



The Tours

This document includes important tips on preparing for and debriefing a variety of City tours that we have been developed to give you a chance to explore new parts of Sugar Land! Five tours have been developed: one driving/walking tour and four biking tours. While the driving tour covers the whole City, we divided the biking tours to allow for a more manageable tour time and to keep them comfortable. We recommend that you budget between 1.5 and 2 hours for each tour.

Before the Tour

Learn the Route & Think about other Users

The best preparation is to learn your tour route. Knowing your route will help you stay on-course and identify key points to stop and make additional observations.

Read through the [Directions and Destinations page for your tour](#), then retrace the tour path using [Google Maps](#) to ensure you know it well.

As you trace your route on Google Maps, try to answer these questions:

- Would this route be comfortable for someone of any ability or experience? Would the experience be different if I were biking, walking, rolling a wheelchair, or driving? Would it be different as an eight year old? An eighty year old?
- If I could predict my post-tour observations now, what three things do I think I'll experience on this route?

Prepare with Safety in Mind

For the Driving Tour: If possible, ask another person in your household to drive while you navigate and make observations. If you are driving alone, consider planning stops along your route to take a break and reflect on what you observed. The driving tour includes walking breaks where you can explore certain parts of the City on foot. Make sure to use pedestrian buttons when crossing intersections.

For Bike Tours: Safety is important any time you ride a bike but is even more critical on these tours. Some of the tours are intentionally designed to take you across major barriers and along streets that are not well-designed for people walking and biking. The purpose is to better understand the City's full network of street typologies.

To stay safe, make sure you do the following things before you ride.

- Schedule your ride for a time of day with less traffic and comfortable temperatures.
- Budget about 1.5 to 2 hours for each tour.
- Let someone know when you plan to ride and when you plan to be back.
- If possible, bring another member of your household to ride with you.
- Make sure your bike is in working order. Check the air in your tires, make sure your brakes work well, and check to see if your chain is in good condition. Going on a test ride through your neighborhood is a great way to make sure all things are in working order.

During the Tour

Use the Tour Sheets & Stay Safe

Print and bring the tour direction and destination maps with you. You can also save them to your phone. The maps include a lot of detailed information. We understand it may be overwhelming, so please do not feel obligated to follow word-for-word. Use the map sheets and prompted questions however you choose. Our main goal is for you to experience the City's transportation network!

For the Driving Tour: Please follow the rules of the road and try to avoid distracted driving during the tour.

- Charge your phone before you leave.
- Bring water, caffeine, or any snacks you might want during the drive.
- Make sure to bring a mask in case you stop at any local businesses.

For Bike Tours:

Keep safety at the front of your mind during your ride:

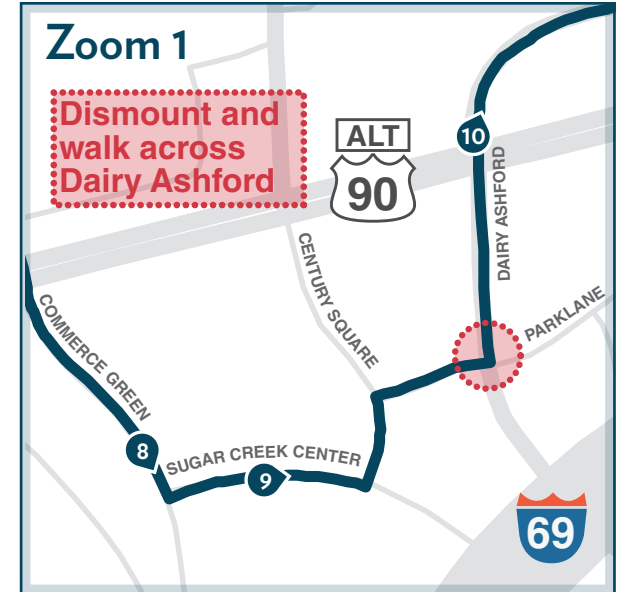
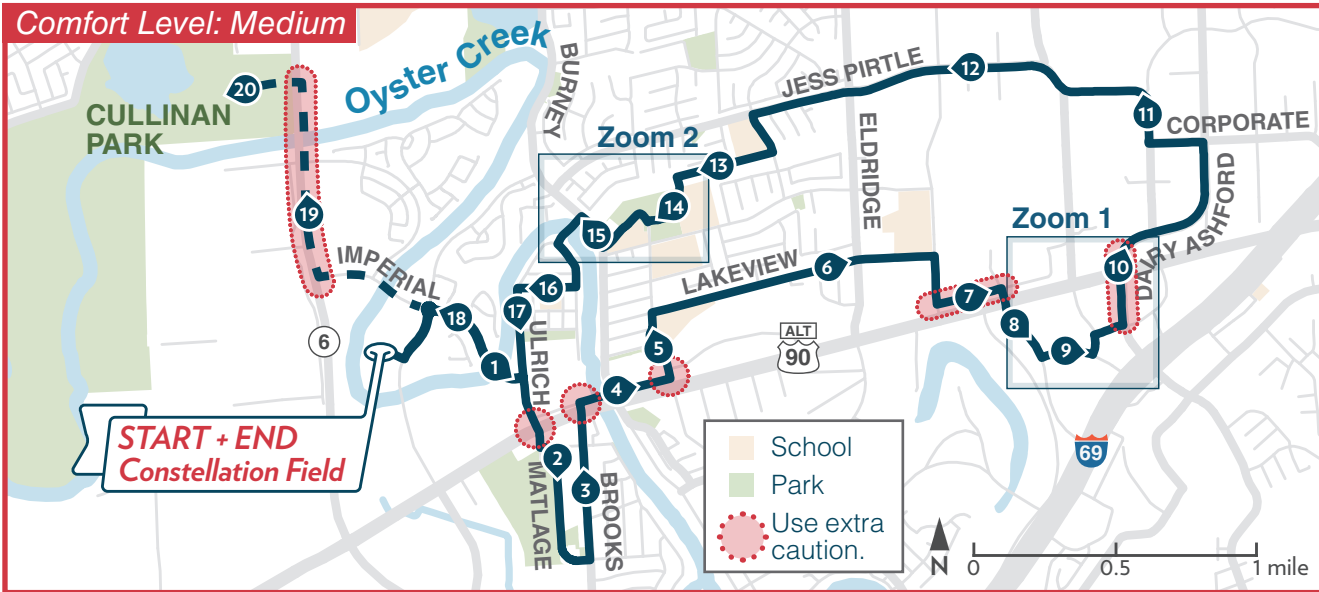
- Wear a helmet and sunscreen.
- Charge your phone before you leave.
- Bring plenty of water and stay hydrated.
- Make sure to bring a mask in case you stop at any local businesses.
- If you feel unsafe or fatigued during any part of the tour, do not hesitate to pull over and walk. It's okay to only do part of a tour, or to break a tour into segments over multiple days.

