

2020 NATIONAL RETRIEVER CHAMPIONSHIP



Giddings, Texas
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We want to welcome you to the 2020 National Retriever Championship and welcome you to the city of Giddings Texas. Our thanks go out to our generous sponsors and contributors that make this event possible.

Good luck to all the contestants. We recognize how hard it was to qualify in this shortened season.

A very special thanks to the landowners Roger and Kaye Fuller and John and Laura Parrott for providing the grounds for the trial. We wish to express our gratitude to those who have provided training grounds for pre-National also. In addition the City of Giddings has been very generous in both the form of financial assistance and by providing support from all levels within the city from the Mayor to the Chamber of Commerce. Our thanks to James Parker for leading the charge to get this venue in Giddings.

We want to recognize all the volunteers that help put on this National. Their efforts are invaluable to making all Nationals run smoothly, however with COVID being such a big issue, their jobs have been made exponentially harder and we applaud all their hard work.

COVID compliance will be an important part of this National. We wish it did not have to be however for the health of everyone attending the National this year it is a necessary evil. We hope we don't have to ask because it would make the life of the people working the trial so much better, but if you break COVID protocol you may be asked to leave and will not be allowed to return.

We hope that you have a great National experience. Remember, Giddings is open for business, so please support them as much as you can.

Best of Luck!

John Caire
Field Trial Chairman



COVID-19 COMPLIANCE NOTICE

All events at the National Retriever Championship will be subject to strict COVID-19 compliance as mandated by the State of Texas and those of Lee County Texas as well as CDC guidelines and AKC best practices. Those guidelines will be made available to everyone who will be attending the event. Anyone entering the test sites will be subject to COVID-19 screening and must be in compliance while on the grounds. Anyone attending this event will be doing so at their own risk. Anyone not following COVID-19 guidelines while on the grounds will be asked to leave the grounds.



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COVID19

GUIDELINES

The 2020 National Retriever Championships will operate in accordance with *Guidelines from the Texas Department of State Health Services Checklist for Outdoor Events*, the *CDC Considerations for Events and Gatherings* and the *American Kennel Club Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants*.

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires the use of face coverings wherever it is not feasible to maintain six (6) feet of social distancing from another individual not in the same household.

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Please DO NOT attend our field trial if you cannot or will not comply with guidelines set forth by this club, the AKC, the CDC, and the state of Texas.

For this trial, COVID-19 policies require these differences from a normal trial

1. Handlers, Judges and Officials will wear masks following COVID-19 Guidelines.
2. Only Handlers wearing a mask will be invited to the line area to view test dogs.
3. Spectators/Gallery will be placed well away from judges and handlers and asked to wear masks and maintain proper social distance.
4. Handlers will be asked to maintain social distancing when receiving call backs.
5. We encourage all vulnerable individuals at higher risk from COVID-19 to use their best judgement and consider not attending.
6. For the safety of all attendees, we ask that anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, has an elevated temperature (100.5 degrees Fahrenheit or above), or is showing signs of illness within 14 days of the trial remain at home during this time.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



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Meetings & Social Activities

Friday, November 6

The Homestead, 1146 Private Road 5018, Giddings, Texas 78942 (subject to change)

8:00 AM NRC Board of Directors and Field Trial Committee

- Merchandise will be sold
- Contestant's packets will be given out

1:00 PM Retriever Advisory Committee Meeting

2:00 PM NRC Annual Meeting

- Bitch check at the conclusion of the meeting
- All committee meetings at the conclusion of the meeting

***** THERE WILL BE NO TRADITIONAL COCKTAIL PARTY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS *****

Saturday, November 7

Trial Grounds

6:00 AM Introductions and Opening Ceremony

6:30 AM Test Dogs

7:00 AM 2020 National Retriever Championship starts

Tuesday, November 10

Trial Grounds

The Workers' Party will be held at the conclusion of the day on the trial grounds.

