



# WINDBUSTERS

September 2022



## Important Dates:

- ♦ Sept 17-18 Fort Davis Cyclefest
- ♦ Sept 24 & 25 Tx State Road Race
- ♦ October 15 Marfa 100

Check out [Wheelbrothers.com](http://Wheelbrothers.com) for a list of rides in Texas.

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**Trail Conditions** - The recent cooler temperatures and much needed rainfall have generally been good for the local trails. The rain at the Midland Trail Park firmed up the sandy sections as well as the berms. The Odessa Mountain Bike Park has also benefited from the rain; however, the rainwater has pooled in some areas and some sections of trail (such as “Twisty”) have several soft, muddy intervals. The MTB Park Management does its best to quickly close the parks when the trails become muddy. We do this to prevent the creation of deep “ruts” in the trails and berms from bike tires. Once a berm gets damaged, it takes a lot of volunteer effort to repair. We also close the park so we can inspect for any dangerous erosional washouts. Additionally, we reopen the parks as soon as we deem the park safe and that the trail has sufficiently dried. Even if the park has not yet been closed, please do not ride the trail if it just rained and the trails are muddy.

We try to timely post when the park is closed and when it is re-opened on the PBBA Facebook page (Friends of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association). As a rule of thumb, if the OMBP park receives  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch of rain or more in a single day, we will likely need to close the park. The Midland Trail Park can handle the rain better because the soil is sandier. However, there is often water flowing over the north end of the park and across the road on the south end of the park after every significant rain. See the pics provided by Dan Voecks during one of the recent rains



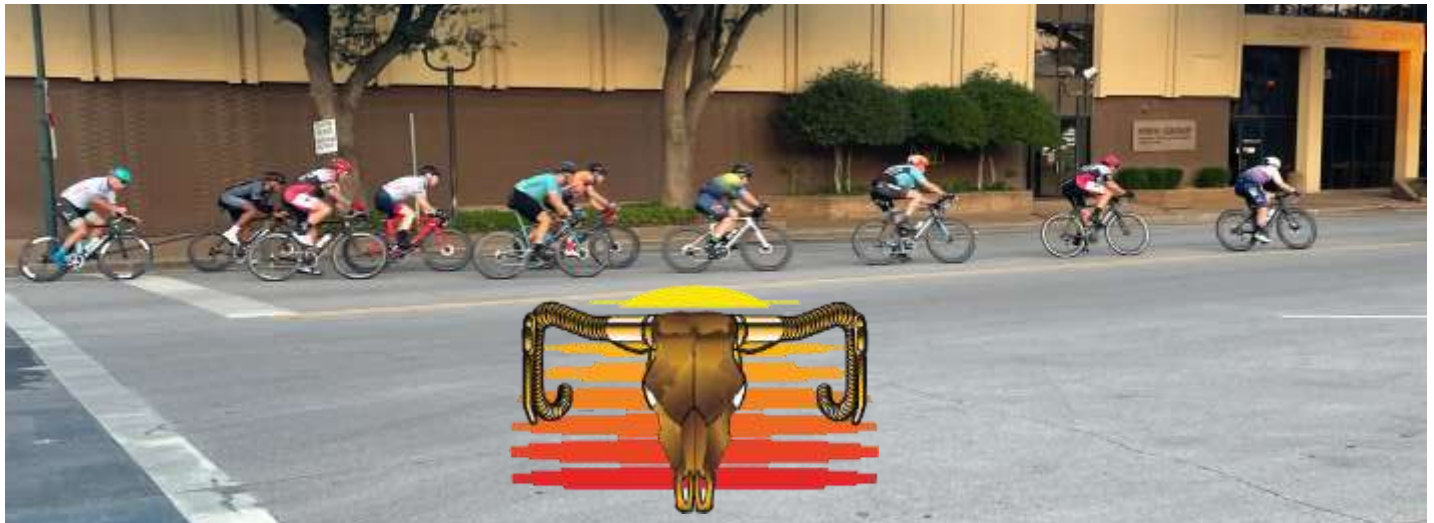
**The Odessa Compass Academy Charter School** Cross – Country running team recently reached out to the PBBA inquiring if their team could train at the OMBP. Upon discussing the request with PBBA board members, it was decided to allow the team to use the park starting now and through the end of their season. The PBBA waived membership fees however the team agreed to attend one of our workdays this fall. All the kids and their guardians signed the PBBA waiver. The student athletes will primarily be training around K2 hill so please keep an eye out for them and cheer them on when you ride by.



