

**The Twelfth Annual
Gateway To Texas Get-A-Way Tandem Tour
October 11-13, 2019
Clarksville, Texas**

Last year...well, last year was an off year. There were lots of conflicting plans, and the weekend on which the tour was scheduled was a total rain out, so all turned out for the best. But, here we are a year later and it's time to begin registration for the Twelfth Annual Gateway To Texas Get-A-Way Tandem Tour. Needless to say we missed seeing you all last year, so we are anxious to catch up on two years of news. We have recently been holding our Gateway To Texas Tandem Tour hospitality events at the Lennox House and we are happy to announce that the Lennox House will again serve as the location for our evening meals and social events. We will also have a guided tour of the Lennox House on Saturday night. So, join us this year as we visit with old friends and make new ones at the Twelfth Annual Gateway To Texas Get-A-Way Tandem Tour.

The Lennox House, located at 601 W. Broadway, was completed in 1897 by Charles David Lennox, Sr. and his wife Sallie Bagby Lennox. Mrs. Lennox's grandfather, Albert Hamilton Latimer, was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The Lennox family amassed their wealth in banking, ranching, farming, timber and later oil and gas production. The home is built in the Victorian style known as Queen Anne. Renovations in 1917 added the portico, the downstairs sunroom, upstairs sleeping porch and garage, as well as adding the tile on the porch. The home is decorated much as a family home would be and is very livable. All contents in the home are Lennox family items and include items from their travels throughout the western United States. The home is now owned by the Red River County Historical Society.

Entertainment will be provided by the always spectacular and ever unpredictable Don Pierce. There will be an open bar (beer and wine) both evenings at no additional cost. The Lennox House will open at 6:00 each evening and dinner will be served at 7:30.

Accommodations are available at the [Courthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast](#) and the [Red River Inn](#). There are also several options available for anyone interested in bringing a camper. There are camper pads and hook-ups at Langford Lake, about a half mile north of Clarksville on SH 37 and also, next to the Old Jail Museum, just north of Fireman's Park on West Madison Street.

The registration fee of [\\$115.00 plus the online processing fee](#) covers the evening meals on both Friday and Saturday, entertainment on both Friday and Saturday evenings, an open bar (beer and wine) on both Friday and Saturday evenings, and breakfast both Saturday and Sunday for those staying at the Red River Inn. Participants will be responsible for their own lodging and for lunch.

Schedule:

Friday (10/11)

Check-in/registration will be any time after 12:00 at the Historic Red River County Chamber of Commerce located at 101 N. Locust on the square in downtown Clarksville. Additional directions will be provided at registration to specific accommodations depending on preference (B & B / Red River Inn / Campsites).

An optional ride of 20-30 miles is planned for Friday afternoon, with no specific start time.

The Lennox House will be open for mingling and getting acquainted at 6:00 p.m. and Don Pierce will be on hand to provide our entertainment. There will be an open bar throughout the evening. Also, check-in/registration will continue at the Lennox House for anyone arriving after 6:00 p.m.

Saturday (10/12)

Breakfast will be provided at the Red River Inn between 7:30 to 8:30 for those staying at the Red River Inn or for anyone camping that wants to make their way to the Red River Inn.

Ride Details: We will hold a mass start at 9:00 a.m. from the downtown square. While there will be a mass start, riders who want to start earlier or later will have that option (anytime between 8:30 to 10:00). Three ride distances will be available with approximate distances of 35 and 75 miles. Red River County is reasonably flat, but very scenic and fun to ride with minimal traffic. The routes will be a marked and SAGed with rest stops every 20-25 miles.

Dinner will be catered and will be served at 7:30 p.m. but please come early to enjoy the entertainment and visit with friends. The Lennox House will open at 6:00 and a tour will be provided at 6:30.

Sunday (10/13)

Breakfast will be provided at the Red River Inn between 7:30 to 8:30 for those staying at the Red River Inn or for anyone camping that wants to make their way to the Red River Inn.

Ride Details: The ride on Sunday will start at 9:00 a.m. from the downtown square and will cover a distance of 25-35 miles.

Breakfast and ride start times are the same for both Saturday and Sunday.

Accommodations:

The [Courthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast](#) located at 506 N. Walnut is north of the downtown square and is a very charming option. Space is limited to 6 teams. Call Perry O'Brian ([903-517-0494](tel:903-517-0494)) to make your reservations. Please indicate that you will be participating in the Tandem Tour as they have blocked all rooms for us for the weekend.

The [Red River Inn \(903-427-2278\)](#) located at 2401 W. Main is locally owned and is on par with a Motel 6. They offer remodeled and nonsmoking rooms-some with mini refrigerators and microwaves. We have many tour participants who routinely stay there.

[Camping at Langford Lake or next to the Old Jail Museum](#) should be coordinated with the [City of Clarksville \(903-427-3834\)](#). Langford Lake is a reservoir located just north of Clarksville on SH 37. The area surrounding the lake has undergone many improvements over the last several years. There are 12 concrete camper pads and hookups located on the northwest side of the lake in a nice secluded area. Also, the city has developed 3 camper sites next to the Old Jail Museum just north of Fireman's Park on West Madison Street.

Support:

Saturday and Sunday rides will include SAG support and directional signage on the route. Rest stops will be provided at 20-25 mile intervals on Saturday only. Maps will be provided for all routes.

Cost:

\$115.00 plus the online processing fee per team, which includes dinner both Friday and Saturday, entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings, an open bar both Friday and Saturday evenings, breakfast both Saturday and Sunday mornings as noted, SAG support and directional signage Saturday and Sunday, rest stops on Saturday, great maps, and virtually no traffic. I wanted to share a quick note on costs. The purpose of this ride since its inception has been to provide a great event for tandem enthusiasts, and to promote tourism in Red River County. The ride has been, and continues to be, operated on a 100% break even basis. In order to avoid costs associated with late cancellations, there will be no refunds for cancellations received after October 1st. We are also requesting that registration fees be submitted at the time of registration.

Registration:

Our registration process has been completely automated. The link to the Chamber website is noted below. The Chamber website (redrivercoc.com) includes additional links for registration, payment, information, and our Facebook page.

<http://redrivercoc.com/2010/12/31/bicycling-fall-tandem-tour/>

A standard release form is required to be signed at the time of check-in at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday.

Registration is limited to the first twenty-five teams registering. The ride will be confirmed upon receiving ten registrations.

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Information on Clarksville and Red River County:

Population is 3,200 and 12,000, respectively. Clarksville was founded in 1833 and Red River County was the "Gateway To Texas" for many of the first settlers including Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Stephen F. Austin and Jim Bowie. The roads are well maintained, reasonably flat, with only minor to modest traffic.