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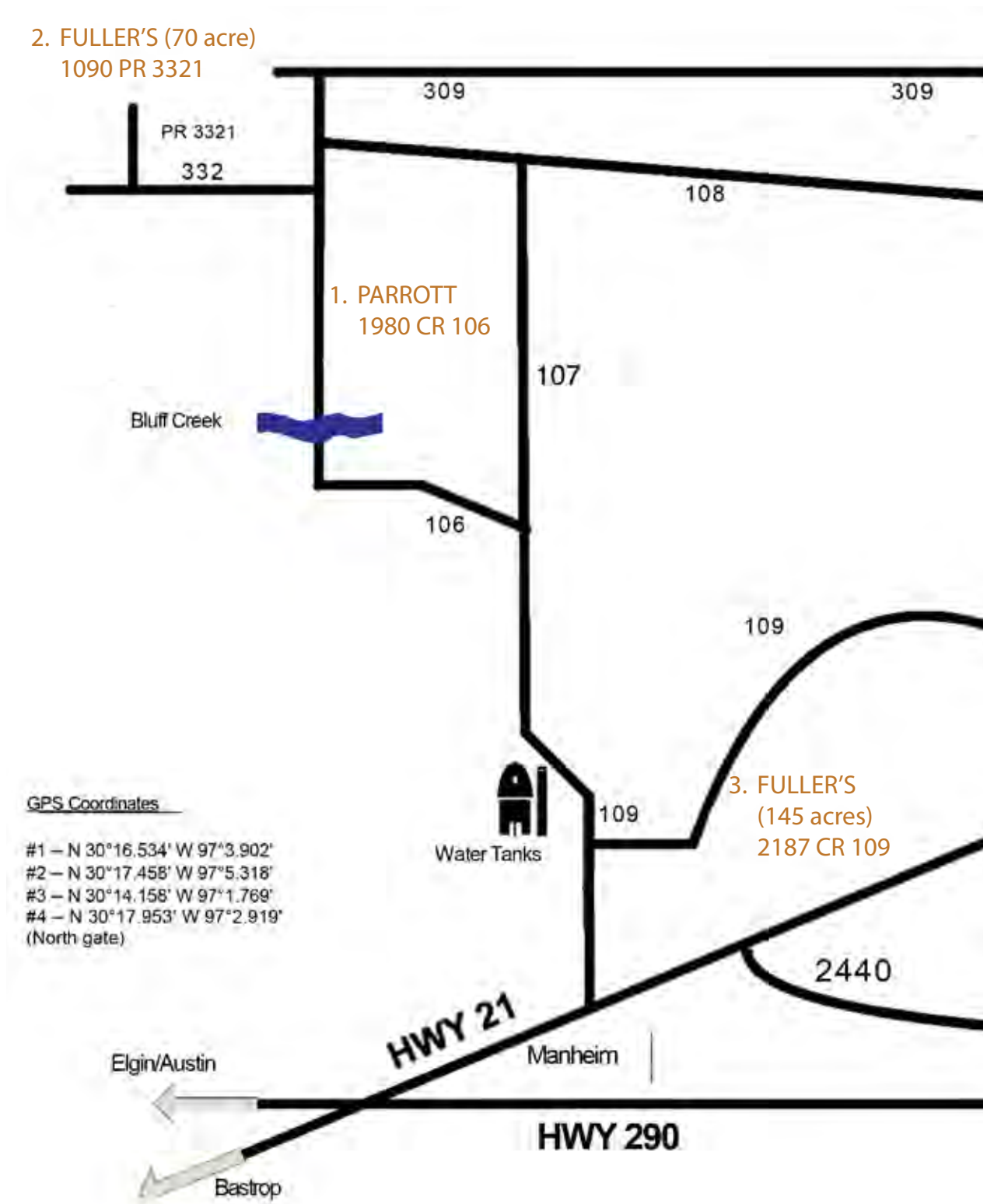