**Group MTB Rides** – **Marissa Ashton** started a women’s MTB group ride on Thursday evenings at Midland Trail Park. **Stephanie Ledford** with Buffalo Burrs Bike Shop has been sharing ride leader duties with Marissa. Also, **Bradley Benavides** has been organizing an open MTB ride on Tuesday evenings and he is posting the time and ride location on Facebook weekly. Bradley’s rides can take place at either park so check Facebook for specifics.

**Pump Track** - The WTTA is working towards adding a paved pump track at the Midland Trail Park. A generous donation from the Beal Foundation has provided the WTTA with the funds for this project. Jeff Ledford has been communicating with different companies that build pump tracks nationwide. The WTTA is working toward getting construction started before year end.

**Jump Line** – As previously reported, the PBBA received approval earlier in the summer for a jump line at the Midland Trail Park. Much of the dirt work has been completed thanks to Salazar Services, Flatland Energy Services and Peyton’s Bikes, who contributed their time and equipment to these projects at no cost to the PBBA. **Justin Thompson** hopes to start building the platform and take off ramp this fall. We anticipate having the jump line completed before the end of the year.



# Hotter' N Hell

Several riders from the Permian Basin braved the heat in Wichita Falls.







The Saturday Holy Cross Ride crowd is looking a little younger lately. Matt Rodriguez and Ryland Daniel are keeping pace with the adults and out riding a few adults.



Latitude Racing's Lil Kids Ride is providing fun riding opportunities for youngsters. Watch Friends of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association Facebook page for information. The ride occurs every other Tuesday.



WTGO Cycling was successful in having some four way stops erected on the Mission Mondays route in Odessa. Be sure to thank WTGO along with Francisco Javey and Allan Espina for working toward safer bike rides. The stops are now erected in the Mission Dorado area.

September 17  
Cyclefest Tour  
Prude Ranch, Fort Davis, TX

September 18  
Mt Locke Hill Climb

## Have you registered for Cyclefest yet?

Cyclefest is arguably the best and most scenic Bike Tour in the state of Texas with beautiful vistas, easy novice routes and challenging hills. **Cyclefest is a “must do” for every cyclist.**

The annual Cyclefest Bike Tour and Hill Climb is held in the scenic “Texas Alps” of West Texas in Fort Davis, Texas. The Tour provides three distance routes: **27, 55, and 76 miles**. The following day, race to the top of Mt Locke in a **1.5 or 6 mile hill climb!**

The event is staged at the historic **Prude Ranch in Fort Davis, TX.**



What can you find at the rest stop besides food and drink? In limited supplies:

A bicycle pump

Maybe a bike tube

Acetaminophen

Sunscreen

Antacid

Band-aids

Neosporin

Hand sanitizer



The following is pre-ride information that will be emailed to all registered riders prior to September 17.

- ◆ Come with cash and/ or checks in case our wifi is disrupted interfering with online payment availability
- ◆ Be patient with the community of Fort Davis. There is a large influx of people into the community this weekend that restaurants may be challenged to handle.
- ◆ Goatheads are everywhere. Carry your bike anytime that you are off pavement.
- ◆ Start your ride with at least 2 full water bottles, a tube or two and Co2 or a frame pump. There are bike pumps at the rest stops and SAG drivers should have pumps and extra tubes, but the tubes are not unlimited.
- ◆ Cell phone service is limited. There should be radio communication at each reststop.
- ◆ Please thank the rest stop volunteers.
- ◆ Bring folding/ camp chairs for the noon picnic.
- ◆ Hill /climb prize pick up on Sunday will be back at the race start.
- ◆ The online store should be open at registration if you missed the initial order opportunity for Cyclefest jerseys. There will be a limited number of jerseys for sale on a first come basis.

Please preregister for the event so you will be emailed updated information, map, tour notes, etc.



# Cyclefest Ride Rules



## Have identification on your person

Rest stop #	Open	Approximate close
1	8:30	12:30
2	9:00	11:30
3	9:30	1:00
4	10:30	2
5	11:00	2:30

Stay as far to right as practicable

Ride no more than two abreast- don't hinder motor traffic. If a car is approaching, give them room to pass!

Emergency vehicles—if you hear a siren, pull to the far right and stop until they pass

Please be courteous to the locals. Fort Davis is not set up for this many people so there will be lines. Please represent cyclists as courteous and polite.

If you are on your bicycle, WEAR YOUR HELMET.

Ride carefully and safely. IT IS A LONG DRIVE TO THE HOSPITAL.

### **EMERGENCY- CALL 911**

**Each rest stop should have a HAM radio.**

Watch for deer, javelina and cattle on the road.

The roads are narrow with limited visibility on curves and hills. Watch out!

