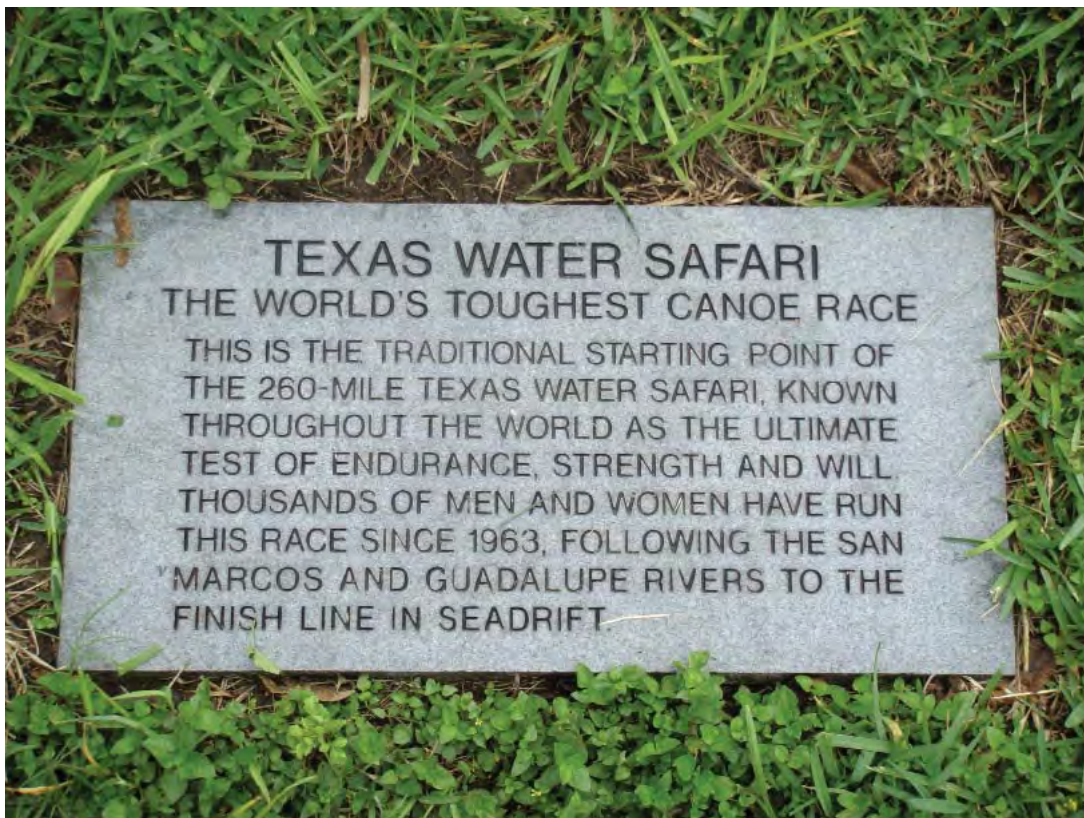


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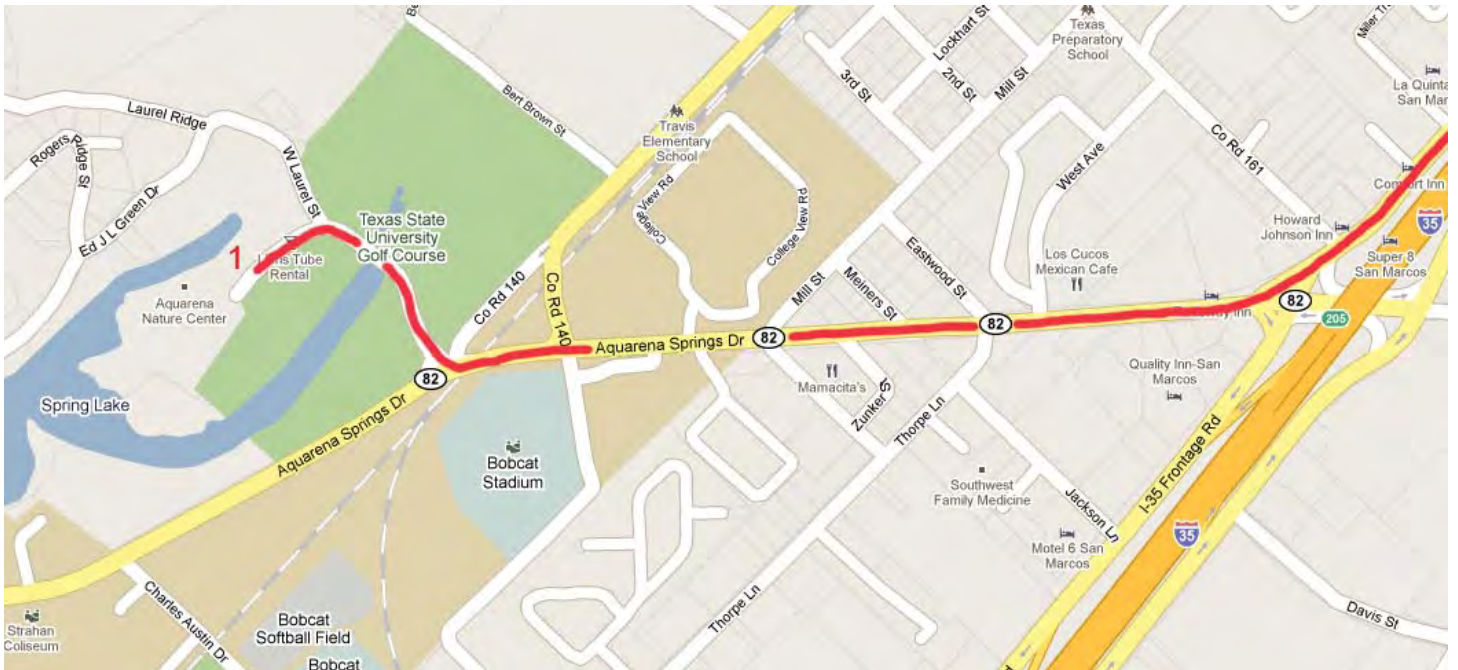
## Driving Directions

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**(1) Start Aquarena Springs \*\* (Mile 0 - 9:00 am Sat) (Start Race)**

- Exit IH-35 (Exit 206) at Aquarena Springs Drive (Tx 82). Stay on frontage until you reach Aquarena Springs Drive. Take a right on Aquarena Springs Drive.
- This road will lead you directly to Aquarena Center. The center is through the Golf Course. Take a right on Post Rd/Laurel St. Directly across from Bobcat Stadium. Drive through golf course. Park in parking lot or vere left and continue to Aquarena Center and park in that parking lot.



