



**REAL ALE**

**RIDE 20  
22**

**UP THE HILLS • DOWN THE BEERS**

# Participant Guide

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## **ABOUT THE RIDE**

The Real Ale Ride is rolling through the scenic hills of Blanco, TX again on Saturday, October 29, 2022. It's a ride for all cyclists, with distances of 15, 30, 50, 60, and 75 miles to choose from. Routes are fully supported and they all end at Real Ale Brewing Company for a post-ride celebration with local beer, music, and food trucks.

## **OUR BENEFICIARIES**

Our beneficiaries this year are [The Friends of Blanco State Park](#) and [Blanco Fire/EMS](#).

## **PACKET PICKUP / LATE REGISTRATION**

Wednesday, October 26 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Spokesman - South  
440 E St Elmo Rd A-2, Austin, TX  
512.586.9657

Thursday, October 27: Online Registration Closes at 11:59 pm CST

Friday, October 28 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Real Ale Brewing Company  
2250 US-281, Blanco, TX 78606  
**\*\*Late Registration is \$110\*\***

Saturday, October 29 from 6:30 am to 8:30 am

Real Ale Brewing Company  
2250 US-281, Blanco, TX 78606  
***IMPORTANT: Please park first, and then pick up your packet.***  
**\*\*Late Registration is \$110\*\***

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Things to Do</b>
6:30 am	Parking OPENS	Please follow signage and volunteer instructions. Parking Directions are on page 5.
6:30 am	Onsite Registration/PPU OPENS	
7:10 am	Staging Begins	
7:30 am	75 milers START	
7:45 am	60 milers START	
8:00 am	50 milers START	
8:15 am	30 milers START	
8:30 am	15 milers START	
8:30 am	Onsite Registration/PPU Closes	
10:30 am	EXPO OPENS (food & drinks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Real Ale Beer Garden &amp; Tap Room open for service</li> <li>● Merchandise available for purchase in the Tap Room</li> <li>● Food available to purchase at food trucks</li> <li>● Vendor Booths: Austin Massage, Pickle Pops, Friends of Blanco State Park</li> </ul>
12:00 pm	Live Music Starts	
2:00 pm	Live Music Ends	
3:30 pm	<b>EXPO ENDS</b>	
8:00 pm	Venue Closes	

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## **PARKING**

Please park only in designated areas (see next page for map). There will be signage and volunteers to help direct you to the designated parking lots.

## **DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH**

If you are coming from the North, take 281 past Real Ale Brewing Company to 6th St. Turn Left on 6th St. and continue on to Sunset Ridge.

## **DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH**

If you are coming from the South, take 281 to 4th St. Turn Right on 4th St. and then turn Left on Live Oak. Continue on to Sunset Ridge.

**\*\*Please do not park off of Highway 281, at Express Auto Care, at Napa/CarQuest or at any surrounding businesses.\*\***

San Saba Court, the road leading up to the Real Ale Brewing Company, will be closed to ALL traffic from 6:00 am – 9:00 am. Any vehicle attempting to enter during these hours will be turned away.

