



2022 Bluebonnet Express Event Information

The 31st annual Bluebonnet Express will be held on **March 27, 2022** and will start from the [Waller County Fairgrounds](#) in Hempstead, Texas, 45 miles NW of Houston.

This fully supported ride is one of the Houston area's oldest rides and is presented by Northwest Cycling Club. Three different distances/routes will be offered, heading north of Hempstead then turning south, staying mostly on country roads. Cyclists will encounter both flat sections and gentle rollers. This fully supported ride is only a few weeks before the Texas MS150 making it an excellent training opportunity. **The Bluebonnet Express is a MS150 Recommended Ride.**

TRAFFIC CONTROL WILL BE PROVIDED BY AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Location: Waller County Fair Grounds, 21988 Hwy FM 359 & Fair Ground Road, Hempstead, Texas. Take Hwy 359 South off Hwy 290, go approximate 1.7 miles and follow parking attendants.

Routes and Start Times

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| 72 Mile | 7:30 AM | https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38219662 |
| 55 Mile | 7:45 AM | https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38219860 |
| 35 Mile | 8:00 AM | https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38219769 |

Note: Riders must average 11 MPH including rest stops to do the 72-mile route.

Registration dates, associated registration fees, and t-shirt availability

Register by 1/30/2022 for \$35

On 2/1/2022 and by 2/28/2022 for \$40 (2/28 deadline for guaranteed t-shirts)

On 3/1/2022 and by 3/25/2022 for \$45

Online Registration Deadline March 25th, 2022 at 5:00 PM ET

Registration at packet pick-up will be \$45 on 3/25 & 3/26 (See below for times and location.)

You may register on site on the DAY OF THE RIDE - FEE IS \$50.00. Walk-up registrants at the Fairgrounds will not receive t-shirts.

Packet and T-shirt Pickup at Northwest Cyclery, 17464 Northwest Frwy @ Jones Rd

Friday, March 25 11 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 26 11 am - 4:00 pm

For those registering after 2/28, some t-shirts may be available at packet pickup on a first come, first-served basis.

Walk-up Registration Day of Ride at Waller County Fair Grounds 6:00 AM-7:30 AM

Lunch will be served from 11 am until 4 pm.

Safety Expectations for NWCC Sponsored Rides

- Helmets required!!
- NO earphones while riding
- Follow ALL traffic laws unless directed through an intersection by local law enforcement.
- Ride single file or two abreast. (Riding more than two abreast is almost always illegal.)
- Announce and/or use hand signals for changes in direction or speed.
- Announce or signal road hazards to other riders.
- Announce “slowing” or “stopping” when approaching intersections.
- Scan and look behind before changing position.
- Pass on the left announcing, “on your left”. If you need to pass on the right clearly say “on your right” since this is an unusual maneuver.
- Watch for approaching traffic as well as traffic coming from rear. Inform others by calling out “car up” or car back”.
- Move off the road to stop.
- For SAG pick-up, move off the road, call (number TBA), and take off your helmet.

COVID-19 Info.

We expect riders not to ride if currently experiencing symptoms such as sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, fever, temperature at or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit or if you have had these symptoms in the past two weeks. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, been advised to get tested, or been advised to quarantine, we expect you not to ride in any of our group rides until the quarantine period has passed

No refunds or transfers

For more information send email to bbx@nwcc.bike

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