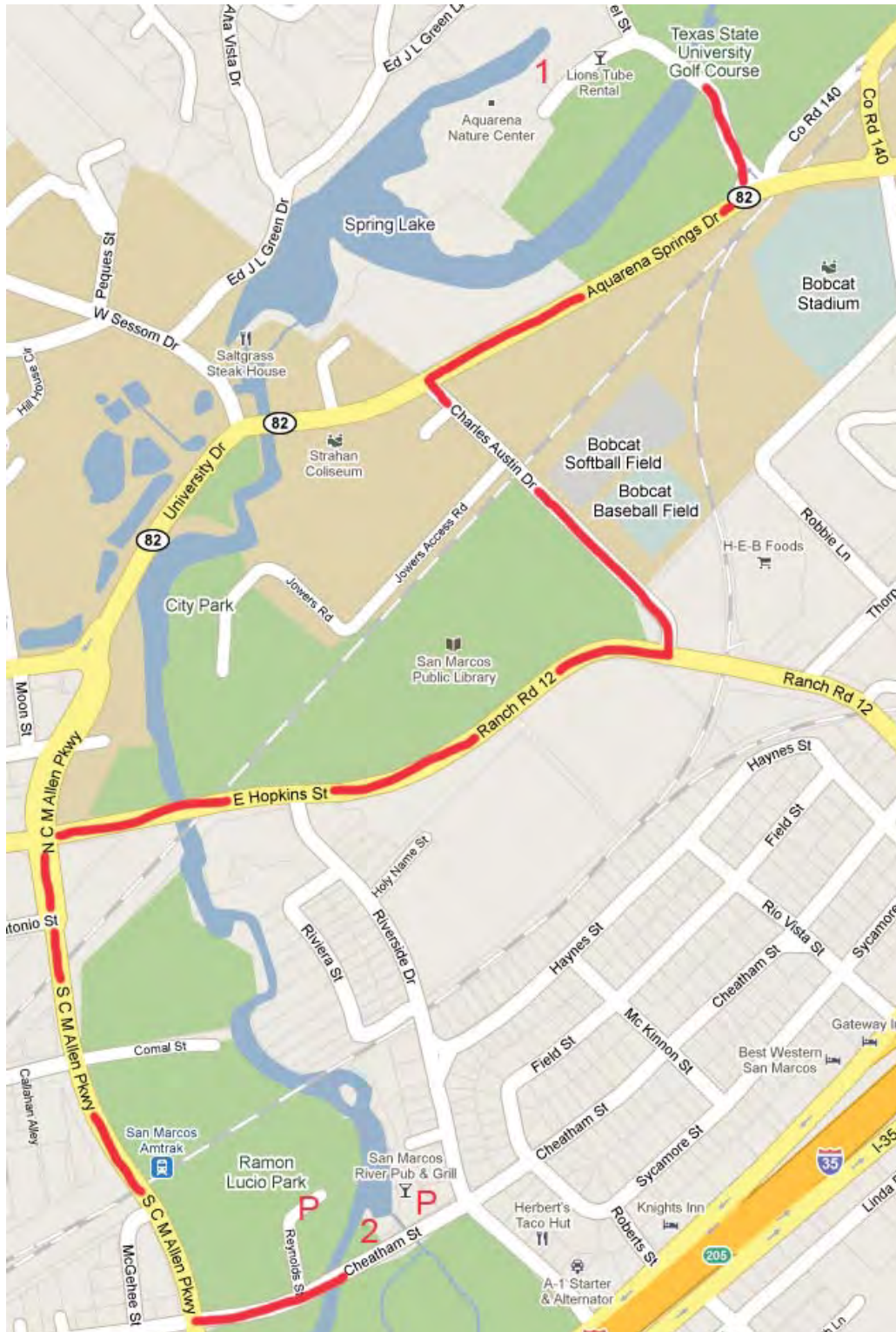
Entrance through Golf course



## (2) Rio Vista Dam **\*\* (Mile .75)**

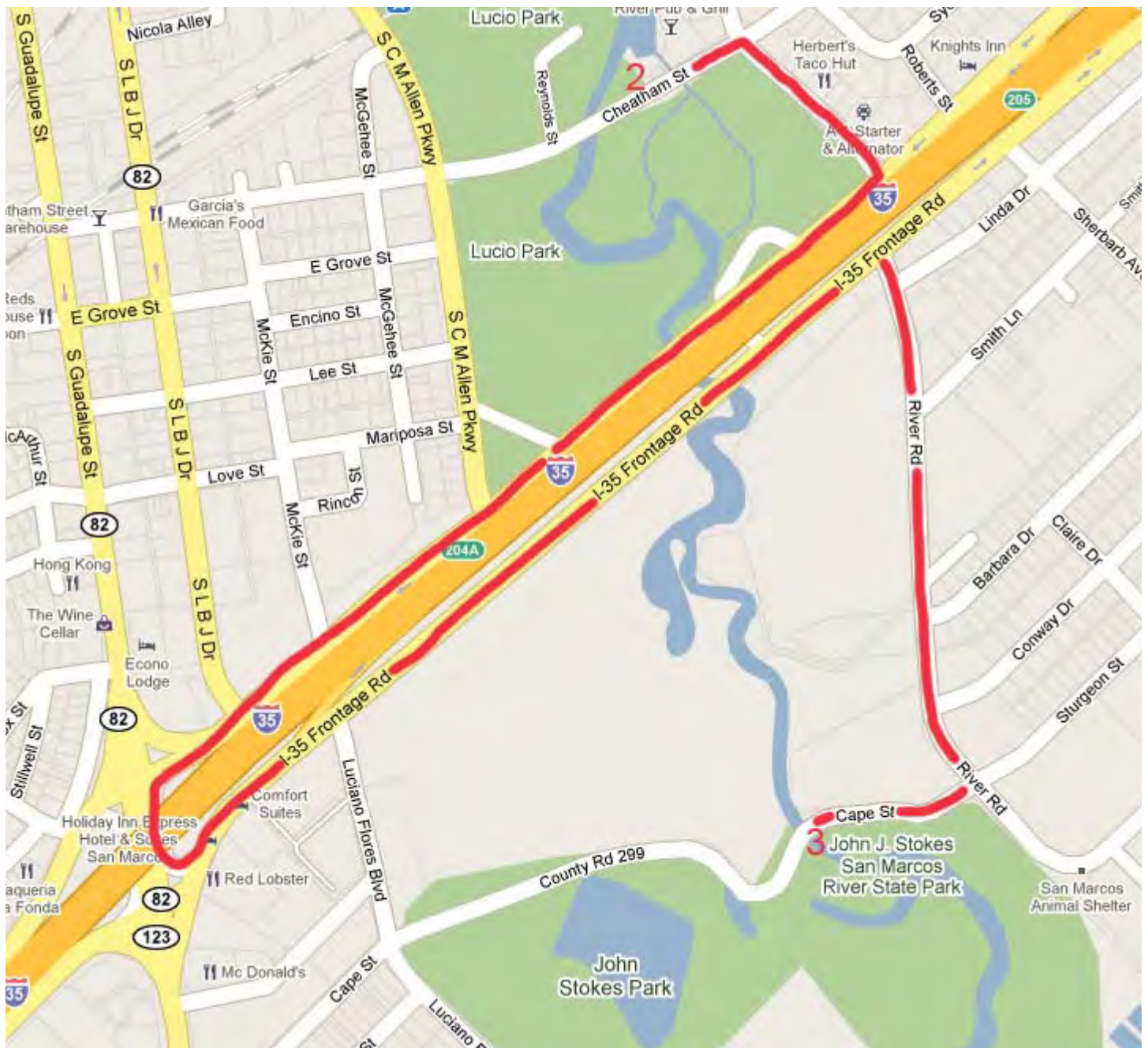
**( 6 to 8 minutes from start - driving)**

- Leave start drive (.4 mi.) to Aquarina Springs Drive turn right proceed (.3 mi.) to Charles Austin Drive (stop light) turn left
  - Proceed (.3 mi.) to E. Hopkins turn right and go to C.M. Allen Pkwy, turn left.
  - On C. W. Allen Prkwy, proceed to Cheatham at stop sign turn left, proceed (.1 mi.) Rio Vista Dam on Left.
- Parking: Left on Reynolds (off of Cheatham) before the bridge or on left at River Pub and Grill after bridge.  
You will not be able to make it from the start to here in a car and beat the boats.



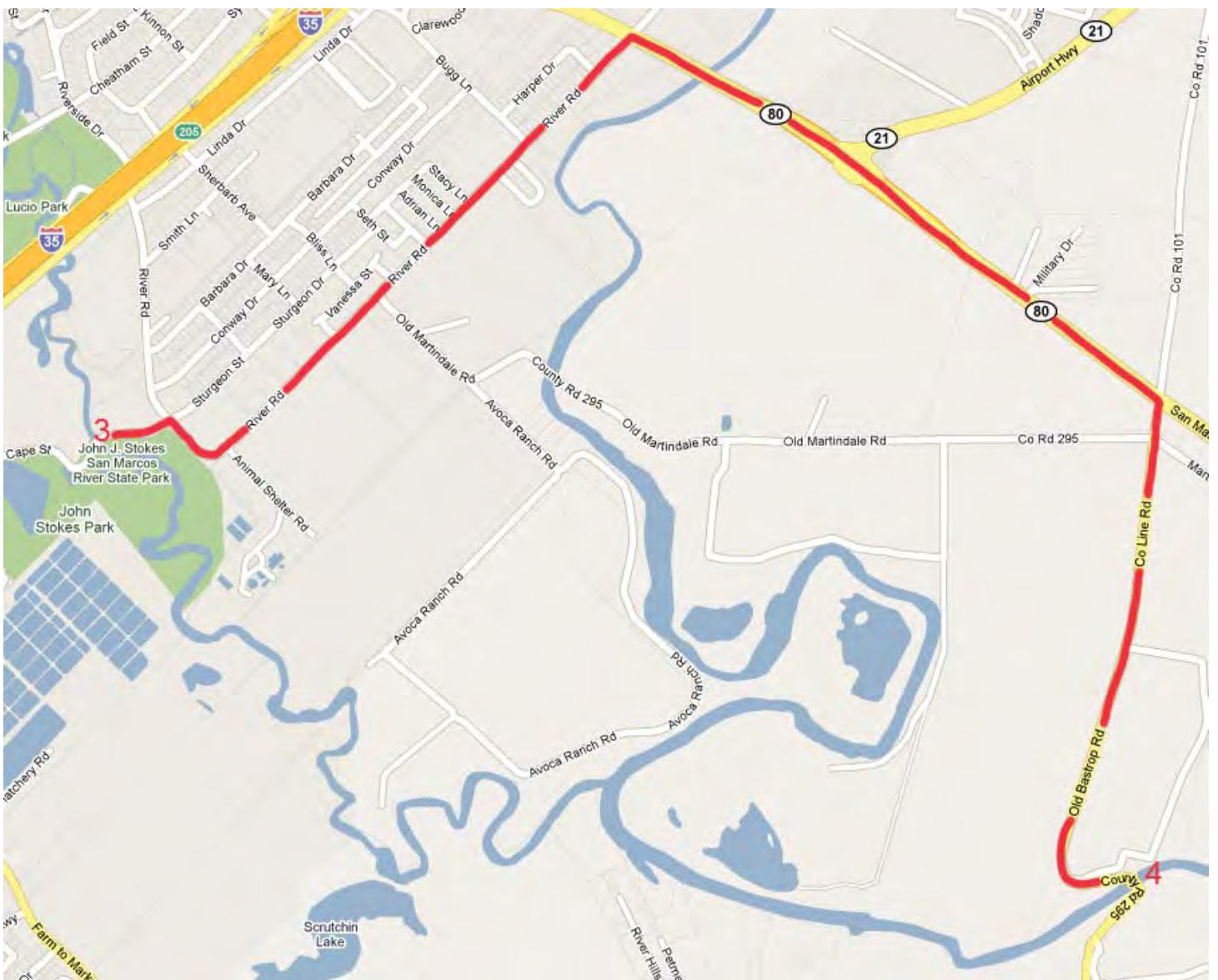
### (3) Thompson's Island Bridge (Mile 2.5)

- From bridge proceed (.1 mi.) on Cheatham Street to Riverside Dr. at stop sign turn right.
- Proceed (.1 mi) to frontage road.
- At IH-35 Frontage road turn right and take turn-around to opposite side of IH-35.
- Turn left on frontage road and proceed to River Road (the first right after the San Marcos River).
- Turn right and proceed (.4 mi.) to Cape Rd turn right.
- Proceed down Cape Road, parking on right just before br



#### (4) Westerfield Crossing (Mile 6)

- Go back on Cape road to River road, turn right
- Follow River Road (1.2 mi.) to Hwy 80, turn right
- Go (1.2 mi.) to CR 101/Old Bastrop Road and turn right.
- Go (1 mi.) to crossing. Best parking is across bridge.
- Observe no parking area (landowners are sensitive).

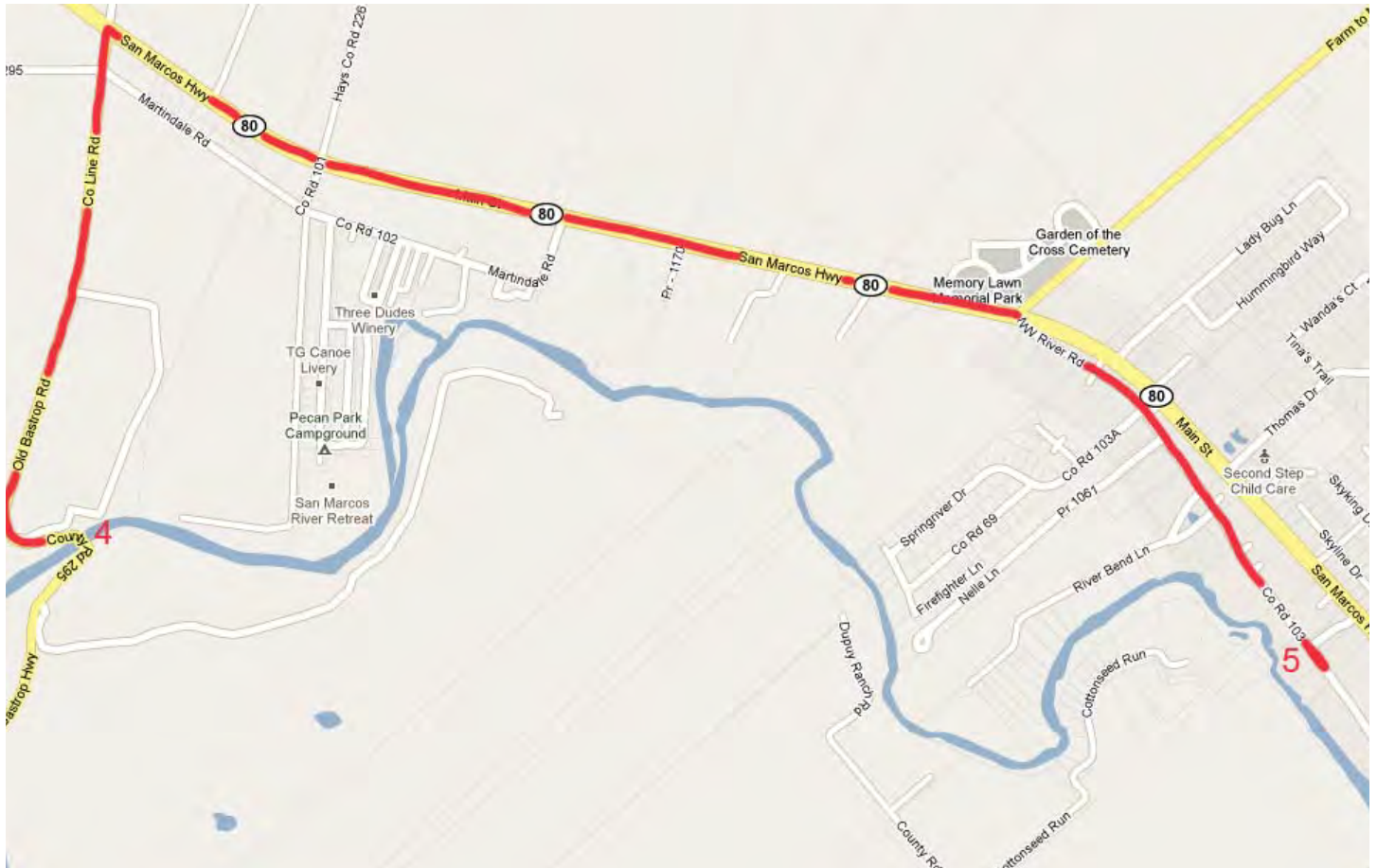


## (5) Cottonseed Rapid (rapids)

(1:45 driving from start)