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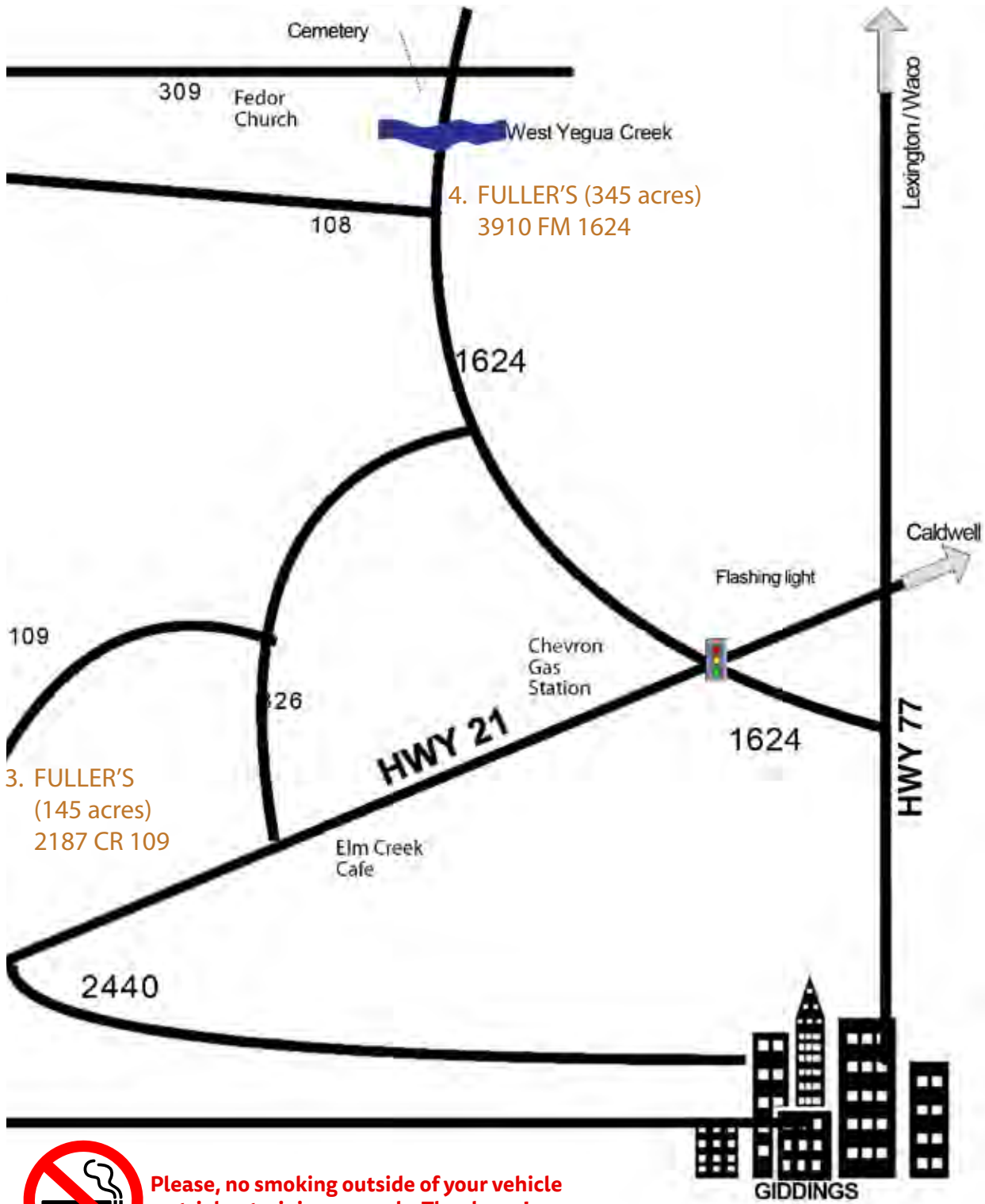
