

CYCLING HISTORIC GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS



Cave Creek School Pavilion Built in 1932-1933

Looking for a cycling route? One that meets your needs of:

- Peace and Quiet
- Scenic
- Ride less traveled roads
- Historic
- Challenge
- Choice of 4 trails by mileage

This map is modified for cycling based on the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools Driving Trail Map. The full 120+ mile trail takes you to 17 historic schools dating from 1847 - 1936.

The trail is divided into 4 quadrants of varying lengths.

- A 49 miles
- B 48 miles
- C 35 miles
- D 41 miles



Willow City School Built in 1905

Schools on the Trail were part of the original 44 independent school districts. Mostly are one teacher schools consisting of one, two or three rooms in one or two-story structures.

Built of log, native stone, frame with wood or tin exteriors unique to the Texas Hill Country. Some taught up to ten grades. Some have a nearby teacherage, open pavilions – with or without stages, “outhouses”, barbecue pits, bird viewing stands and baseball fields.

HERITAGE with PRIDE:

- 15 of the 17 schools on National Register of Historic Places
- 13 have Country School Association of America Plaques
- These schoolhouses served as community centers and still do.
- Rentals available – weddings, reunions, groups, etc.



Rheingold Teacherage Built in 1873

To learn more about these schools and the schedules of when they are open go to: www.historicschools.org

Please enjoy this self-guided tour.



At this time, no water nor toilets available.



If you stop by the schools, please sign our registries. Doing so will enable FRIENDS to become eligible for funds provided by the hotel occupancy tax for preservation work.

SAFETY FIRST: Narrow, winding roads and hilly terrain make it imperative for cyclists to obey the rules of the road such as riding single file on a two-lane road when vehicles approach from the rear.
Be safe, not sorry! 3.2018

MODIFIED CYCLE MAP