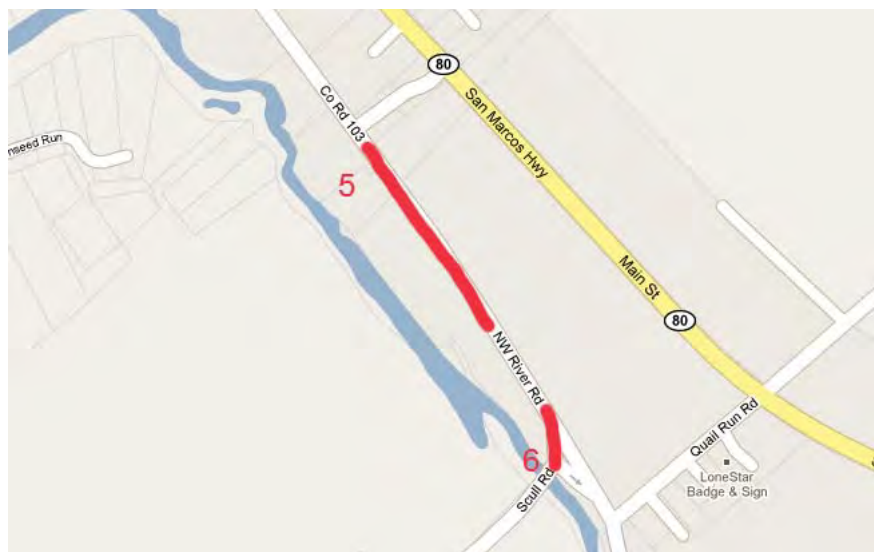
- Go back to Hwy 80. Turn right
- Go (1.7 mi.) to flashing light at CR 103/NW River Road. Turn right
- Proceed (.1 mi.) past two water towers. Park between the 2nd water tower (old and rusted) and the old Cotton Gin on the side of road. (private property accessible only on raceday, be considerate.)

This will be one of the major stops to watch a lot of boats.



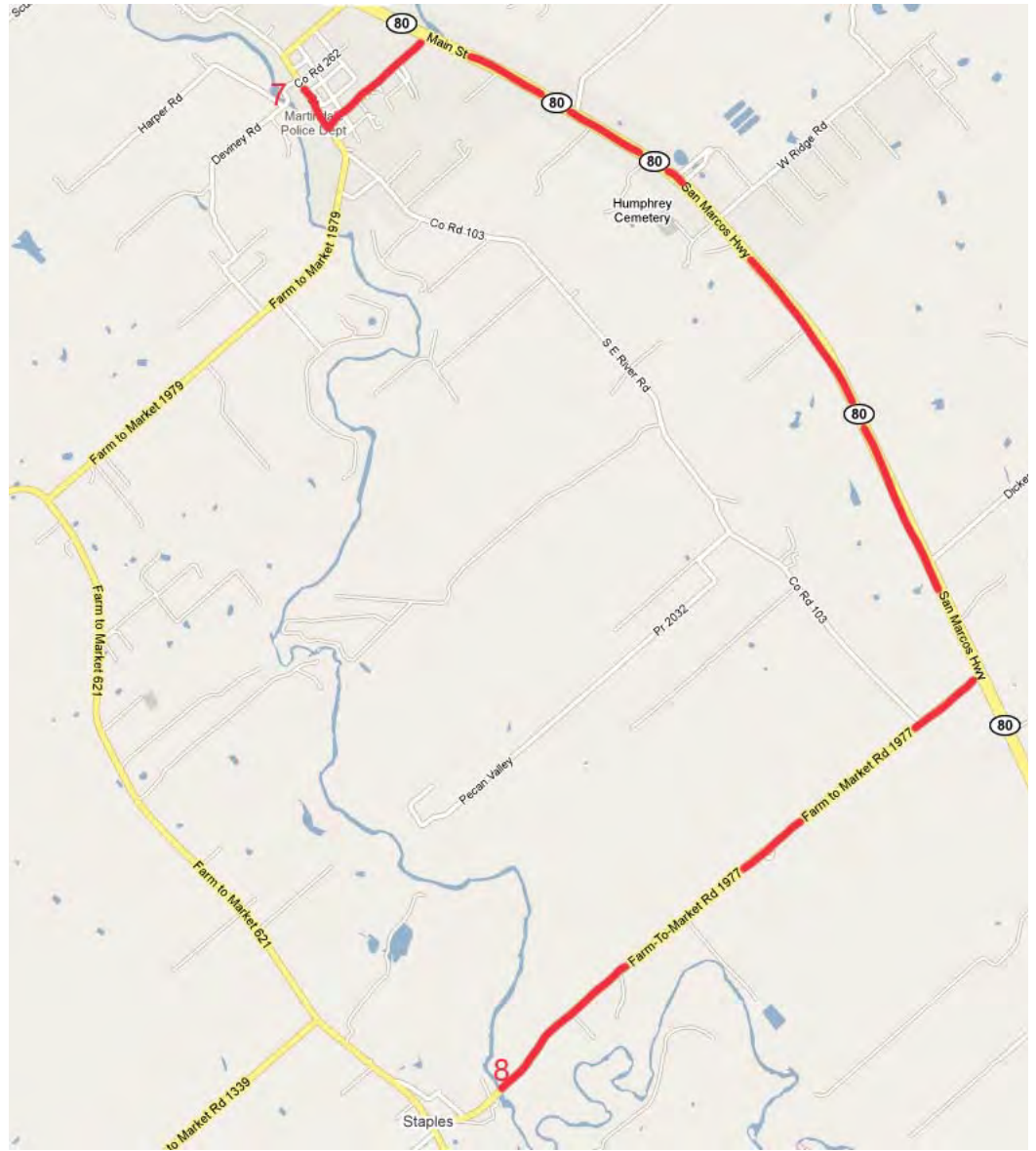
## (6) Sculls Crossing (Mile 10)

- Continue on CR 103 approximately (.3 mi.) to dirt road Sculls Crossing.
- Go to bridge. Private Property.



### (8) Staples Bridge/Dam(CHECKPOINT-1) (Mile 17) (Portage)

- Go back to Main Street, take a right. Proceed to FM 1979 and turn left. Go (3.4 mi.) on Hwy 80 to FM 1977, turn Right.
- Go (2.3 mi.) to bridge, Parking available on both sides of bridge. (Owners are very hospitable to Safari. Please don't litter).



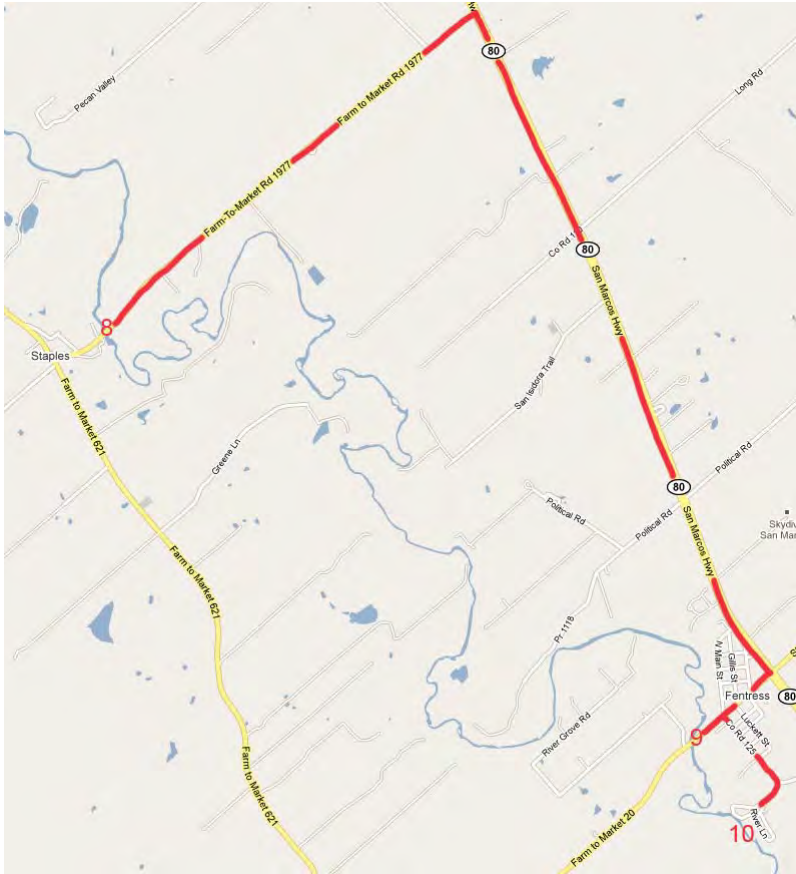
### (9) Fentress Bridge (Mile 26)

- Back to Hwy 80, Turn right
- Go 3.6 mi to FM 20 and turn right. (There is a flashing yellow light and a Valero gas station at this turn.)
- Turn right on Hwy 20 to bridge. Park on either side.

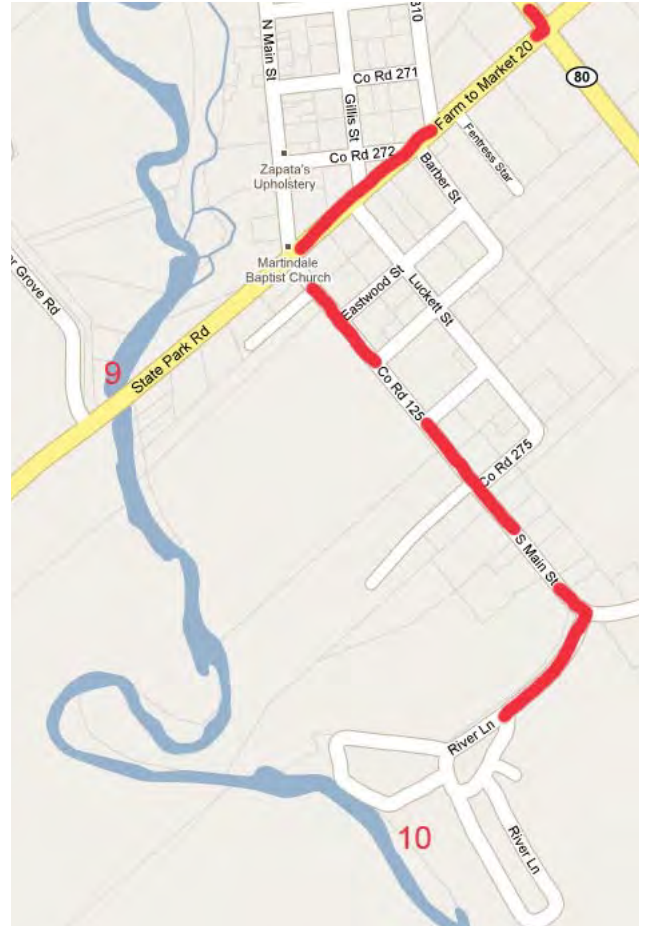
### (10) Fentress Leisure Camp

- Back up to Hwy 20 to CR 125/South Main (Church on corner). Turn right
- Go (.4 mi.) to Leisure Camp on Right (entrance fee required).