After the Tour

The following questions can be used to debrief your tour experience. Use these to chat with your tour companion or in a moment of reflection when back home.

1. Did you discover something on the tour that you have never seen before (e.g., a new destination, a barrier you did not realize existed, an new area of town)?
2. Would this route be comfortable for someone of any ability or experience? For example, if you were using a wheelchair, what would be your biggest barrier?
3. What parts of the tour were comfortable? What parts were uncomfortable?
4. Did you ever feel unsafe driving, biking, or walking on the tour? If so, where did you feel unsafe and why?
5. How would your experience on the route differ if it occurred during a peak travel period (rush hour)?
6. What is your overall perception of how streets are laid out in Sugar Land?
 - Were sidewalks present on the whole tour? Were they clear and wide enough for people to walk, use a wheelchair, or even bike?
 - Was there shade?
 - How did it feel to cross intersections on foot? Did certain design elements help an experience at an intersection?

DIRECTIONS COMPANY TOWN + INDUSTRIAL BIKE TOUR 10 miles



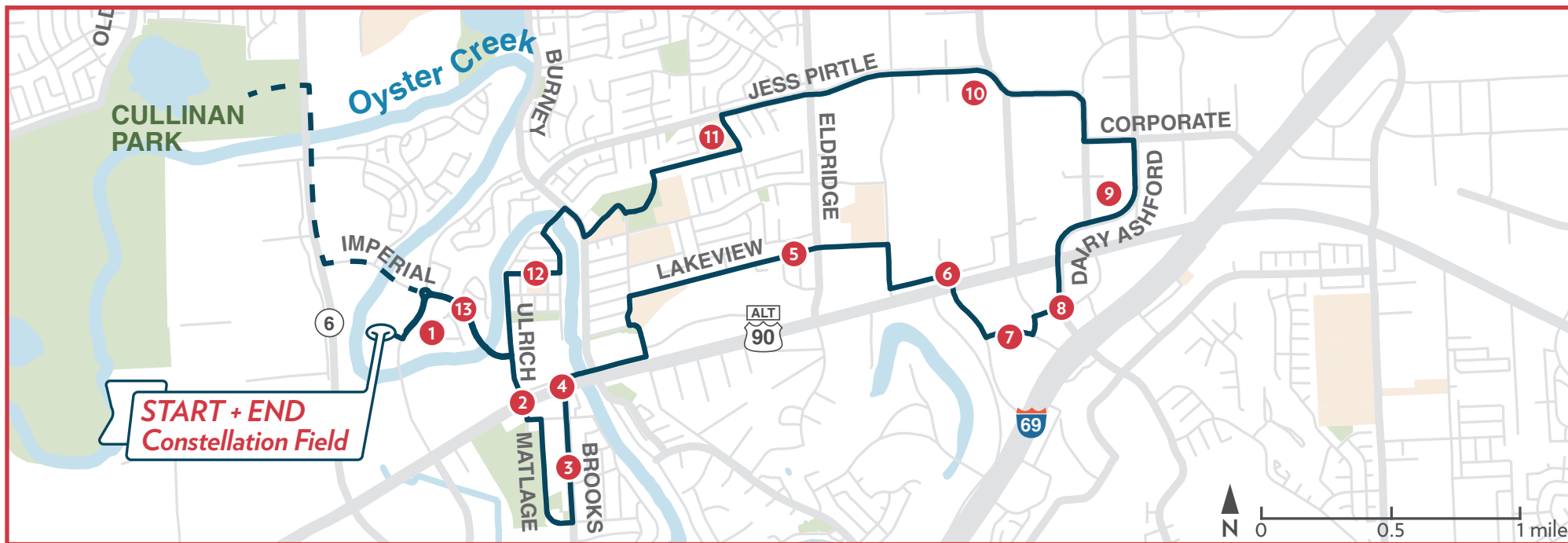
DIRECTIONS

- 1** Leave the parking lot of Constellation Field, head north (left) on Stadium Dr. Use the roundabout to take a right on Imperial Blvd.
- 2** Take a right onto Ulrich St. Cross US-90A, make the first left on Guenther St and a right onto Matlage Way.
- 3** Take a left onto Brooks St and cross US-90A.
- 4** Take the first right after the rail line onto Kempner St. Bike or walk around a "No Thru Traffic Sign" to reach the next turn.
- 5** Take a left onto Wood St, then a right to stay on Wood St after the curve.
- 6** Take a right onto Lakeview Dr and another right onto Gillingham Ln.
- 7** Take a left onto Macco Dr before the rail line. The street is closed to cars, but you can bike around the barriers.
- 8** Take a right on Schlumberger Dr. Cross US-90A.
- 9** Take a left onto Sugar Creek Center Blvd. Take the first left onto Century Square Blvd and the first right onto Parklane Blvd.
- 10** Take a left onto Dairy Ashford Rd. You will need to get off your bike and cross on foot. Cross US-90A and follow the curves to take a left onto Corporate Dr.
- 11** Take a right onto Julie Rivers Dr. At the fork, stay left onto Reed Rd.
- 12** Reed Rd turns into Jess Pirtle Blvd. Stay on Jess Pirtle Blvd past Eldridge Rd and take a left onto Bournewood Dr.
- 13** Take the first right after the school onto a trail, then take a left at the fork onto the bridge.
- 14** Follow the trail around the baseball field and take a right to continue through the parking lot of the St. Theresa Catholic Church.
- 15** Take a right onto Burney Rd and the first left onto Harman St
- 16** Take a left at the end of Harman St onto East Park St. Take a right onto any neighborhood street.
- 17** Take a left onto Ulrich St.