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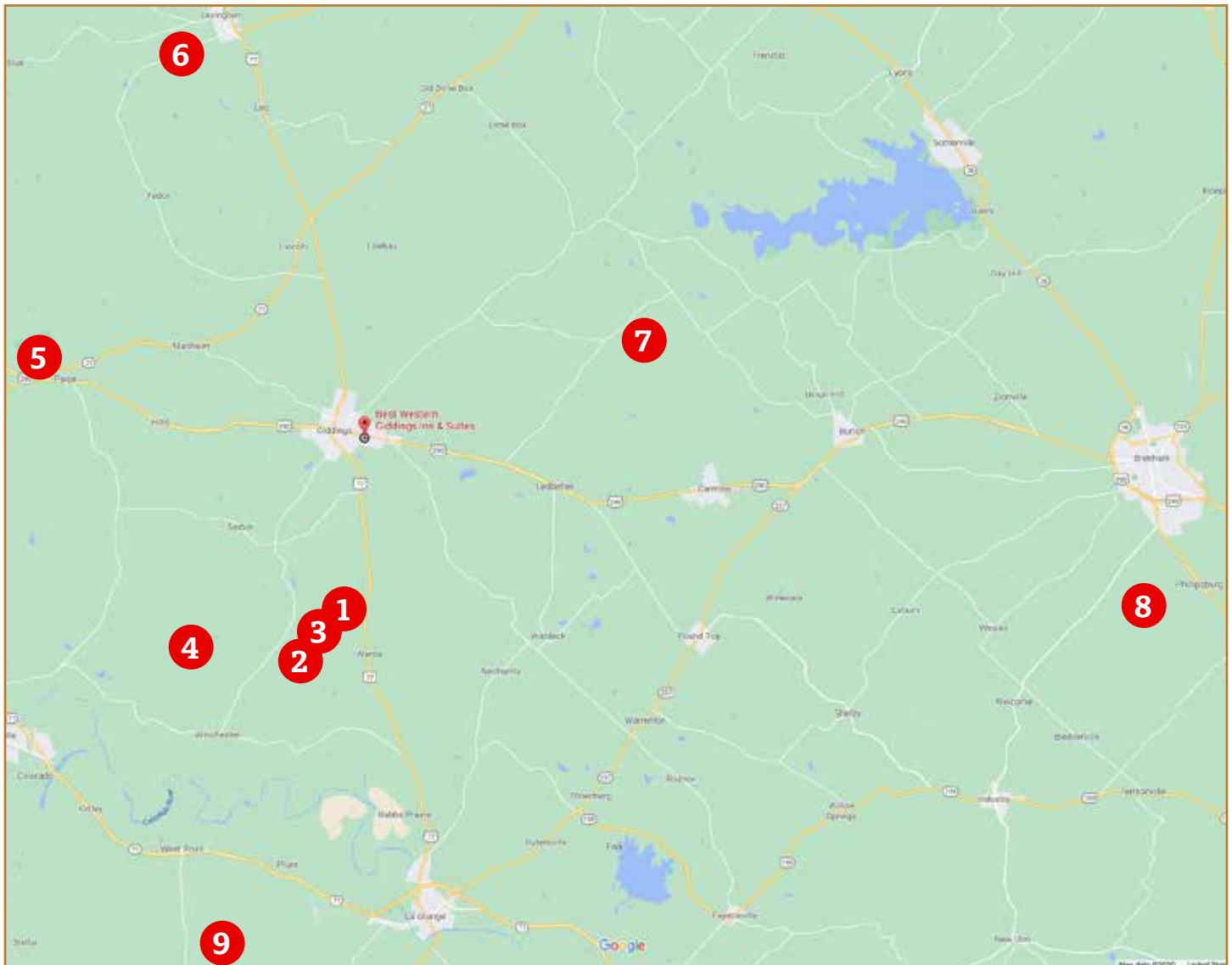