Pay at the gate. Continue to drive down as close to the river as you can get. Park anywhere.



Fentress Bridge View



Sign to Fentress Leisure Camp

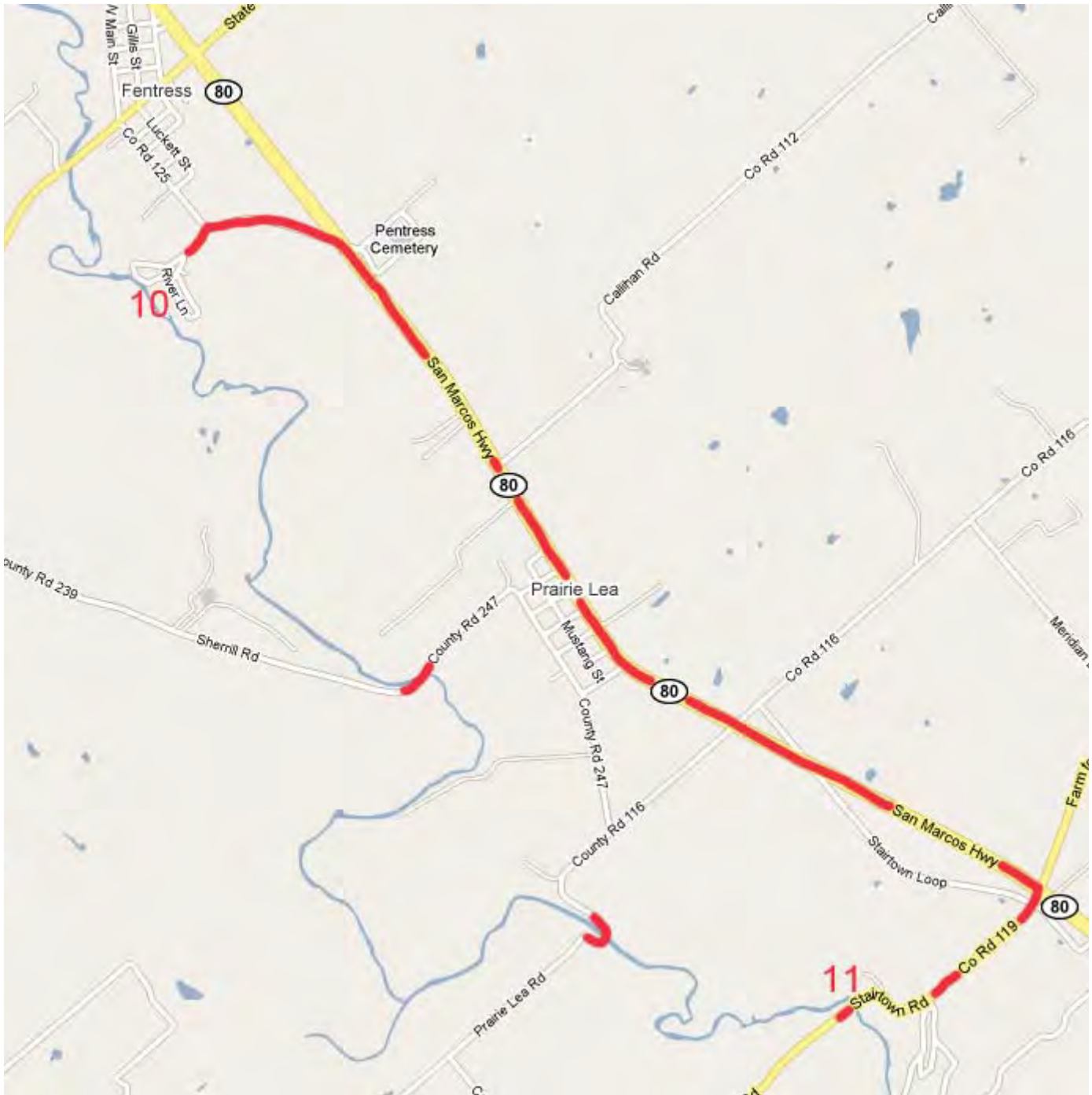




**(11) Stairtown Bridge (Mile 33) (access to river)**

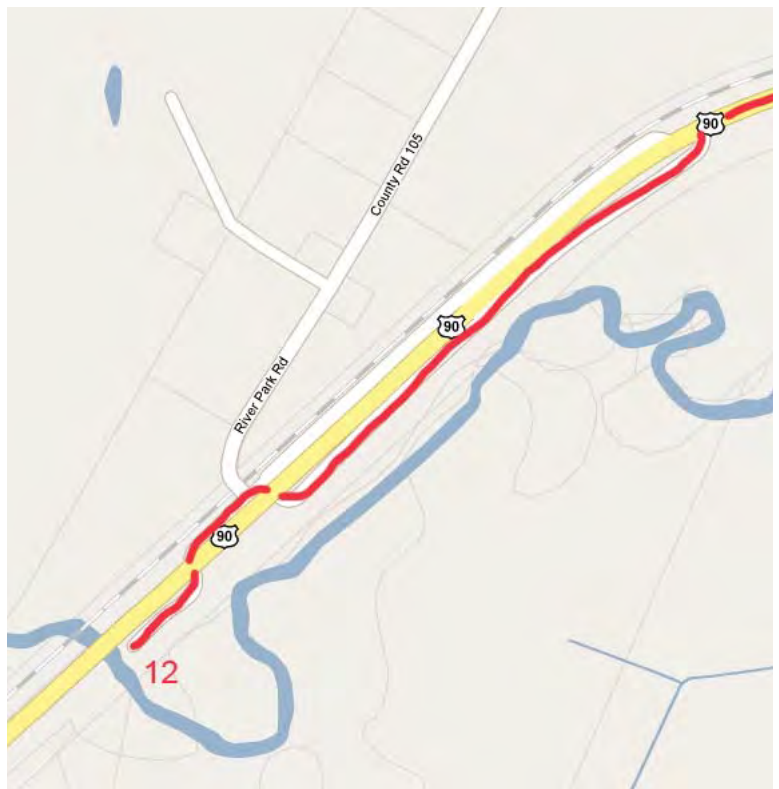
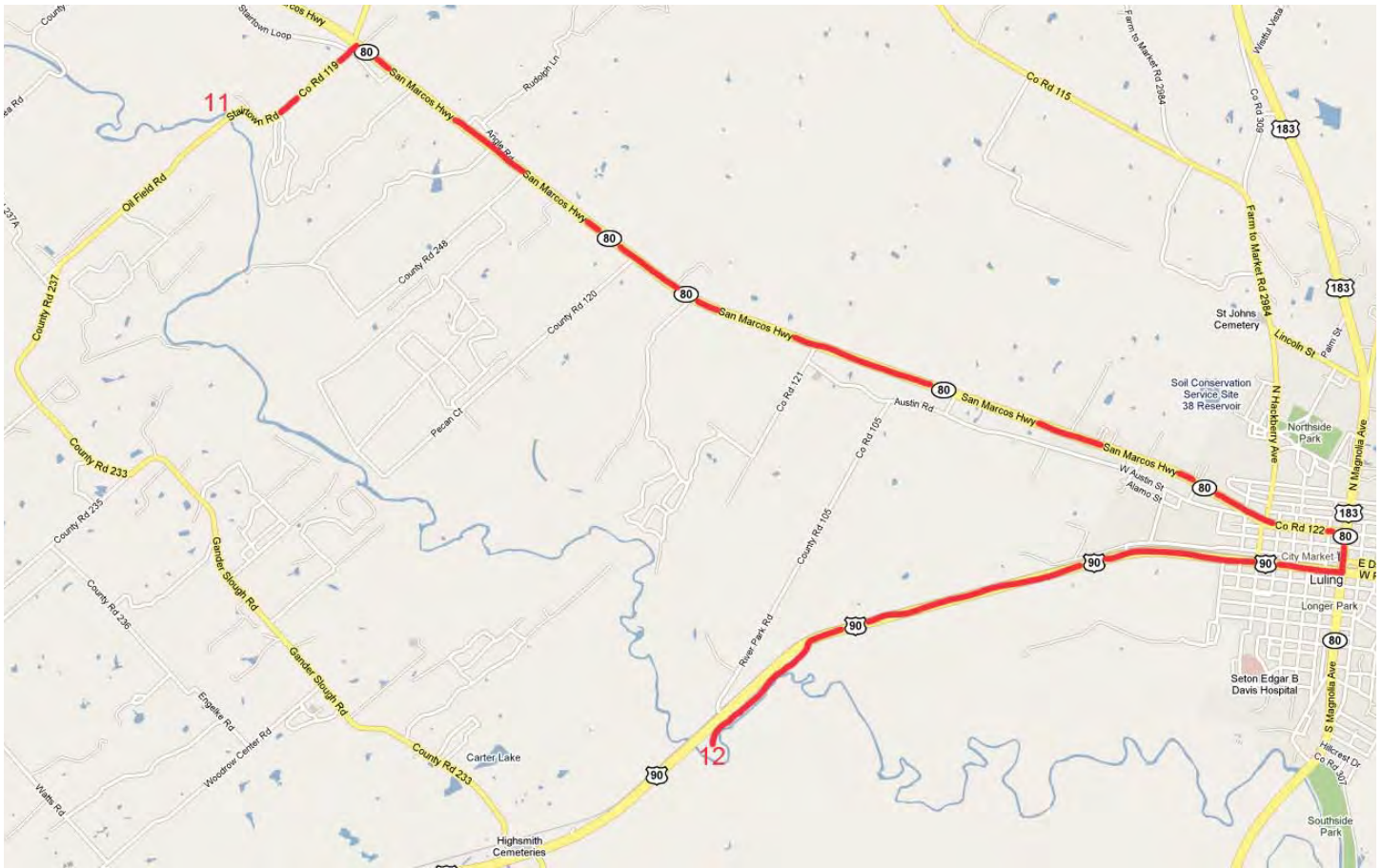
- Back to Hwy 80. Turn right (1.8 mi.) to CR119/ Stairtown Road (NOT Stairtown Loop).
- Turn right (.8 mi.) to bridge.
- Cross bridge and park either side of road.