- 18** Take a right onto Imperial Blvd. Continue to the roundabout at Stadium Dr to take a left toward Constellation Field.

Optional Leg to Cullinan Park

- 19** To visit to Cullinan Park, go through the traffic circle to continue on Imperial Blvd. Take a right onto SH-6. Use caution. SH-6 is high-speed and has no sidewalks.
- 20** It is not possible to make a left directly into Cullinan Park. You may need to dismount and walk your bike across SH-6. Explore the trails in Cullinan Park and return using the same roads: SH-6 to Imperial Blvd to Stadium Dr.

THINGS TO SEE COMPANY TOWN + INDUSTRIAL BIKE TOUR



DESTINATIONS

- 1** Constellation Field sits across from a multi-family complex in the new Imperial Development. The area is served by a new network of streets and accessible from the rest of Sugar Land by Stadium Dr and Imperial Blvd. Note the roundabout, sidewalk widths, and crosswalk design.
- 2** Ulrich St crosses both US-90A and the rail line and is heavily used by freight trucks from the Nalco Champion Plant. How does it feel to cross on your bike?
- 3** Brooks St has bike “sharrows” to indicate that drivers should share the road with people biking. How does it feel to bike on the sharrows? How does that design translate as Brooks St approaches US-90A?
- 4** Similar to Ulrich St, Brooks St crosses US-90A and the rail line. How does it feel to cross on your bike? Spend some time observing a few signal cycles. What are drivers’ turning behaviors? How would it feel to drive through this intersection?
- 5** Lakeview Dr has a similar design treatment as Brooks St with parking on both sides and “sharrows” in the travel lanes.
- 6** Commerce Green Blvd also crosses US-90A and the rail line. Did this feel any different than the crossings at Ulrich St and Brooks St?
- 7** The Streets in this portion of Sugar Creek are much wider than Brooks St and Ulrich St. They also include large medians and multiple travel lanes like many of the major streets in other parts of the City. What is your experience walking or biking on these boulevards?
- 8** The Sugar Creek Triangle is one of the City’s major employment centers. Taking a left from Parklane Blvd to Dairy Ashford Rd is not possible. What was your alternative route?
- 9** This section of Sugar Land is home to the City’s light industrial land uses. Most of the streets in this part of town are older and the lot sizes are larger.
- 10** A large section of Jess Pirtle Blvd has no sidewalks.
- 11** Sugar Mill Elementary School has one of the highest percentages of students walking to school. Why do you think that is?
- 12** This portion of the City was originally built as a company town by the Imperial Sugar Company. How are its streets different than newer developments? How do they feel to bike or walk in?
- 13** The streets and homes of the Imperial Development are some of the newest in the City. How do they feel different from other streets in Sugar Land?