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Becky Eckett
3. Marshland Kennels
Mark Strickland
4. Stellar Retrievers
Jack Morris
5. Best Retrievers
Rody Best
6. Gunzer Farm
Karl & Cindy Gunzer
7. Herzog Family Land & Cattle
Brian Herzog
8. Skibber Training Grounds
Dr. John Skibber
9. Dr. Lamar Jones Property



Training Sites & Guidelines

Welcome to Giddings, Texas and the National Retriever Championship. These training grounds are a result of the generosity of our local landowners. All properties have both technical water and land available. Training areas will be allocated the previous evening at a draw conducted at the trial headquarters at 6:00 PM each day, Sunday November 1 through Friday November 6. From November 7 through November 14 is on a first come, first served basis unless noted differently for specific properties.

For all properties, we ask that you abide by the following guidelines, and PLEASE use common sense and courtesy at all times while using these properties.



No smoking outside of your vehicle on trial or training grounds. Thank you!

1. Areas are open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily and will have signage.
2. Please remove ALL waste. Never leave birds behind. There will be a disposal area at the bird pens. **Do not dispose of birds in business dumpsters around town!**
3. No smoking out of vehicles. Fire danger can be quite high.
4. Please STAY on roads and use ATVs in fields and around ponds. Any damage caused by a vehicle will be at the vehicle owner's expense.
5. Do not exceed 10 mph on training sites, no exceptions.
6. Do not shoot in the direction of visible vehicles, livestock, residences or roads.
7. Leave ALL gates the way you find them.
8. Follow any additional guidelines noted for individual properties.
9. Use COVID-19 safe practices as outlined in this guide on page 4. **Wear a mask and practice social distancing when interacting with landowners or their staff.**

Contact Clint Avant at 979-204-9162 if you have any questions. Good luck to all!