**Note: There are two bridges, Prarie Lea #1 and Prarie Lea #2 where you can view the river between Fentress and Luling. It is viewing from the bridge only, no river access.**



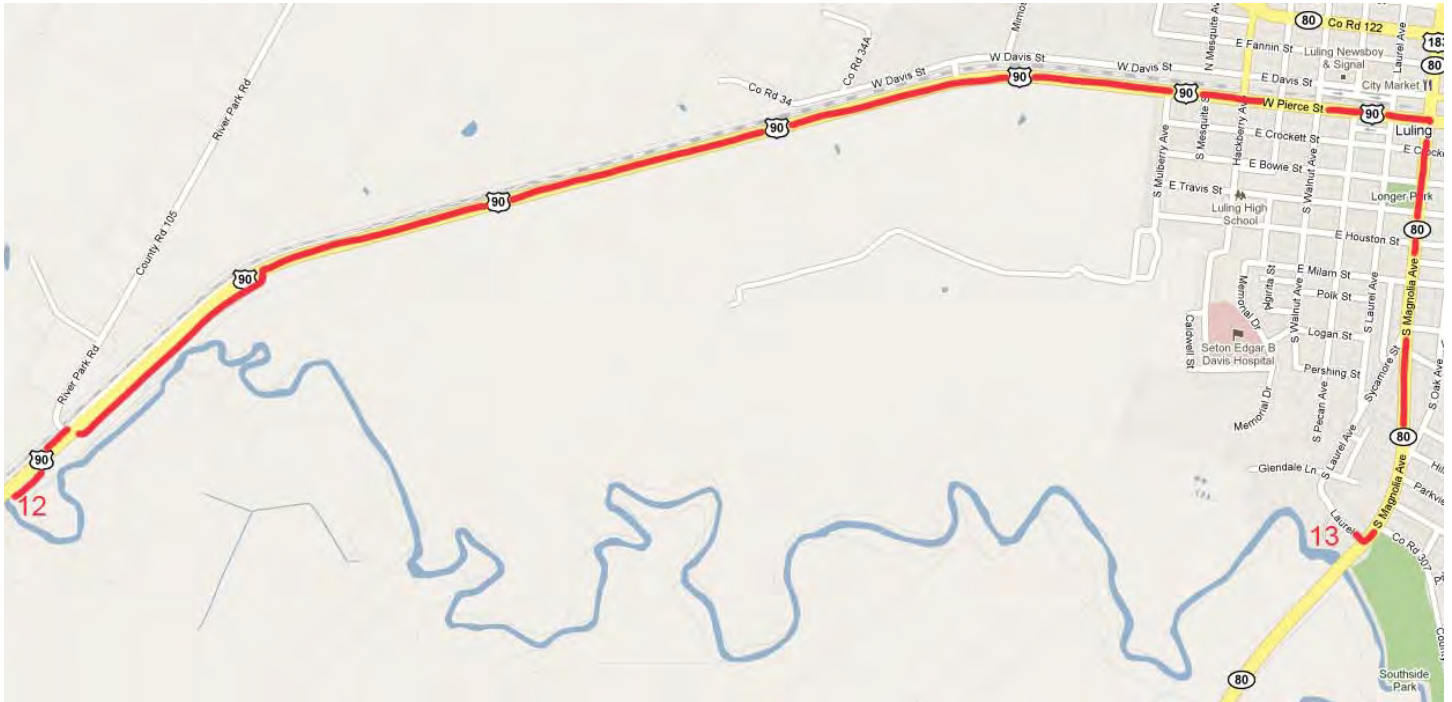
## (12) Luling Hwy 90 Bridge **\*\* (CHECKPOINT-2) (Mile 40)**

• Back to Hwy 80 Turn Right. Travel into Luling. Turn right at stop light onto HWY 183. Turn right at stop light onto HW 90 West. Drive 2.6 miles on on HWY 90 to picnic area. Look for sign saying 1 mile to picnic area. Turn left before the bridge (Paddling Trail) - easy to miss. It's the first left after leaving town. Go under bridge, stay left, go under bridge again, continue down to river..



### (13) Luling Dam/Zedler Mill (Mile 46)

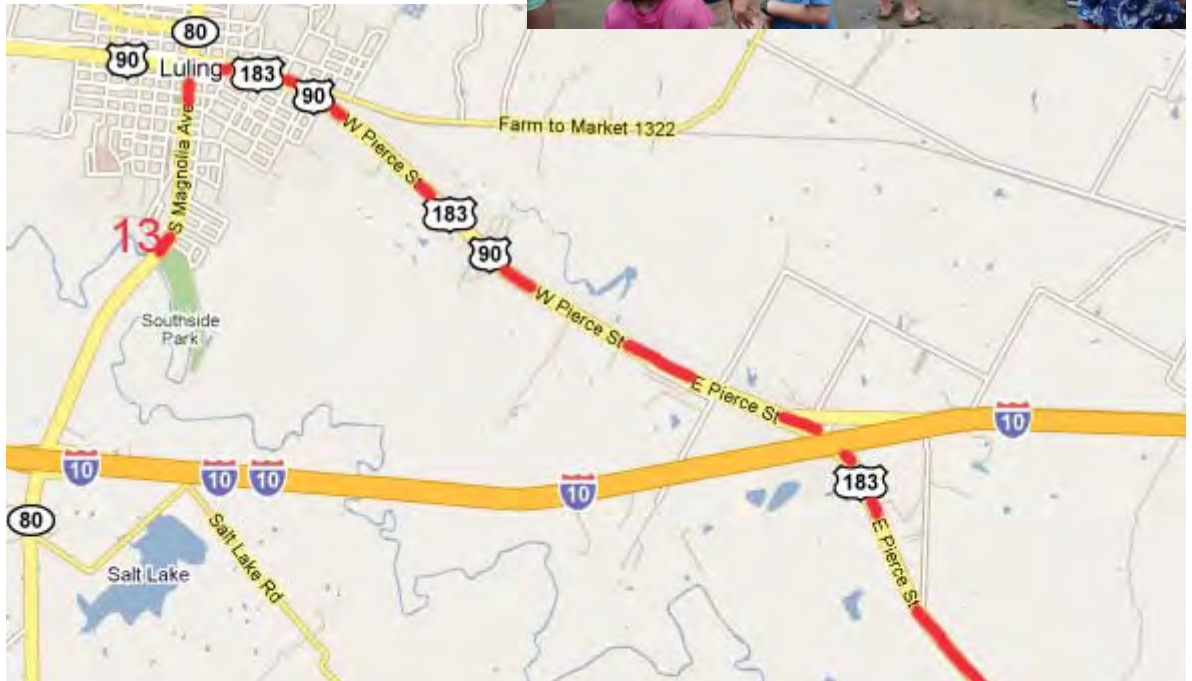
- Go back to Hwy 90 from Hwy 90 Bridge, turn Right (travel 2.6 mi.) to Hwy 80. Turn right onto HWY 80. Zedler Mill is on the right (Laurel Street). Park in Parking lot. Portage will be on right side of river but best spectator viewing is from Zedler Mill.



**(14) Palmetto State Park \*\* (CHECKPOINT-3) (Mile 60)**

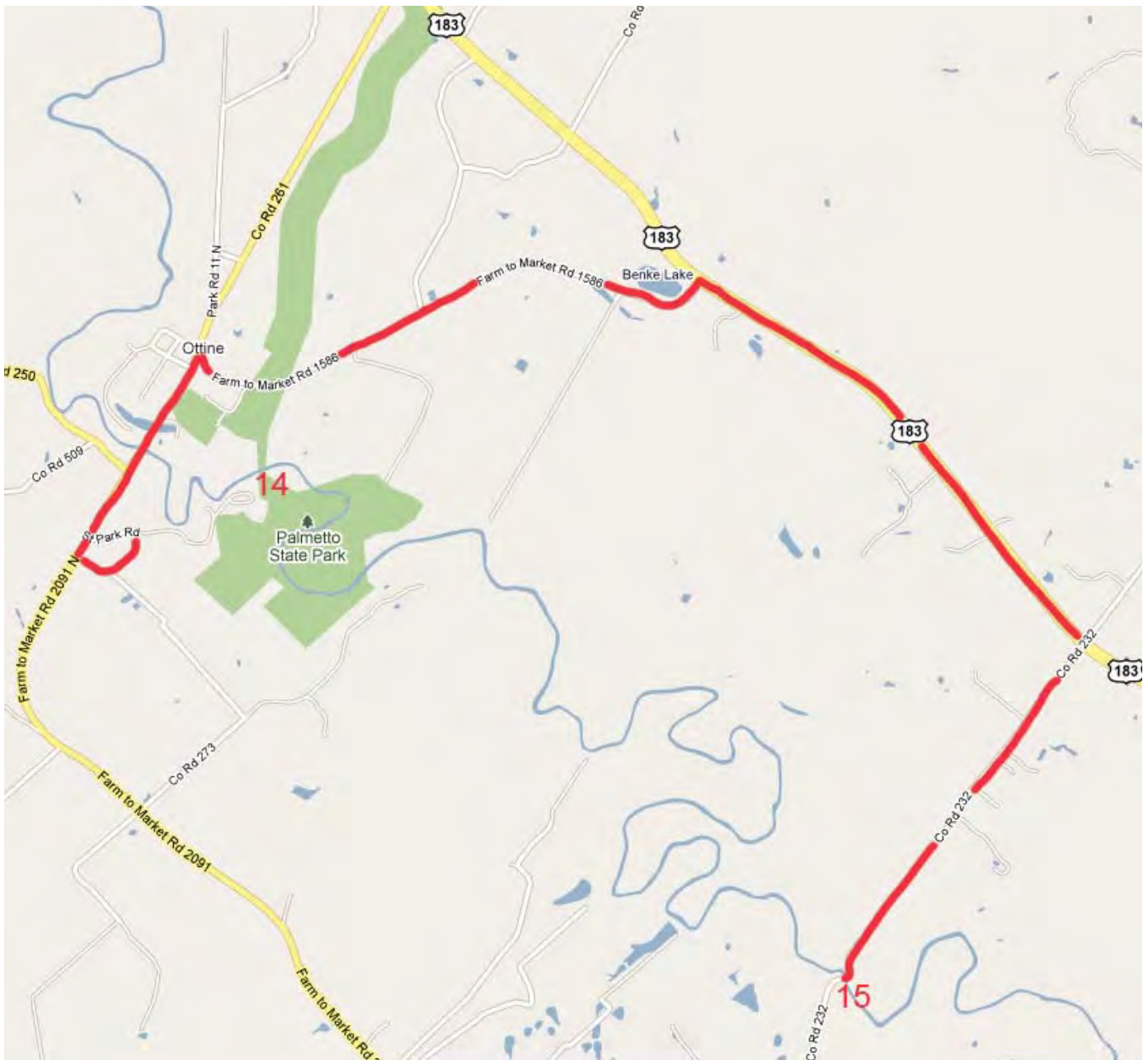
- From Luling intersection of Hwy 80 and Hwy 90/183,
- Turn right onto Hwy 90/183.
- Go (6.2mi) to Park Road 11, turn right.
- Proceed (1.9 mil) to Ottine (4-way stop w/FM 1586).
- Continue straight (Park Headquarters will be on Right) (.8 mi) cross 3 bridges, to second PR 11 sign.
- Turn left take PR 11 for (.5 mi) to pay station/parking (\$2.00 per person entrance fee).

Large clean restroom facilities here.



