

This brief journal was created 17 (in May 2008) years after the actual bike ride, based on maps, my detailed journal and hand drawn GPS maps. Should be close to correct.

Statistics (Totals/Locations)

Miles: 2055.5 miles

Days: 21 days

States: New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida

Day 1, Friday, May 10, 1991

Daily Miles: 29.0 miles

Location: Albuquerque, NM to Chilili, NM

Points of interest: None

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camping near barking dog

Altitude profile: Lots of uphill.

Day 2, Saturday, May 11, 1991

Daily Miles: 138.9 miles

Location: Chilili, NM to 13 miles west of Fort Summer, NM

Points of interest:

1. Several dead snakes

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Slept on ground near road

Altitude profile: Some uphill and lots of downhill.

Day 3, Sunday, May 12, 1991

Daily Miles: 160.9 miles

Location: 13 miles west of Fort Summer, NM to near Tulia, Texas

Points of interest:

1. Billy the Kid's grave near Fort Sumner, NM

2. Most miles ever biked in a single day while bike touring.

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camper near turned over truck at truck stop near Tulia, Texas

Altitude profile: Very flat with slight downhill and tailwinds

Day 4, Monday, May 13, 1991

Daily Miles: 107.5 miles

Location: Tulia, Texas to Childress, Texas

Points of interest:

1. Tarantula on the outside wall of a 7-11 store

2. A Man gave me a beer.

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Childress, Texas – ½ of night in baseball dugout – other ½ on picnic table

Altitude profile: Mostly flat with unnoticeable downhill (very slight)

Day 5, Tuesday, May 14, 1991

Daily Miles: 90.1 miles

Location: Childress, Texas to 30 miles west of Layton, Oklahoma

Points of interest: None

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Slept under a bridge 30 miles west of Layton, Oklahoma

Altitude profile: Close to flat some hills, more downhill than uphill.

Day 6, Wednesday, May 15, 1991

Daily Miles: 110.9 miles

Location: 30 miles west of Layton, Oklahoma to a couple miles South of Pauls Valley, OK

Points of interest:

1. Nice wooded area with turtles and dead Armadillos
2. Fire flies at night

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped at truck stop south of Pauls Valley, OK near highway 35.

Altitude profile: Some rolling hills

Day 7, Thursday, May 16, 1991

Daily Miles: 114.2 miles

Location: A couple miles South of Pauls Valley, OK to 4 miles west of McAlester, OK

Points of interest:

1. Police ID verification in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped 4 miles west of McAlester, OK

Altitude profile: Some rolling hills

Day 8, Friday, May 17, 1991

Daily Miles: 79.5 miles

Location: 4 miles west of McAlester, OK to near the top of the pass to Mena, Arkansas in Oklahoma

Points of interest:

1. Motorcycle group party at campground in hills of Oklahoma
2. Sign on the scenic route to Arkansas saying "Trucks Warning; grades of 13% next 21 miles"
3. I saw a Bobcat or mountain lion near the road.

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped near the top of the pass to Mena, Arkansas in Oklahoma

Altitude profile: Very hilly, strenuous day.

Day 9, Saturday, May 18, 1991

Daily Miles: 108.6 miles

Location: Near the top of the pass to Mena, Arkansas in Oklahoma to Hot Springs, Arkansas

Points of interest:

1. Bottoms Up Topless Entertainment Club

Expresses: \$5.00 Club fee and the rest is unknown

Accommodations: Shamrock Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas

Altitude profile: Some hills, mostly downhill

Day 10, Sunday, May 19, 1991

Daily Miles: 87.5 miles

Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas to just east of Fordyce, Arkansas

Points of interest:

1. Hot Springs National Park

2. Lots of flooded farm land

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped just east of Fordyce, Arkansas

Altitude profile: A couple small hills

Day 11, Monday, May 20, 1991

Daily Miles: 97.8 miles

Location: Just east of Fordyce, Arkansas to Greenville, Mississippi

Points of interest:

1. Heavy truck traffic and no shoulder to bike on.

2. Bridge crossing the Mississippi River near Greenville, Mississippi.

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Motel in Greenville, Mississippi

Altitude profile: Mostly flat

Day 12, Tuesday, May 21, 1991

Daily Miles: 89.4 miles

Location: Greenville, Mississippi to Yazoo City, Mississippi

Points of interest:

1. Leroy Percy State Park with Alligator pit.

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Slept behind a church in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Altitude profile: Flat