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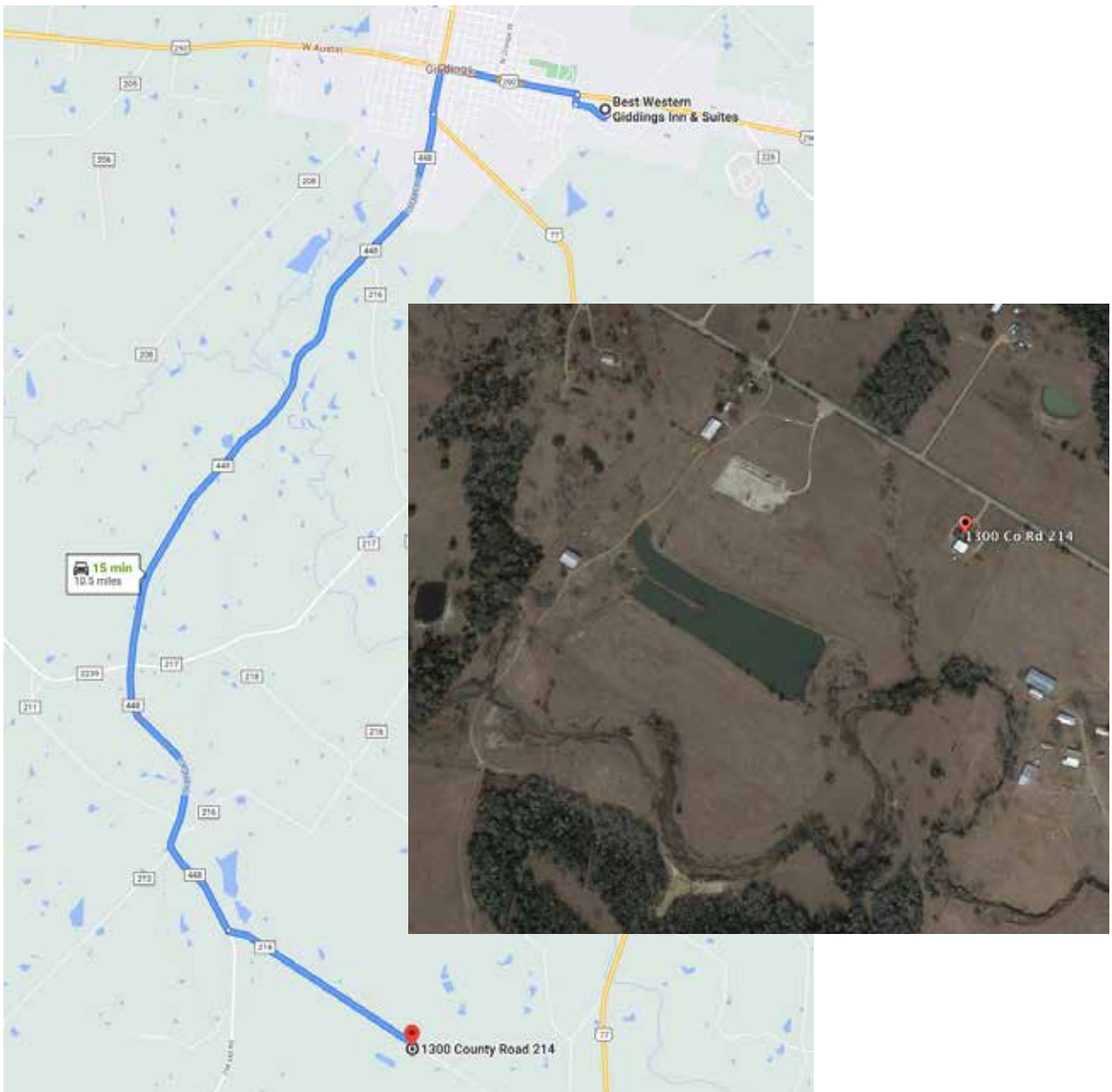
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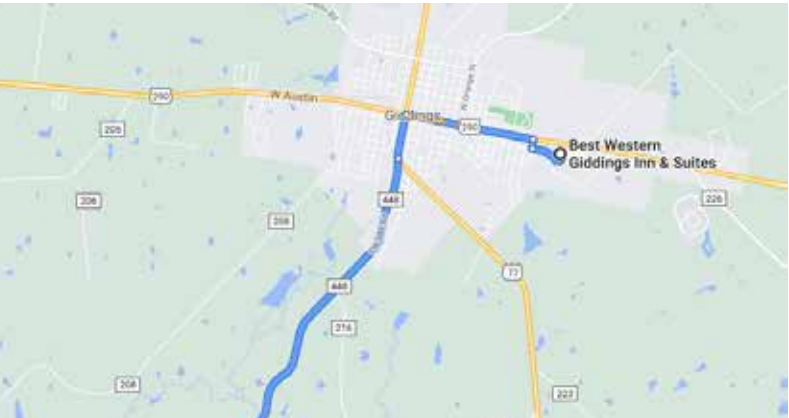