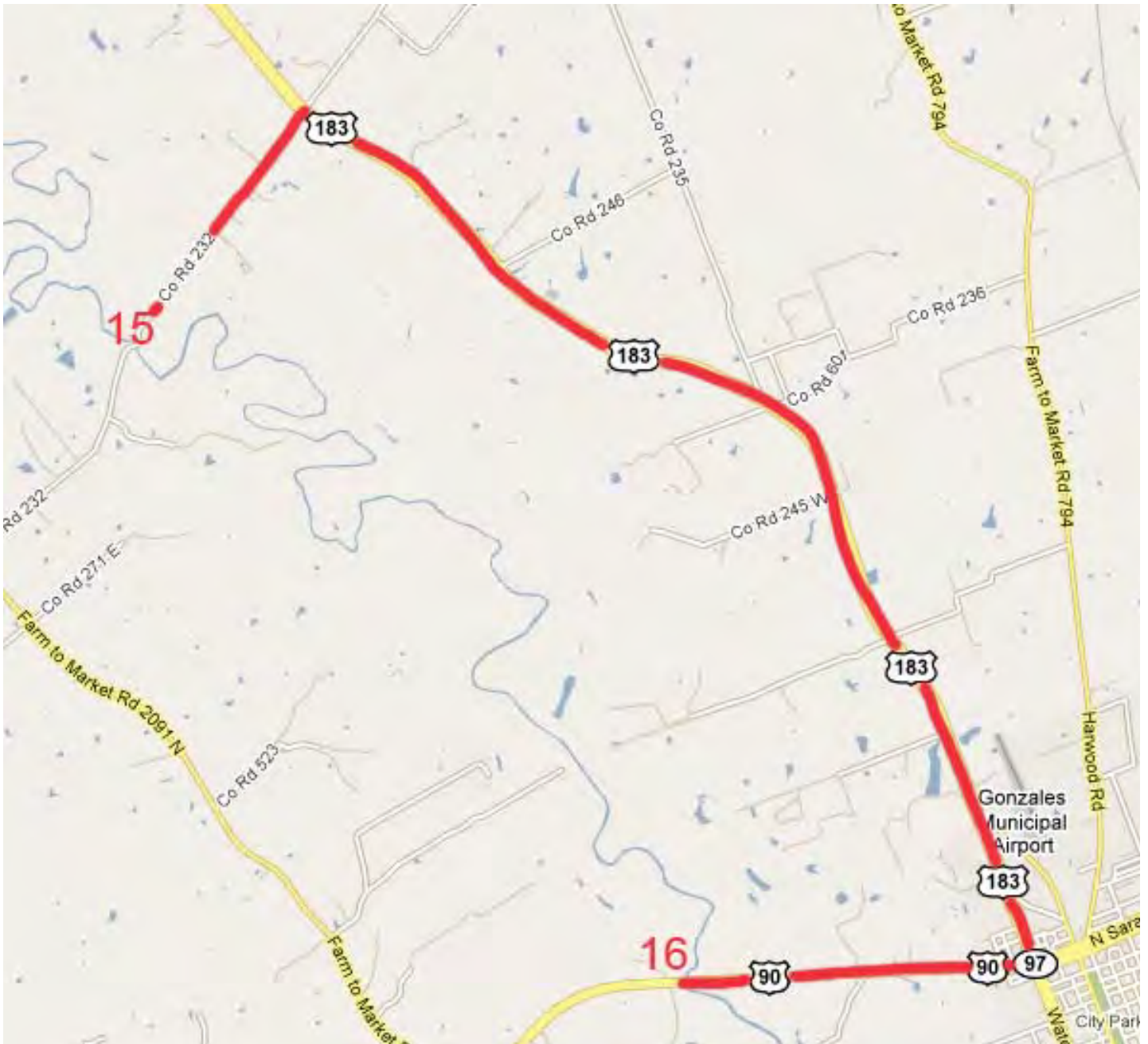
### (15) Slayden Cemetery Road (Mile 68)

- Back to main park road. Turn Right
- Return to 4-way stop FM 1586, turn right (Old Warm Springs Hospital and Water Tower on Corner).
- Go (2.1 mi) back to Hwy 90/183 on FM 1586, turn right.
- Go (2 mi) to (metal chicken houses on left side of Hwy183) CR 232/Slayden Cemetery Road. (this is a gravel Road), turn right (1.5 mi) to bridge. Park on either side of bridge.



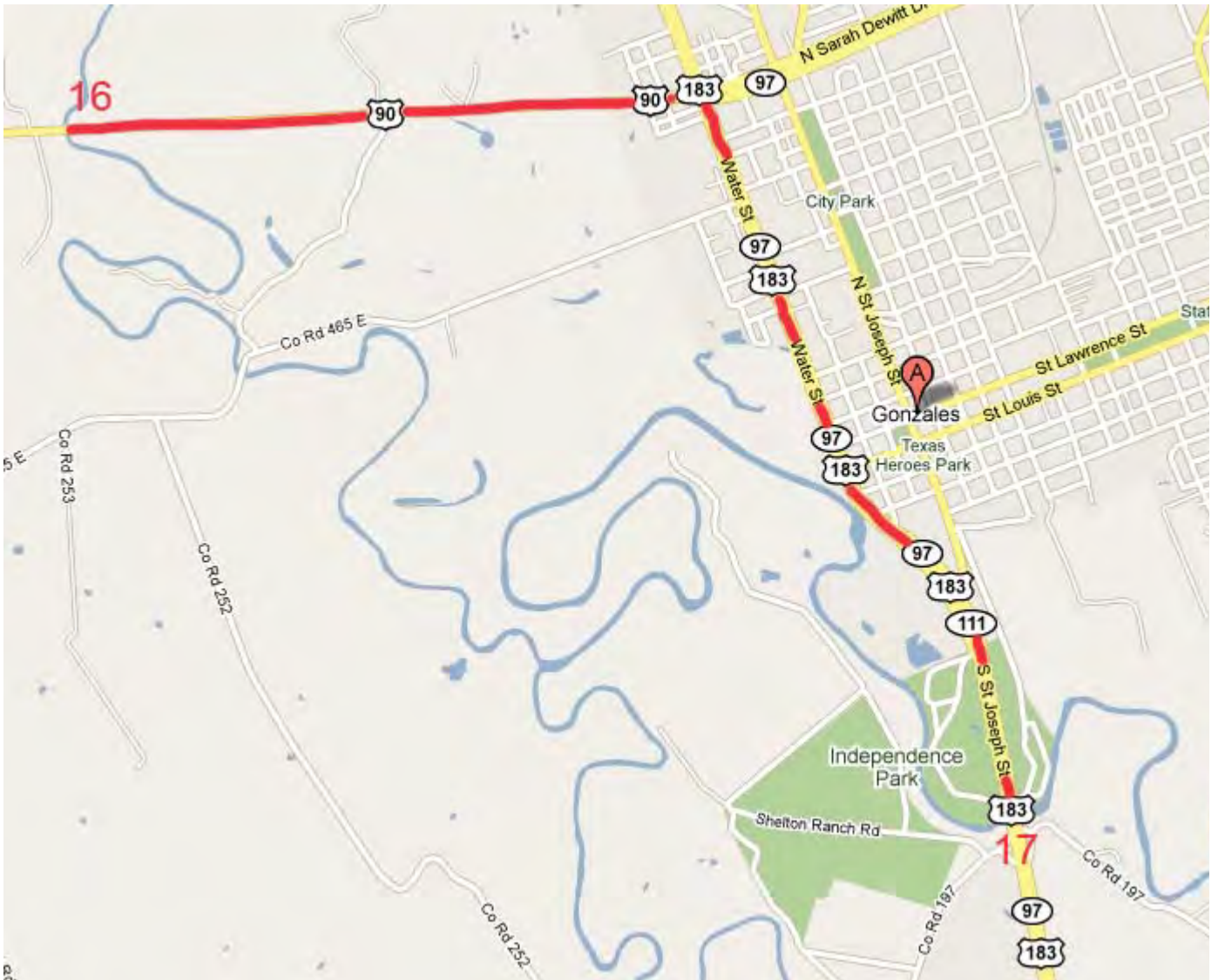
### (16) Gonzales Hwy 90 Bridge (Mile 77)

- Back to Hwy 183. Turn right
- Go (6.3 mi) to traffic light intersection of Hwy 183 and Hwy 90A.
- Turn right on Hwy 90A.
- Bridge is (1.9 mi). Cross Bridge and turn left (Private Property be Respectful).



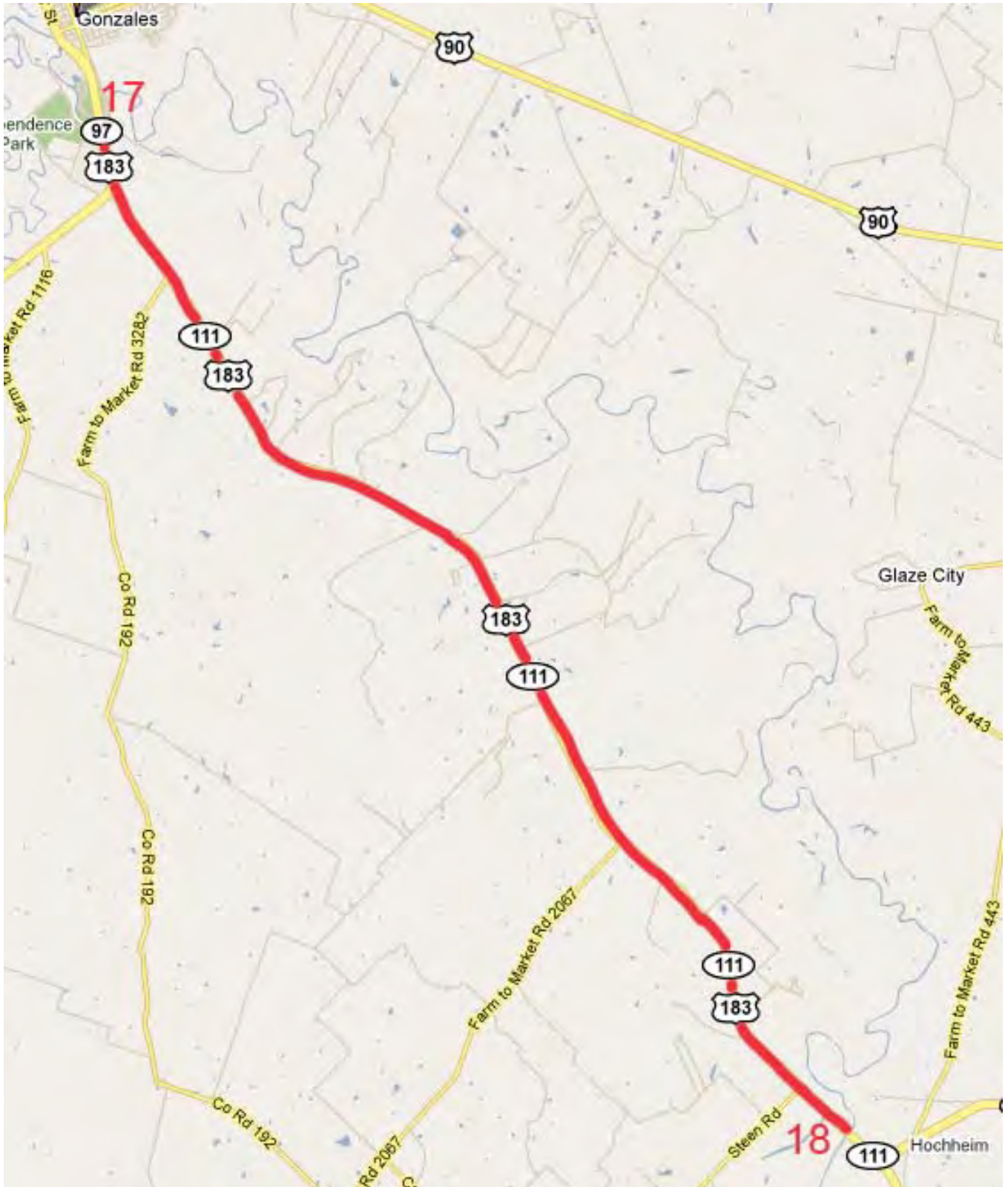
**(17) Gonzales Hwy 183 Bridge (CHECKPOINT-4) (Mile 85)**

- Back to light at the intersection of Hwy 90A and Hwy 183.
- Turn right on Hwy 183.
- Go (2.4 mi) to Guadalupe River Bridge. Take first right after bridge on
- CR 197 to checkpoint under bridge.



