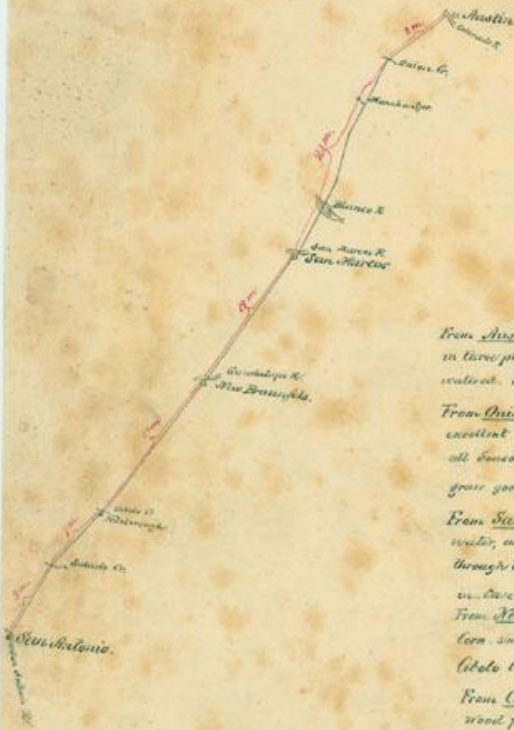


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Description of the best route from Austin to San Antonio, Texas.

The straight lined road 83 miles long shows the distances of water and all the points of importance

Scale 20 miles to inch.



From Austin to Union Creek 8 miles over an open rolling Prairie, excellent road, Colorado River fordable in three places, fords at one place, good crossing, hard sandy soil, Country well farmed moderately watered. Supplies plenty Corn, beef, pigs, sheep and horses.

From Union Creek to San Marcos 23 miles over undulating Prairie with good supply of water, excellent road, Blanco R. and San Marcos River are small rapid running streams, fordable at all seasons. Country well settled and abundance of supplies viz Corn, small grain, beef sheep, pigs, grass good, good camping grounds near the stream.

From San Marcos to New Braunfels 12 miles, undulating open Prairie, excellent road, not much water, abundance of supplies, beautiful camping grounds, small amount of cotton, good crossing through the Guadalupe River a short distance below the mouth of Leavel River, a ferry boat is used in case of high water, right below the junction of the above named rivers.

From New Braunfels to Abila Creek 17 miles over gently rolling open Prairie, supplies plentiful viz Corn, small grain, beef, pork and horses, grass not very plenty, water scarce in summer season, Abila Creek sluggish slow running stream.

From Abila Creek to San Antonio 16 miles, excellent road, hilly & rolling, the quiet Prairie, wood plenty, some supplies, not very abundant, crossing of Salado Creek good.