Call out "car back" to nearby riders.

Call out and signal your intentions to other riders: slowing, stopping, turning, etc.

Point out road hazards to riders behind you.

Be completely off the road to stop at any time, even at rest stops

See and be seen. Bright clothes and lights.

In the event of rain or wet roads, tires can be slick and brakes slip. SLOW DOWN!

Announce yourself when passing riders: "on your left". *Please do not pass on the right.*

Do not litter. Rest stops and SAG drivers have trash bag

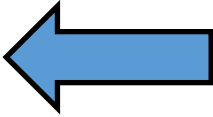
If you need help on the course, pat the top of your helmet. Waving may be interpreted as only a friendly gesture. Stop off of the road for help.



Dan and Shauna Saxton are managing the Sunday Hill Climb at Cyclefest. Dan has some awesome prizes ready for the winners.



Be sure to notice the addition of some new signage for 2022.



Take your picture at the after ride lunch with this sign then have some fun posting it on social media. Invite your friends to the ride for 2023!

Note: The tour notes below have been provided at Cyclefest for many years. Sometimes riders are focused on the task of riding and don't take the time to read about the route so here are the tour notes to read at your leisure before Cyclefest weekend.

## Fort Davis Cyclefest Tour Notes

**At 5,050', Fort Davis is the highest town in Texas - and that is the lowest you will be all weekend** - enjoy the mountain views, the cool temperatures and the darkest night skies in the U.S. Originally a military post established in 1854, Fort Davis will take you back to a time gone by without giving up too many of the modern conveniences. While in the area, check out the Fort Davis National Historic Site, McDonald Observatory, the Davis Mountain State Park, The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center, the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine, the Marfa Lights, . . . the list goes on, you may have to stay a while to see it all.

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association welcomes you to Fort Davis Cyclefest. The route is open to traffic, so obey all traffic laws, always wear your helmet, drink and eat a lot and enjoy the ride. Mile numbers in the Ride Directions (in parentheses) are approximate distances from the Prude Ranch. As you ride on these beautiful mountain roads, please be aware that this is open range land. Watch for deer, javelina and cattle on the road. We also need to be thoughtful of other traffic. Ride as far to the right as is practicable and as you become aware of traffic behind you, try to make it easy for them to pass. Be especially aware of emergency vehicles and their need to pass safely, pull over to the far right and stop until they are past.

These are narrow mountain roads with limited visibility - let's Share the Roads!

Stay as far to the right as Practicable

Ride no more than two abreast - don't hinder motor traffic. If a car is approaching, give them room to pass!

Emergency Vehicles - if you hear a siren, pull to the far right and stop until they pass

We will start in waves from the Prude Ranch. Those who want to see how fast they can finish start first, those who want to take their time follow.

Please be courteous to the locals. Fort Davis is not set up for this many people so there will be lines. Please be patient and polite.

If you are on your Bicycle - WEAR YOUR HELMET. It is a long drive to the hospital.

### **EMERGENCY - CALL 911!**

There will be HAM Radio communications from most rest stops and SAG vehicles will have some cell coverage. If you know of any problems, let them know.

### **Ride Directions -**

As you leave the Prude Ranch, head east toward Fort Davis. You will pass the Davis Mountain State Park (2 Miles). Built during the depression years by the CCC, the State Park and the Indian Lodge have beautiful camping and lodge facilities along with a good restaurant. Continue pedaling down Limpia Canyon to Old Ft. Davis National Historic Site (5). A Cavalry Post from 1854 - 1884, it was home to one of the black cavalry units (Buffalo Soldiers to the Indians) and they also experimented with the use of camels in West Texas. Continue into Fort Davis (6).

As you are leaving town, ALL RIDERS will continue on Hwy 17. A few miles out of town you will make a right hand turn onto Hwy 166 (as you are going out, if you come to a paved road - always turn right). Those of you enjoying the **28 Mile route** will follow Hwy 17 to 166 - Turn Right on 166. The 27 mile turnaround will be at the 1<sup>st</sup> Rest Stop at Blue Mountain Vineyards (13.5), but it is an out and back so ride as far as you wish - the Point of Rocks is 5 miles up the road and may be worth the effort. Enjoy your ride back. The **55 mile route** is an out and back to the Medley Ranch Rest Stop, so you can customize your ride by turning around at any point. Enjoy the slow climb to Bloy's Campground and the downhill to the rest stop. Remember that it is downhill most of the way back to town and that you do have that one climb back up to the State Park! Be sure to stop at the shady road side park at Point of Rocks (18) if you need a breather.