**(18) Hochheim Bridge (CHECKPOINT-5) (Mile 123)**

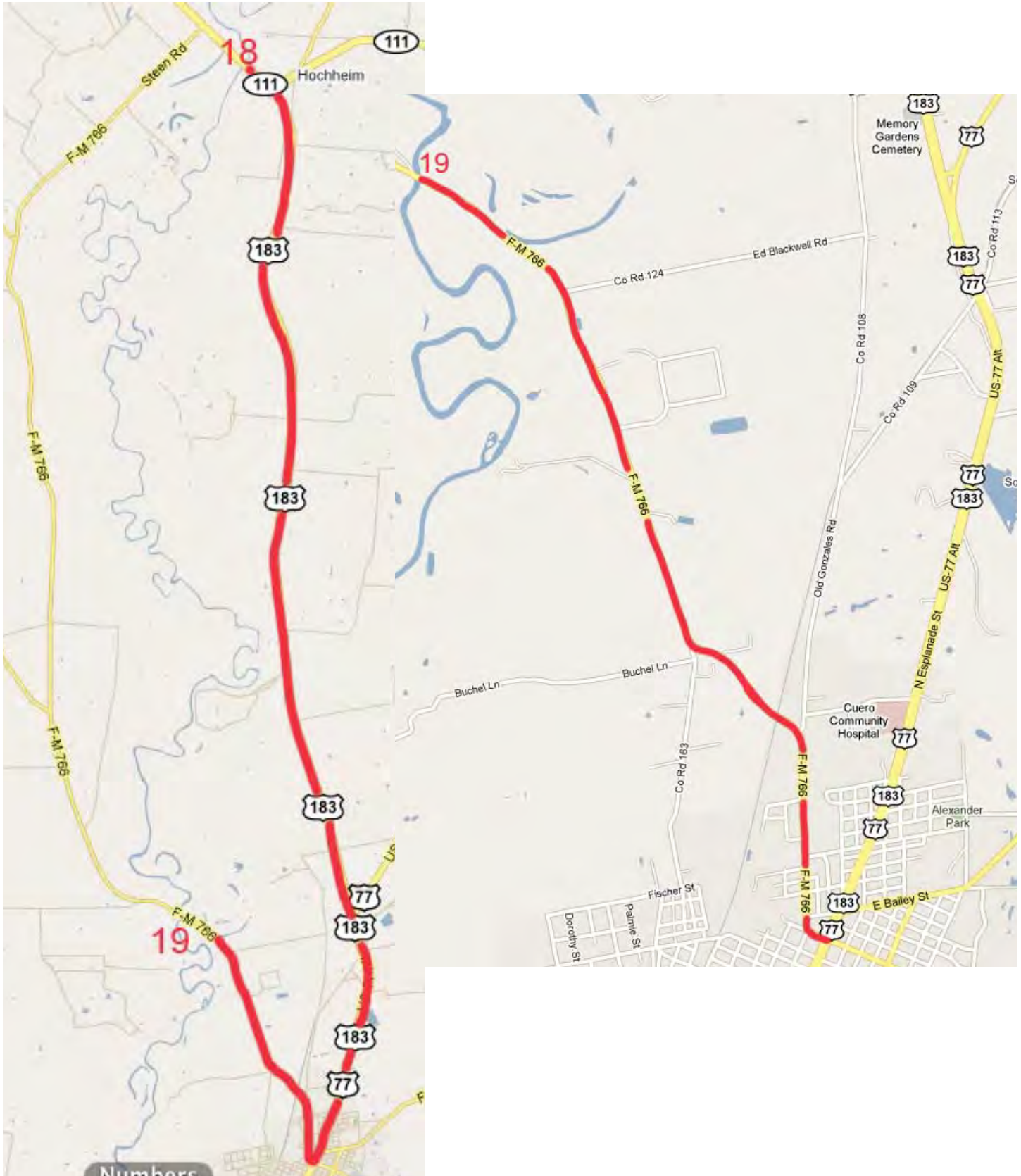
- From Gonzales 183 Checkpoint turn right on Hwy 183
- Go (14.8 mi) to the bridge, turn off on your left just before the Guadalupe
- River Bridge (small drive next to bridge). Proceed beside bridge to boatramp.





### (19) Cheapside FM 766 (CHECKPOINT-6)

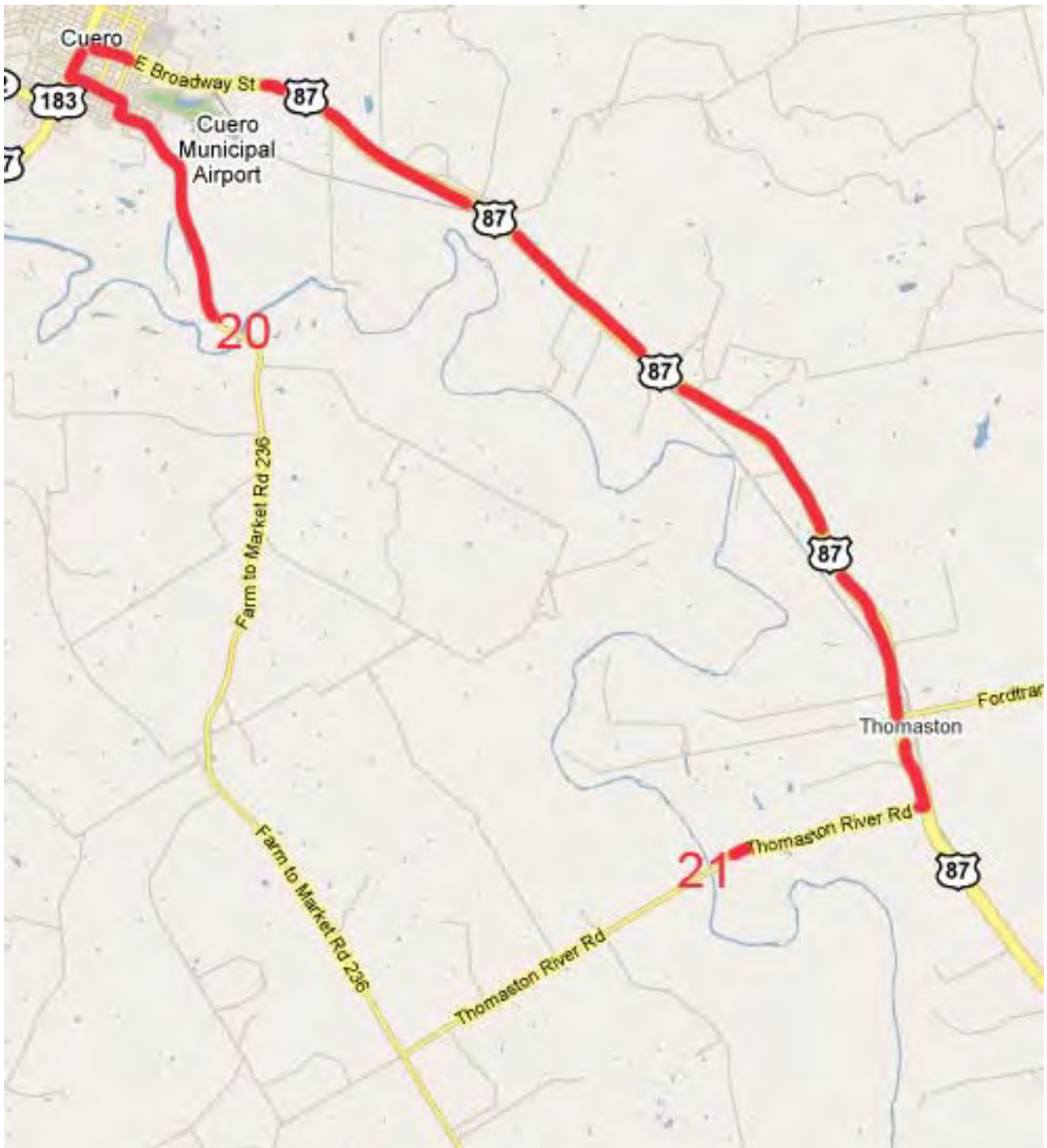
- From Hochheim bridge turn left on Hwy 183
- Go (15.5 mi) to Cheapside (Pizza Hut just before turn). Turn Right and veer to Right on CR 766.
- Go total of (4.4 mi.) to gravel road past bridge, turn right under bridge.





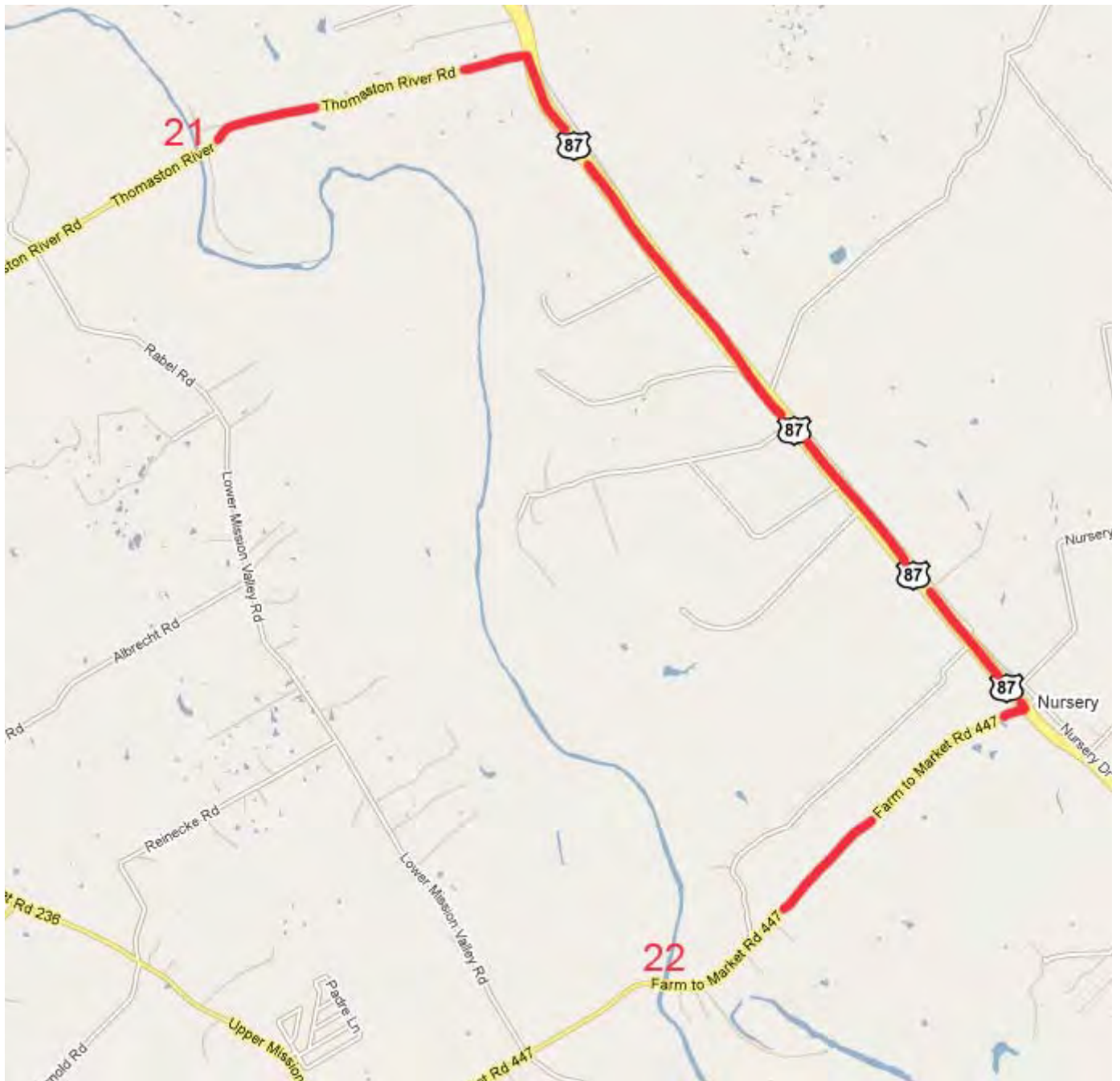
**(21) Thomaston Bridge (Mile 178)**

- Go back to Hwy 183, turn right
- Proceed (.3 mi.) to Hwy 87, turn right on Hwy 87.
- Go (11.8 mi) to Thomaston River Road, turn right (2.3 mi.) to bridge. Cross bridge and park on either side.



