

SDBR - Socially-Distanced Blues Rally - Weekend of April 4-5

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Mileage		Directions
Cumulative	Leg	
0.0	0.1	Leaving from the rear library parking lot, turn left onto West Harrison St, then right onto South Monroe St
0.1	2.7	Right onto W High St / SR 42
2.8	2.1	Left onto Cooney Rd - watch for rough patches
4.9	1.1	Right onto Bunker Hill Rd
6.0	1.6	Sharp downward left onto Gold Creek Rd where Bunker/Gasburg start curving north - easy to miss! If you hit Bunker/Gasburg fork, you’ve gone too far.
7.6	0.2	Be sure to turn right to follow road - straight is gravel driveway
7.8	0.1	Right onto Romine Rd
7.9	1.1	Left for CR 890 N - curves right and turns into N Goat Hollow Rd
9.0	2.0	Left on Observatory Rd (just past flag on your right). Slow down on this leg - surprise turns!
11.0	1.7	Right onto SR 67
12.7	3.4	Right onto Rob Hill Rd
16.1	2.1	Left onto SR 39 (CTDNS)
18.2	0.3	Right onto SR 67
18.5	1.7	Right onto Shelton Rd. Slow down on this leg - surprise turns!
20.2	0.6	Straight at stop sign
20.8	3.7	Left onto Middle Patton Park Rd
24.5	0.8	Left onto Ballinger Hill Rd
25.3	1.7	Right onto Ballinger Rd
27.0	0.5	Continue straight at Goose Creek intersection
27.5	1.4	Right onto Wilbur Rd
28.9	1.6	Right onto SR 67
30.5	2.0	Keep straight at light. OPTIONAL - turn left onto SR 39 for bio/gas/sustenance ; be sure to track added mileage
32.5	1.2	Right on Mosier Rd
33.7	0.6	Keep right
34.3	1.3	Right at intersection with Buffalo Rd - watch for rough patches

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35.6	2.3	Left onto Big Hurricane Rd at stop sign
37.9	1.1	Right onto Hancock Ridge Rd
39.0	1.5	Keep left at fork
40.5	0.3	Keep left at fork
40.8	1.6	Right onto Wakeland at stop sign then immediate left onto CR 450 N/ W Cash Rd (the next sequence of roads will be a bit boring until we get down to Cataract)
42.4	0.4	Right onto Plano Rd
42.8	2.0	Left onto Arend Rd
44.8	2.7	Continue straight at stop sign, road becomes SR 42
47.5	5.4	Turn right to stay on SR 42 (just after the road curves left)
52.9	4.3	Turn left onto US 231 (CTDNS). OPTIONAL - turn right and head through Cloverdale for sustenance (opposite side of town near I-70); be sure to track added mileage
57.2	3.1	Turn right onto N Cataract Rd (sign for Cataract Falls). OPTIONAL - bio/gas break on left just before
60.3		Turn right into scenic destination number one: Cataract Falls!
		Originally, the route was to end at Cataract Falls, but since many of us are probably trying to get back to I-70 anyway, this route gives us another park and a couple great roads, all on the way to I-70!
0.0	0.6	Resetting mileage to zero for ease, turn right out of Cataract Falls exit onto N Cataract Rd
0.6	2.6	Turn right onto Cunot Cataract Rd (General Store w/Mobil sign on left)
3.2	0.2	Sharp right just after hill, be careful.
3.4	1.8	Keep right at fork.
5.2	1.4	Right onto SR 42 at stop sign.
6.6	2.5	Left onto SR 243 (sign for Lieber).
9.1		Turn left into scenic destination number two: Lieber!

Upon leaving Lieber, turn left onto SR 243 and head north (or continue straight if skipping the park). There’s one place where SR 243 jogs left, but otherwise just continue straight along SR 243 and you’ll hit I-70, with a bio/gas break just beforehand on your left. Thanks for participating in the SDBR; don’t forget to send your photo!