For the **76 Mile Loop** - ride out Hwy 17 to the intersection of Hwy 166 - Turn right onto 166. Continue to turn right at every paved intersection!!! On your right is Rest Stop #1 and the Glasscock Vineyard (13.5) on the slopes of Blue Mountain. This will be your first Rest Stop. Remember, it is very dry up here - drink a LOT! Continue to the Point of Rocks Picnic Area (18) and then on to the Davis Mountain Resort (20).

In the oak trees ahead you will see Bloy's Camp Meeting Grounds (22). These cabins have been home to non-denominational religious meetings each year since the early 1900's. Just up the road you will find Rest Stop #2 (27). A little further you will come to the Old Barrel Springs Stage Coach Stand (28). The Spring was up in the white rocks behind the sign. Also in these hills was the home of Captain Gillette - one of the areas old time Texas Rangers. You can learn more about the Butterfield Stage Route at the Overland Trail Museum in Fort Davis.

**Warning** - Don't turn down FM 505 toward Valentine, keep to the right on Hwy 166. On your right you will see some of the rugged peaks of the Davis Mountains. Among these mountains is Mt Livermore, at 8206' it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak in Texas (barely - El Capitan is only 83 feet higher). The jagged mountains to its left are the Saw Tooth Mountains. You are now passing "Mile High Point" (35) - 5260', that is why you are breathing hard.

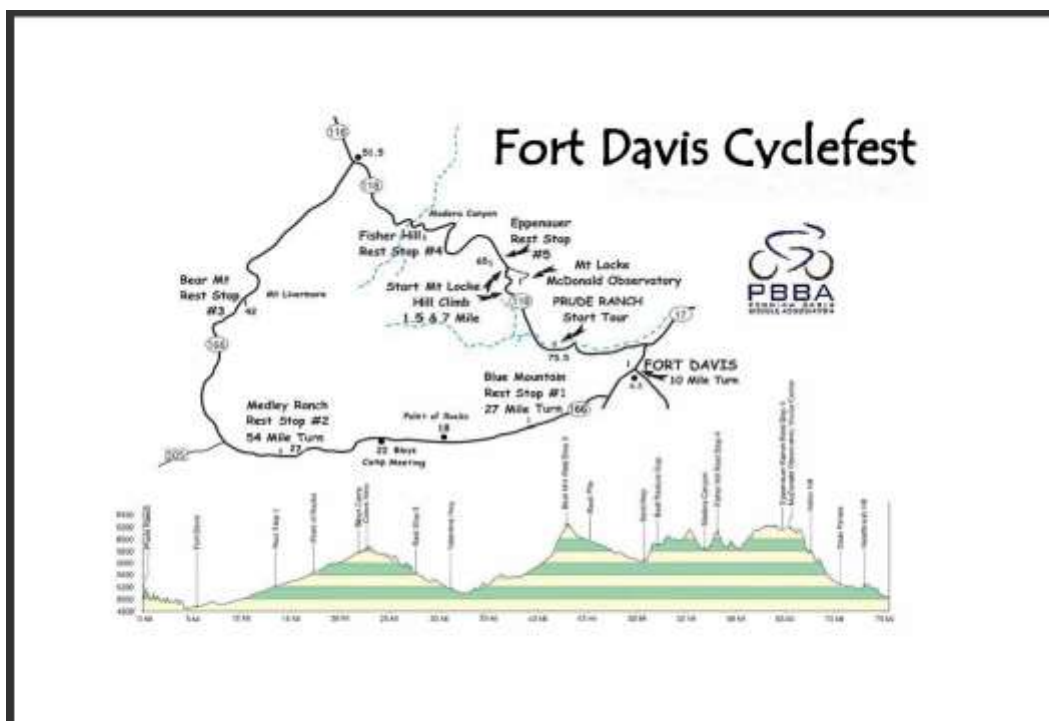
At (42) you will see a sign saying Ft. Davis is 39 miles as you start climbing Bear Mountain. Look back to your left. You can see the distant Sierra Vieja Rim Rock 40 miles away. Just on the other side of this mountain is Mexico. At the top you will want to stop at rest stop #3 for some well deserved drink and fruit. Just past this stop is the Rock Pile (45). In those rocks are a number of Indian hieroglyphics telling of their life here and Kit Carson once scratched his name in the rocks (graffiti has been around for a LONG time).

**Keep to the right** at the intersection of Hwy 166-118 (51) - there is not much at Kent so DONT go there. Keep pedaling by Wild Cherry Creek (54) and UP over Beef Pasture Gap (55) at an elevation of 6170'. Check your brakes and control your speed as you enter Madera Canyon. You may want to rest a little in Lawrence Woods Rest Area (57). This is named for the chief engineer when this road was built many years ago.