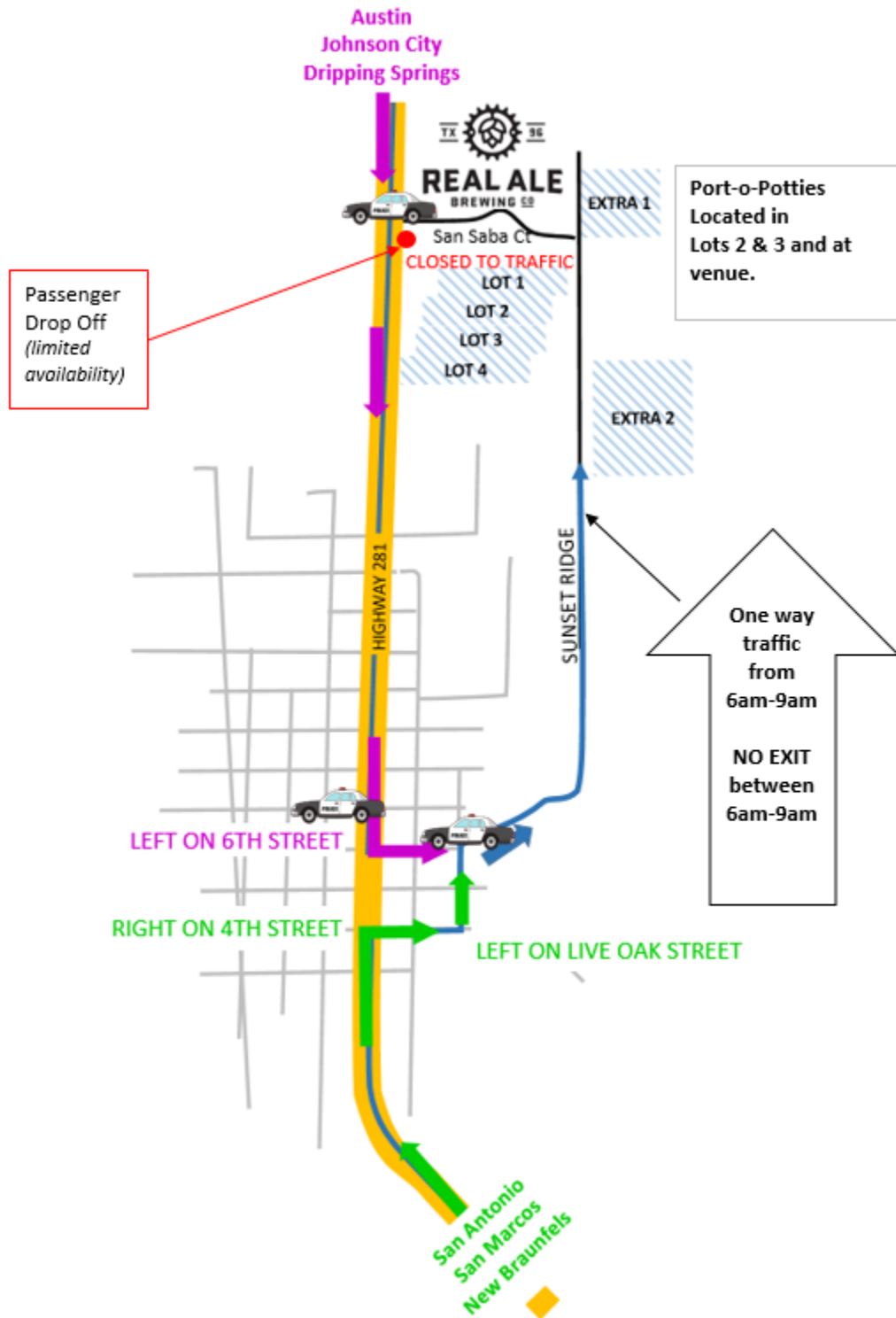
If you purchased a VIP Upgrade, you will receive separate instructions for parking.

## **PASSENGER DROP OFF**

There is a small drop off in front of Countywide Title Company. You may **not** leave your vehicle or your equipment unattended. This is for friends or family members dropping off participants.

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## PARKING MAP



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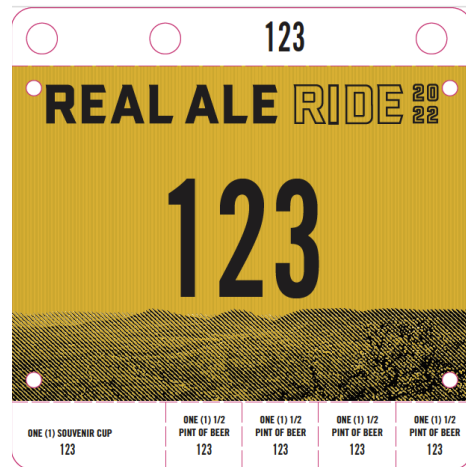
## YOUR RIDE BIB

ALL Participants will receive a bib.

Bibs must be worn on the back of your shirts/jerseys at all times on the course.

The bottom of your bib has a number of tear offs for your post event souvenir cup and beer!

**Don't lose these! They cannot be replaced.**



## **SPECIAL BIBS YOU'LL SEE ON THE COURSE**

Red Bibs identify the Bike Medics.

They are on course to help you with medical issues.



Blue Bibs identify the Air Force Cycling Team.

They are on the course to help with any mechanical issues.