Day 13, Wednesday, May 22, 1991

Daily Miles: 108.6 miles

Location: Yazoo City, Mississippi to between Raleigh and Bay Springs, Mississippi

Points of interest:

1. Ross Barnett Reservoir Bride

Expenses: \$5.00 for 2 bags of groceries, the rest is unknown

Accommodations: Camped under a bridge between Raleigh and Bay Springs, Mississippi

Altitude profile: A little gradual uphill, but mostly flat

Day 14, Thursday, May 23, 1991

Daily Miles: 110.7 miles

Location: between Raleigh and Bay Springs, Mississippi to between Coffeerville and Grove Hill, Alabama

Points of interest:

1. Tombigbee River

Expenses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped between Coffeerville and Grove Hill, Alabama.

Altitude profile: little hills, but close to flat

Day 15, Friday, May 24, 1991

Daily Miles: 105.6 miles

Location: Between Coffeerville and Grove Hill, Alabama to Blackwater River State Forest, Florida

Points of interest:

1. Alabama River

2. Man handed me a beer and ginger ale.

3. Florida state line.

Expenses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped at Blackwater River State Forest, Florida

Altitude profile: Some small hills

Day 16, Saturday, May 25, 1991

Daily Miles: 112.6 miles

Location: Blackwater River State Forest, Florida to Panama City, Florida

Points of interest:

1. At construction zone fell off pavement and broke 6 spokes

2. Panama City, Florida

Expenses: \$50.00 for motel, the rest is unknown

Accommodations: motel in Panama City, Florida

Altitude profile: mostly flat

Day 17, Sunday, May 26, 1991

Daily Miles: 72.2 miles

Location: Panama City, Florida to 5 miles west of Apalachicola, Florida

Points of interest:

1. Swimming in the Gulf of Mexico

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Slept on a telephone pole service road about 5 miles west of Apalachicola, Florida

Altitude profile: flat

Day 18, Monday, May 27, 1991

Daily Miles: 103.3 miles

Location: 5 miles west of Apalachicola, Florida to 10 miles west of Perry, Florida

Points of interest:

1. I saw two armadillos

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: camped near this road which was about 10 miles west of Perry, Florida

Altitude profile: flat

Day 19, Tuesday, May 28, 1991

Daily Miles: 101.6 miles

Location: 10 miles west of Perry, Florida to Osceola National Forest next to Olustee Battlefield

Points of interest:

1. Snorkeling in a spring at Bradford, Florida

Expresses: Unknown

Accommodations: Camped at Osceola National Forest next to Olustee Battlefield

Altitude profile: mostly flat

Day 20, Wednesday, May 29, 1991

Daily Miles: 107.3 miles

Location: Osceola National Forest next to Olustee Battlefield to St. Augustine

Points of interest:

1. Arriving at the Atlantic Ocean, Neptune Beach

2. Jacksonville Beach

Expresses: \$13.00 for Youth hostel, the rest is unknown

Accommodations: Stayed in Youth hostel in St. Augustine

Altitude profile: flat and some gradual downhill

Day 21, Thursday, May 30, 1991

Daily Miles: 18.8 miles

Location: St. Augustine

Points of interest: - All the following are in St. Augustine

1. Old Fort
2. The Fountain of Youth
3. Lightner Museum
4. Flagler College
5. The country's oldest wooden schoolhouse.

Expenses: \$13.00 for Youth hostel, the rest is unknown

Accommodations: Stayed in Youth hostel in St. Augustine

Altitude profile: flat

Day 22, Friday, May 31, 1991

Daily Miles: 0 miles

Location: St. Augustine to Plantation, Florida

Points of interest: None

Expenses: Unknown

Accommodations: Stayed at Uncle Joes place in Plantation, Florida

Day 23, Saturday, June 1, 1991

Daily Miles: 0 miles

Location: Plantation, Florida and Fort Lauderdale

Points of interest:

1. Snorkeling at Fort Lauderdale

Expenses: Unknown

Accommodations: Stayed at Uncle Joes place in Plantation, Florida

Day 24, Sunday, June 2, 1991

Daily Miles: 0 miles

Location: Plantation, Florida to Jacksonville, Florida to Dallas, Texas

Points of interest: None

Expenses: Unknown

Accommodations: Slept at Dallas airport floor

Day 25, Monday, June 3, 1991

Daily Miles: 0 miles

Location: Dallas, Texas to Albuquerque, New Mexico

Points of interest: None

Expenses: Unknown

Accommodations: Slept at home in New Mexico