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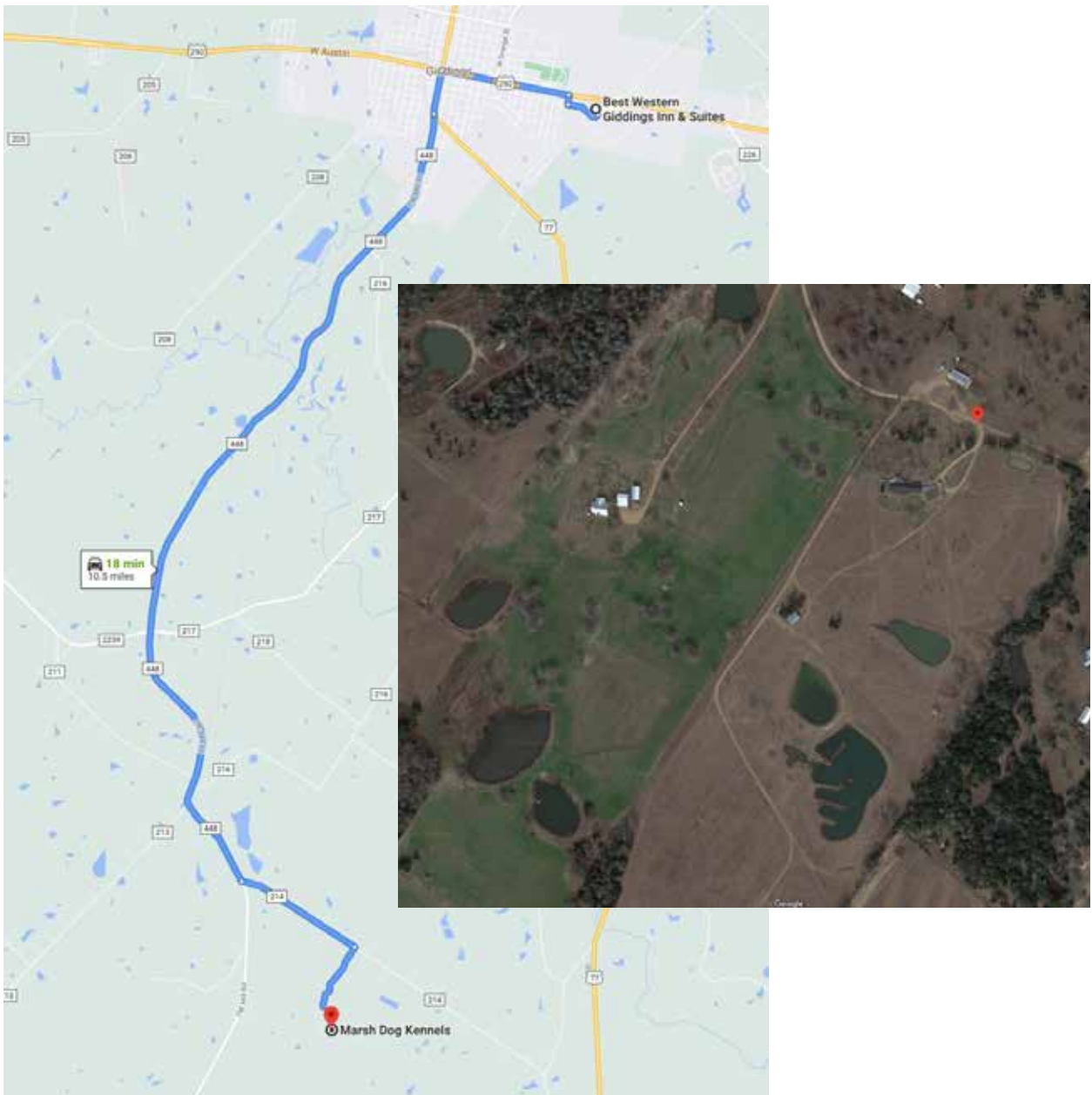
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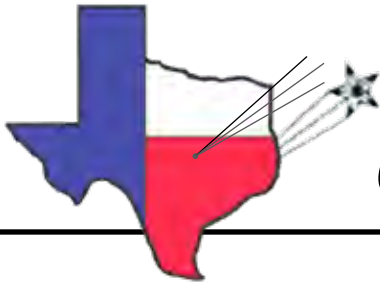
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