## WHAT TO BRING

- Lights! *It will be dark when you arrive at the brewery, please be prepared with lights.*
- Bike helmet – *You will not be allowed on the bike course without it.*
- A bicycle in good condition.
- Cycling shoes, gloves, sunglasses, and other cycling accessories you need.
- Tire change kit, including tubes and pump or CO2 cartridges.
- Two water bottles or a hydration pack.
- A towel for post ride activities.
- Sunscreen and lip balm.
- Personal Nutrition – *We will have water, Gatorade and snacks on course. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own nutrition.*
- A photo ID.
- A photocopy of your medical insurance card.
- **CASH!** Food trucks, massages and merchandise may not be able to handle credit cards so be prepared and have some cash on hand.

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## **WEATHER AND SAFETY**

We reserve the right to delay the start, reduce the distances or cancel the event in the case of severe weather or unsafe road conditions. We will post any changes to the event on Facebook and the Real Ale Ride website as soon as a decision is made. We recommend that you check these channels for updates prior to your departure for this event.

The Real Ale Ride has experienced a number of weather conditions over the years. Participants should be prepared for hills, high winds, temperature changes throughout the day ranging from 40 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit, and/or heavy rain.

In the event of severe weather occurring during the ride, we ask each participant to take cover as best they can. Participants are responsible for their own safety and should use their best judgment in deciding whether or not to continue in severe weather.

## **SEVERE WEATHER PARKING PLAN**

The event parking is located on private unpaved property. If there are heavy rains in the days leading up to the event, the parking area may become too soggy for vehicle parking. In that event, we will re-route all event parking to an alternate area just off HWY 281. Please follow the directional signs when you come into the city.

Please do not come to the venue space with a vehicle.

## **SATURDAY MORNING THUNDER PLAN**

- If we hear thunder, there will be a 30-minute wait to release riders. Every occurrence of thunder will restart this clock.
- If the event starts 30 minutes late, we will remove the 60 & 75 mile routes – those riders will have the option of riding the 50 or 30 mile routes – the Turn at River Run will close.
- If the event starts 60 minutes late, we will remove the 50 mile route – Rest Stops #3 will close.
- If the decision is made to delay the event 90 minutes or more, we will cancel the ride.



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## **RIDE COURSE**

### **RIDE WITH GPS MAPS / GPX FILES**

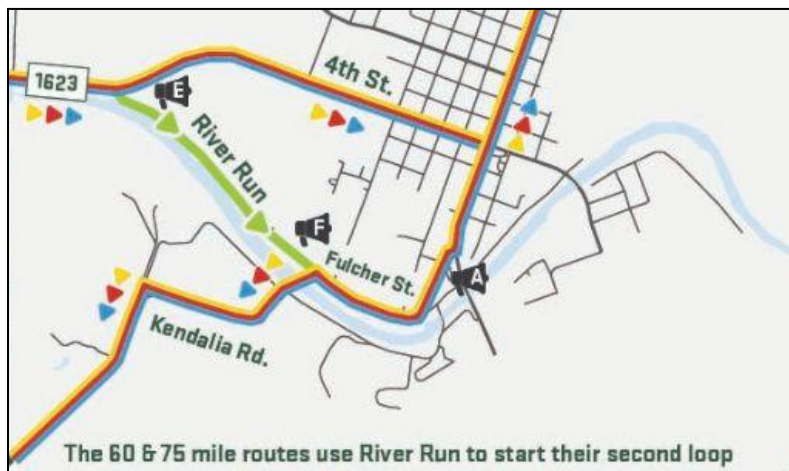
Routes will be marked, but you can also [view the routes on Ride with GPS here](#).

To obtain a GPX file, click on "EXPORT" in the upper left. Then click on "GPX Track (.gpx)".

### **NEW 60 MILE & 75 MILE ROUTES!**

75 mile riders will start with the 50 mile loop, but instead of heading back to the brewery after Rest Stop 4, they will turn right on River Rd and then right onto Kendalia Rd to continue on the 30 mile course.

60 mile riders will also start with the 50 mile loop, turn right on River Rd and then right onto Kendalia Rd, and then continue on the 15 mile course.