At the top of the climb from the Canyon you will find Rest Stop #4 (Fisher Hill) and then down again into Elbow Canyon. At (61) is a sign - "Ft. Davis 20 miles" which means Prude Ranch is only 14 more!! Just a little further uphill and around a curve in the road and you will get your first view of McDonald Observatory. You are now passing a large race track on your right where race horses are trained. Just up the road will be your last Rest Stop (65) and the road UP to Mt Locke (tomorrows Hill Climb). There you will find McDonald Observatory's 107" telescope and the new Hobby-Eberly (433") - you might want to come back for one of their star parties. Check those brakes again - it is down hill from here. You will pass the "solar panels" - no longer in operation, but a local landmark. Go over one more short but steep hill (Heartbreak Hill) and you have finished a VERY challenging 76 miles - over 4800' of climbing and a maximum elevation of over 6250'!

Stop at the Prude Ranch for our after Ride Party!!! Hamburgers and sides, music, door prizes and lots of bragging about the ride you just finished.

Rest up and get ready - remember Sunday Morning is the infamous Mt. Locke hill climb to the McDonald Observatory. The 1.5 & 7 mile climbs max out at a 17% grade and both start at 9:00 AM sharp.





## PBBA : CYCLEFEST 2022 KITS



Jennie Banta designed the 2022 Cyclefest jerseys. The online store is closed. There will be a limited number of jerseys for sale at the event while supplies last. The online store will be open the weekend of Cyclefest to take orders.

Jerseys that were ordered during the initial online store have started arriving .



Check out the Marfa 100. October 15, 2022

**IT'S ON!!!!**

**FORT HOOD CHALLENGE 14  
TEXAS STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD RACE**

**SKILL ~ 9/24/22      AGE ~ 9/25/22**

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August 3

 **PEYTON'S**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1   BRIAN YOUNGER
- 2  CLIF COLEMAN
- 3  ERIC BURKHART

 **PEYTON'S**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1   JUSTIN FLETCHER
- 2  KATIE BRISCOE
- 3  MIKE MCENANEY

August 10

 **PEYTON'S**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1   ZACK BELEW
- 2  OSCAR SALAZAR
- 3  CLIF COLEMAN

 **PEYTON'S**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1   JOAQUIN TRASLOSHEROS
- 2  ALEX MACLENNAN
- 3  MIKE MCENANEY

August 17

 **PEYTON'S**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1   ZACK BELEW
- 2  SHAWN HARRIS
- 3  CARLOS TRASLOSHEROS

 **PEYTON'S**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

- 1   ALEX MACLENNAN
- 2  RON BREM
- 3  JUSTIN FLETCHER

## August 24

### PEYTON'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  ZACK BELEW
-  ERIC BURKHART
-  RANDAL MORGAN

### PEYTON'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  ALEX MACLENNAN
-  VON DORIA
-  RON BREM

## August 31

### PEYTON'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  FIDEL RUVALCABA
-  SHAWN HARRIS
-  CARLOS TRASLOSHEROS

### PEYTON'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  OSCAR GOMEZ
-  JUSTIN FLETCHER
-  KATE BRISCOE

2021 Peyton's Champion – [Eric Burkhart](#)

#### 2022 Series Points:

Eric Burkhart – 89  
Zack Belew – 58  
Fidel Ruvalcaba – 50  
Clif Coleman – 42  
Oscar Salazar – 26  
Shawn Harris – 18  
Kenneth Priebe – 13  
Zack Risher – 11  
Brian Younger – 11  
Carlos Traslosheros – 11  
Conor Steward – 7  
Tom Harrison – 7  
Casey Hausenfluke – 7  
Justin Willoughby – 5  
Walter Durrer – 5  
Manny Pena – 3  
Randal Morgan – 3  
Jason Haislip – 1  
Spencer Shotts – 1

#### B Race Breakout Riders (3 Wins)

Phil Padilla  
Alex MacLennan  
**B-Series**  
Katie Briscoe – 38  
Justin Fletcher – 30  
PJ Woolston – 22  
Mike McEnaney – 18  
Bayler Boydston - 17  
Ron Brem - 14  
Von Doria - 12  
Ron Brem – 11  
Isaac Trujillo – 10  
Toby Keel – 8  
Joaquin Traslosheros – 8  
Oscar Gomez – 7  
Angie Kayastha – 6  
Alec Lyle – 5  
Stephanie Ledford – 5  
Ross Van Horn – 5  
Petey Lozano – 2  
Seth Cunneen – 1  
Tyler Putnam – 1