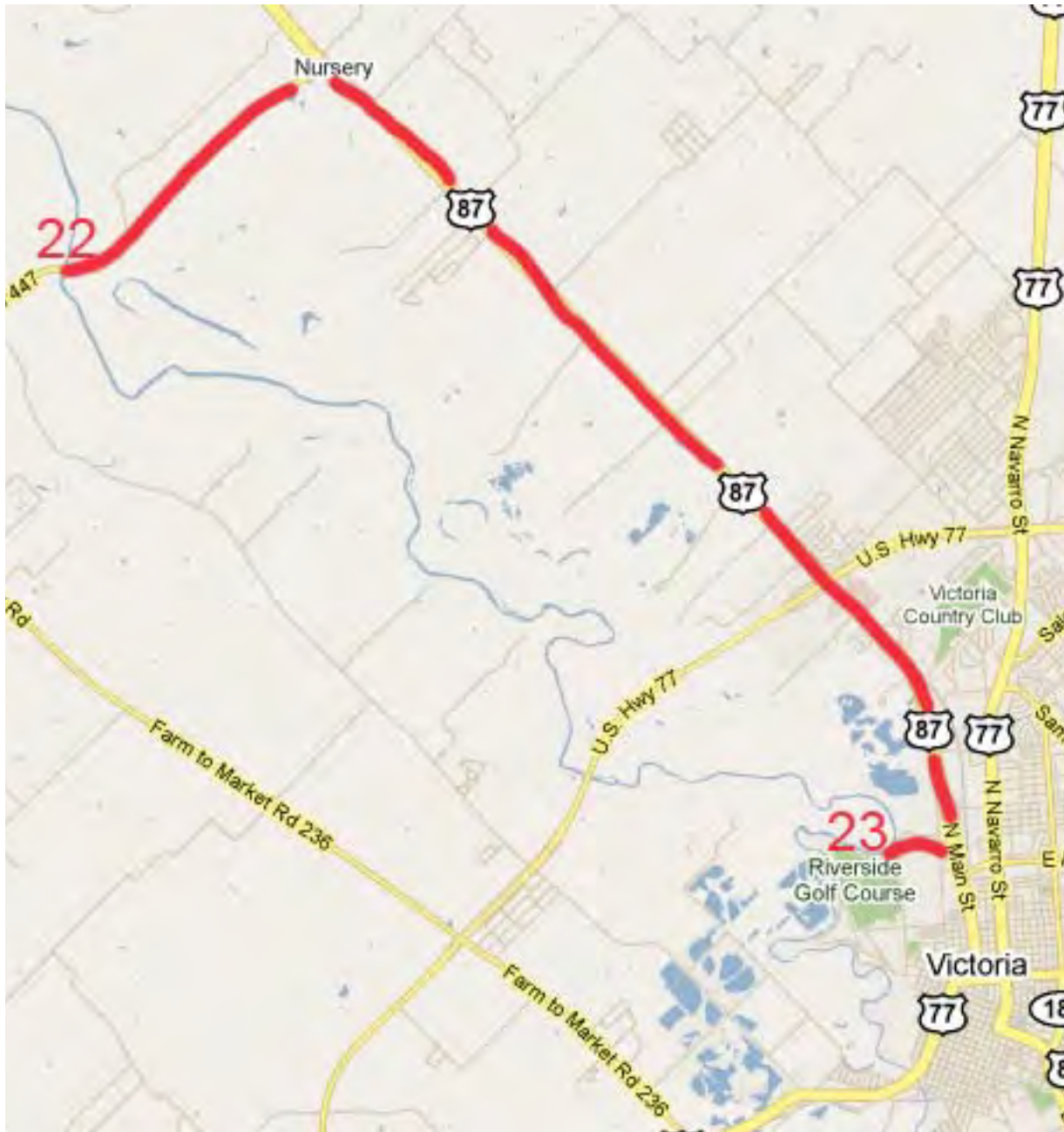
## (22) Nursery Hwy 447 Bridge (Mile 187)

- Go back to Hwy 87, turn right.
- Go (5.3 mi.) to Hwy 447/Nursery (Shell Station) Mission Valley Rd, turn right
- Proceed (2.9 mi.) to bridge, just past radio tower.
- Cross bridge and turn off on gravel road on right immediately after bridge.



**(23) Victoria City Park (CHECKPOINT-8) (Mile 200)**

- From Nursery FM 447, go back to Hwy 87, turn right.
- Go (8.9 mi) to Magnolia Street (no stop light - easy to miss), turn right.
- Go straight (.4 mi) into Victoria City Park past Little League Complex.
- At the Victoria Memorial Rose Garden turn right into parking area at boat ramp and checkpoint.





### (25) Swinging Bridge/Dupont Plant (CHECKPOINT-9) (Mile 227)

- Back to Hwy 59 take right.
- Go (1.5 mi) to Hwy 185 (Victoria/Bloomington Exit), take right.
- Go (6.5 mi) to Canal Road/FM 1686 (McJunkin Bldg on corner), be sure name is Canal Road. (there are two exists for FM 1686).
- Follow Canal Road. “Caution” at (.5 mi) there is a R/R Track (No Flashing Lights for Train) and go (1 mi) to stop sign, turn left.
- Go (2.0 mi) until you reach a one lane barge canal bridge. Cross the Bridge with caution and turn right immediately after the bridge on a gravel road. The gate will be locked; combination will be given at the start of the race. **THE GATE MUST BE LOCKED BEHIND YOU!**
- Proceed (1mi) and the checkpoint is on left beyond picnic tables at boat ramp.



## (26) Saltwater Barrier (CHECKPOINT-10) (Mile 244)

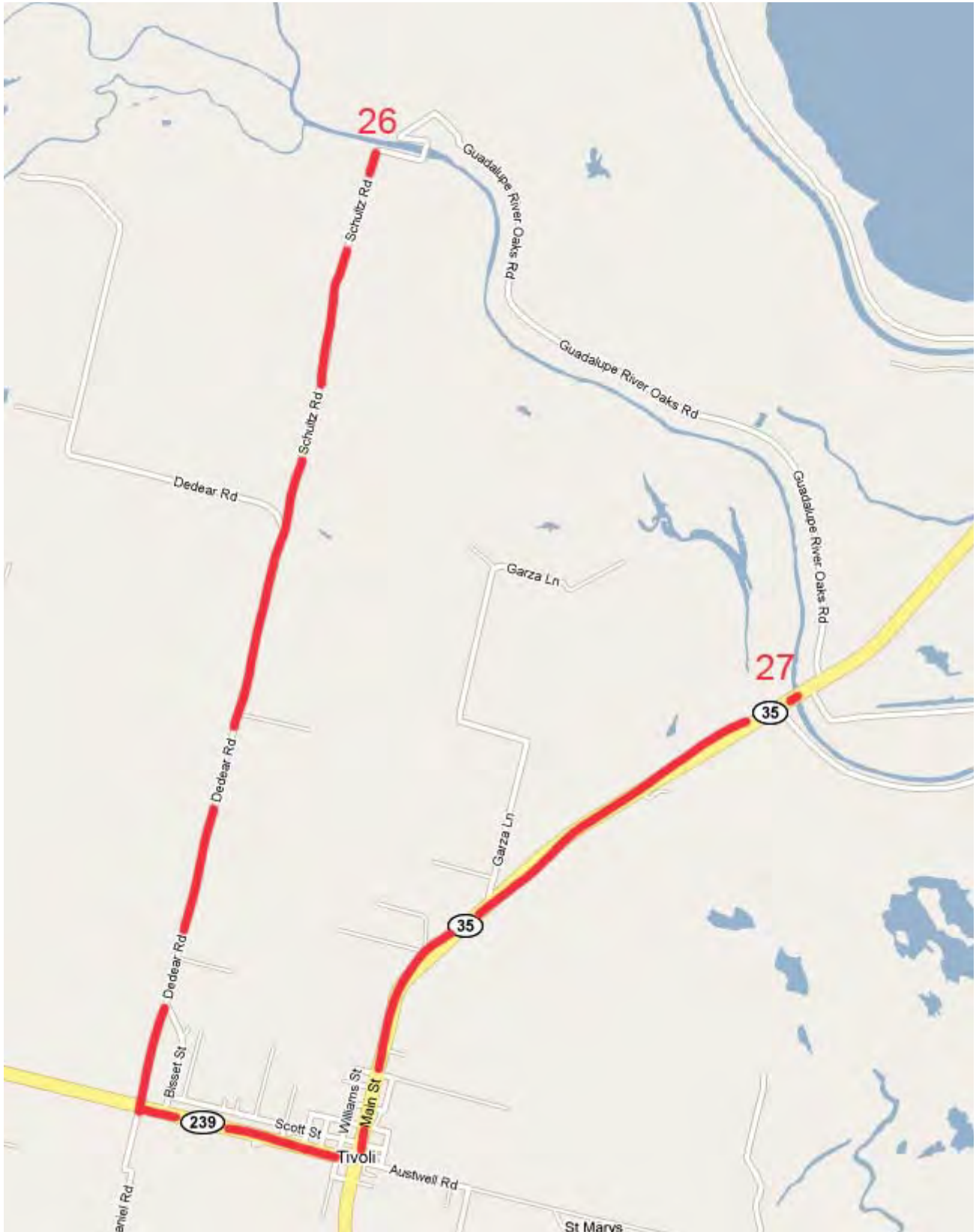
- From Dupont go back to Hwy 185, turn right.
- Go (13.5 mi) to intersection with Hwy 35, turn right.
- Take Hwy 35 Back to Tivoli, at FM 239 West (.7 mi) Turn Right on DeDear St. (white/gray house on corner)
- Go (2 mi) veer right at gravel road. (Schultz Rd) go (.8 mi) to 1st gate.
- Pass thru gate then pass through 2nd gate and saltwater barrier is on the left.
- BOTH GATES MUST BE CLOSED AS YOU ENTER!
- The checkpoint is on the right before you get to saltwater barrier.
- Please follow the following rules:
  - Close gates behind you.
  - The bridge over the saltwater barrier is off-limits and will be barricaded.
  - The GBRA employee on duty is responsible for safety on GBRA property and any request made pertaining to safety must be followed





### (27) Tivoli Hwy. 35 Bridge

- Take Schultz Rd back to 239. Turn left on 239 back to Tivoli.
- Go to intersection with Hwy 35, turn left.
- Go to Guadalupe River Bridge.
- Park on roadway just after the bridge. (Make sure there have been no changes to this stop at the beginning of race). DO NOT TRESPASS ON CHURCH PROPERTY!



**(28) Seadrift (RACE FINISH-11) (Mile 261)**

- Go back to Hwy 35 turn right go (5.5 mi) to the Hwy. 185 turnoff, turn right toward Seadrift.
- Go (8.7 mi) to 9th street. The road to the seawall curves off to the right.
- Follow 9th street (.6 mi) until it dead ends at seawall on Bay Avenue, turn left. Finish line is (.2 mi) on right (look for Pavilion and Flags)



FINISH!!!!