### **HOW TO CROSS CATTLE GUARDS**

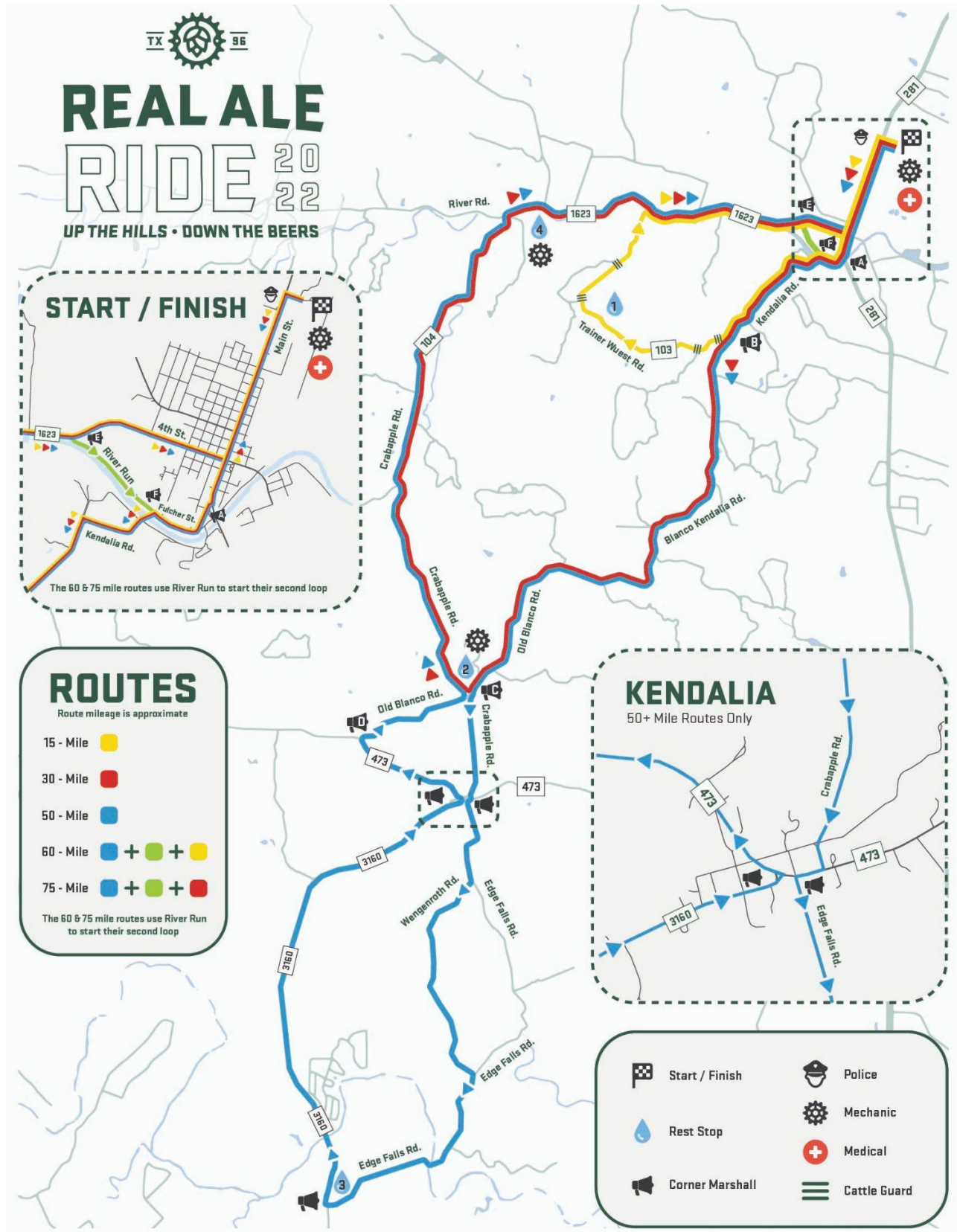
So here are some tips to help you safely cross a cattle guard.

- As you approach there should be a sign saying cattle guard ahead.
- Look for cows, very important!
- Head into the cattle guard straight on.
- Do not apply your brakes while crossing the guard.
- Keep a good speed while going across—momentum is your friend.
- Relax but have a good grip on your handle bars. Hold your handle bars nice and straight. Stop pedaling before you get to the cattle guard, then coast across.

If you have cattleguardaphobia signal that you're stopping and dismount your bike carefully. Walk across the cattle guard on the right (careful, this can be tricky in clipless road shoes). Stop for a bit and enjoy the scenery before proceeding!

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## COURSE MAP



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## VENUE MAP

