traveled Farm-to Market Roads. There are still great hills to overcome along this route, especially along Farm-to-Market Road 2021. During this portion, riders will increase and decrease in elevation many times. This will help keep the heart rate going because there is not much time to rest between each climb.

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 worshiping 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 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