

# **2024 SALT GRASS Trailride**

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**About the Ride:**

- **THE SALT GRASS TRAIL! GRANDDADDY OF THEM ALL! THIS IS THE ORIGINAL RIDE FROM WHICH ALL OTHERS WERE INSPIRED. MANY ARE SPIN OFFS. IT BROUGHT MULES AND HORSES BACK INTO POPULARITY AND CREATED A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF ORGANIZED TRAIL RIDING.**
- **2024 IS THE 73RD ANNUAL SALT GRASS TRAIL RIDE**
- **THE FIRST SALT GRASS TRAIL BEGAN IN 1952. ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS WERE BRENHAM MAYOR REESE LOCKETT, BARKER RANCHER E. H. MARKS, KPRC NEWSMAN PAT FLAHERTY AND LH7 RANCH FOREMAN JOHN WARNASCH. ALL OF THE ORIGINAL RIDERS ARE DECEASED.**
- **THE RIDE BEGAN AS A PUBLICITY STUNT INSPIRED BY REESE LOCKETT AND GREW TO 2,000 RIDERS AND 100 WAGONS BEFORE GROUPS BEGAN TO SPIN OFF.**
- **SALT GRASS IS A GRASS THAT GROWS GREEN THROUGHOUT THE WINTER IN THE GULF COAST WHERE OLD TIME COWMEN TOOK THEIR CATTLE.**
- **THE SALT GRASS TRAIL WAS CHARTERED AS AN ASSOCIATION IN JANUARY OF 1955.**

**Years of Participation:**

**73<sup>RD</sup>**

**Year Established:**

**1952**

**2024 Start Date:**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

**2024 Location:**

**CAT SPRING, TEXAS**

**2024 Distance:**

**105 MILES**

**2024 Number of Riders:**

**1,000**

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**Number of Wagons:**

**22**

## **DAILY SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - CAT SPRING (CIRCLE RIDE), 5.5 MILES - Ride leaves Witten burg's Pasture**

- Right on Newberg Rd. - 0.4 mi
- Right to stay on Newberg Rd. - 1.2 mi to Zubicek Rd.
- Left on Zubicek Rd. - 1 SO ft to N. Front St.
- Right on N. Front St. - 500 ft to FM 949 E
- Left on FM 949 - 0.4 mi to Pless Rd.
- Right on Pless Rd. - 1.1 mi to Track Rd.
- Right on Track Rd., then continue onto Newberg Rd. - 2 mi
- Left to continue on Newberg Rd. - 0.4 mi to return to pasture on left

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 B, AUSTIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS -12.1 MILES**

- Right on Newberg Rd. - 1.6 mi
- Left on Zubicek Rd. - 150 ft to N. Front St.
- Right on N. Front St.- 500 ft to FM 949 E
- Left on FM 949 E - 1.5 mi to Mill Creek Rd.
- Left on Mill Creek Rd. - 1.5 mi to Lunch Stop
- Lunch stop on Mill Creek Rd.
- Continue on Mill Creek Rd. - 4.8 miles
- Right on W Hacienda St. - 1.7 mi
- Left on S Mechanic St. - 1 mi to FM 529/E Main
- Right on E Main St. - 0.2 mi to Austin County Fairgrounds on left

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, WALLER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - 17 MILES - Ride leaves Austin County Fairgrounds**

- Right on FM 159 - 8.1 mi
- Lunch Stop at FM 159 and FM 1456
- Left on 159 - 3.1 mi
- Right on FM 3346 - 4.1 mi to FM 359
- Left on FM 359 - 1.3 mi to Fairgrounds Rd.
- Right on Fairgrounds Rd. to Waller County Fairgrounds on the rig

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, MILLER FARMS PASTURE, 16 MILES - Ride leaves Waller County Fairgrounds**

- Leave Fairgrounds southbound on Fairground Rd. to FM 359
- Left on FM 359 -1.1 miles to Brumlow Rd.
- Left on Brumlow Rd. -1 mile to Betka Rd.
- Right on Betka Rd. -4.0 miles to Cochran Rd.
- Right on Cochran Rd. -4 miles to lunch stop

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- Continue southbound on Cochran Rd. -1.8 miles to Ray Wright Rd.
- Left on Ray Wright Rd. -1.2 miles to Cochran Rd.
- Right on Cochran Rd. -0.2 miles to Bonner Rd.
- Left on Bonner Rd. -1.2 miles to FM 529
- Left on FM 529 -1.6 miles to Miller Farms
- Right into Miller Farms -1.4 miles to camp

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, KATY PARK, 16 MILES - Ride leaves Miller Farms Pasture

- Right on FM 362 - 0.9 mi to Morrison Rd.
- Left on Morrison Rd. - 5 mi to FM 529
- Continue across FM 529 to FM 2855 (Morrison turns into FM 2855 south of FM 529) - 1 mi to Beckendorff Rd.
- Left on Beckendorff Rd. - 1 mi to lunch stop
- Continue eastbound on Beckendorff Rd. - 1.9 mi to Pitts Rd.
- Right on Pitts Rd. - 3 mi to Morton Rd.
- Left on Morton Rd. - 2.2 mi to Katy Park on the right

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, HARRIS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 12 MILES - Ride leaves Katy Park

- Exit Katy Park eastbound on Morton Rd. - 3.1 mi to Mason Rd.
- Right on Mason Rd. - 1 mi to Franz Rd.
- Left on Franz Rd. (turns onto Sau ms Rd.) - 3.5 mi to lunch stop at Cullen Park on the right
- Right on Sau ms Rd. from Cullen Park - 0.4 mi to Barker Cypress Rd.
- Left on Barker Cypress Rd. - 0.9 mi to Groeschke Rd.
- Right on Groeschke Rd. - 2.9 mi to Texas 6
- Right on Texas 6 - 200 yds to Patterson Rd.
- Left on Patterson Rd. to Harris County Fairgrounds on the left

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, MEMORIAL PARK, 17.1 MILES - Ride leaves Harris County Fairgrounds

- Left on Bear Creek Dr. into Bear Creek Park (1.5 mi to Clay Rd.)
- Right on Clay Rd. - 4.8 mi to Shadowdale Dr.
- Right on Shadowdale Dr. - 725 ft to Centrepark Dr.
- Left on Centrepark Dr. - 0.3 mi to Gessner Rd.
- Right on Gessner Rd. - 0.4 mi to Kemp Forest Dr.
- Left on Kemp Forest Dr. - 0.5 mi to Rosefield Dr.
- Right on Rosefield Dr.
- Lunch stop on Rosefield Dr. north of Kempwood Dr.
- Left on Kempwood Dr. - 3.3 mi to Todd St.
- Right on Todd St. - 0.7 mi to Antoine Dr.
- Right on Antoine Dr. - 2 mi to Eastbound 1-10 Frontage Rd.
- Left on Eastbound 1-10 Frontage Rd. - 1.2 mi to N. Post Oak Rd.
- Right on N. Post Oak Rd. - 0.2 mi to Memorial Dr.
- Left on Memorial Dr. - 1.4 mi to Memorial Park

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