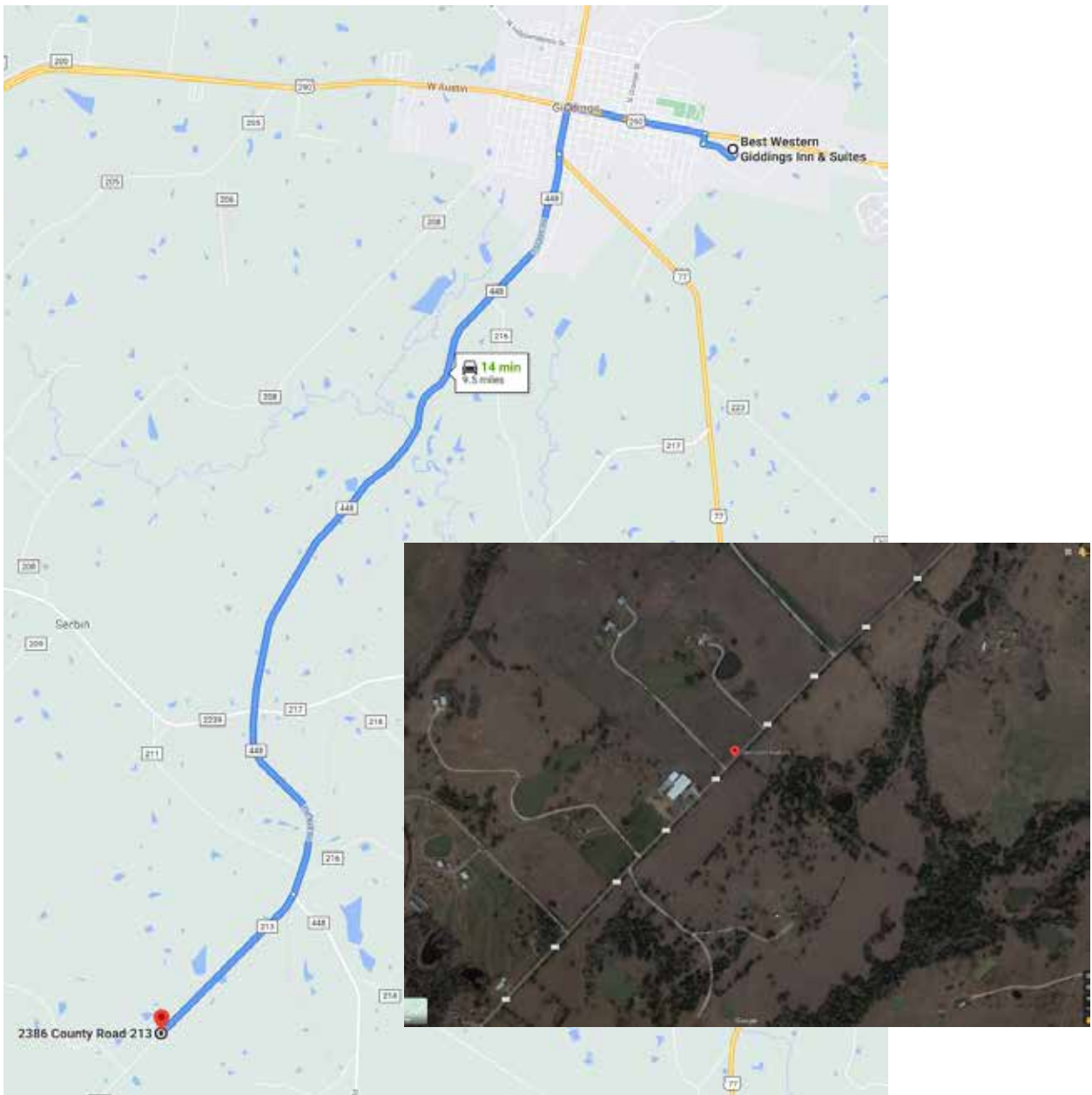
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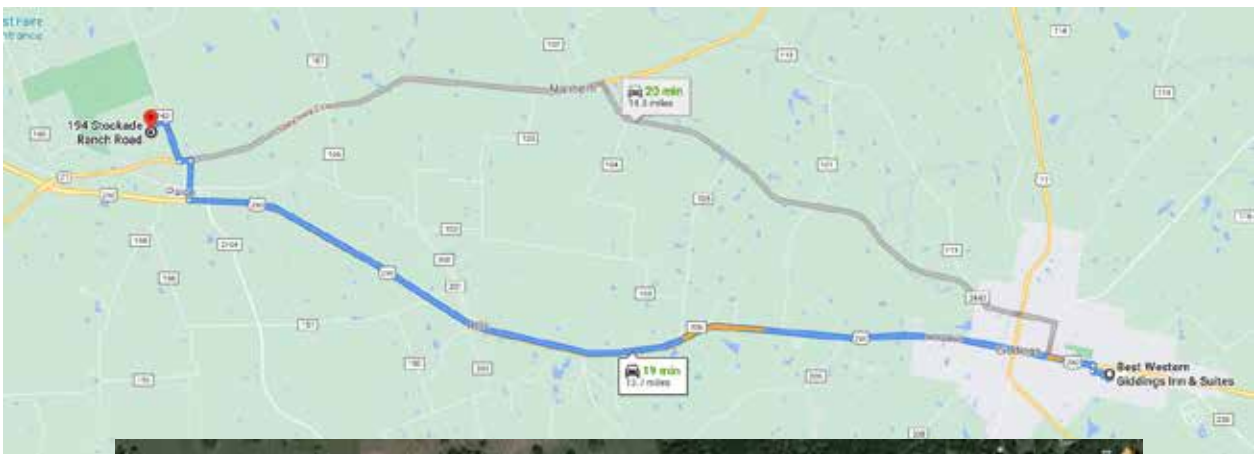
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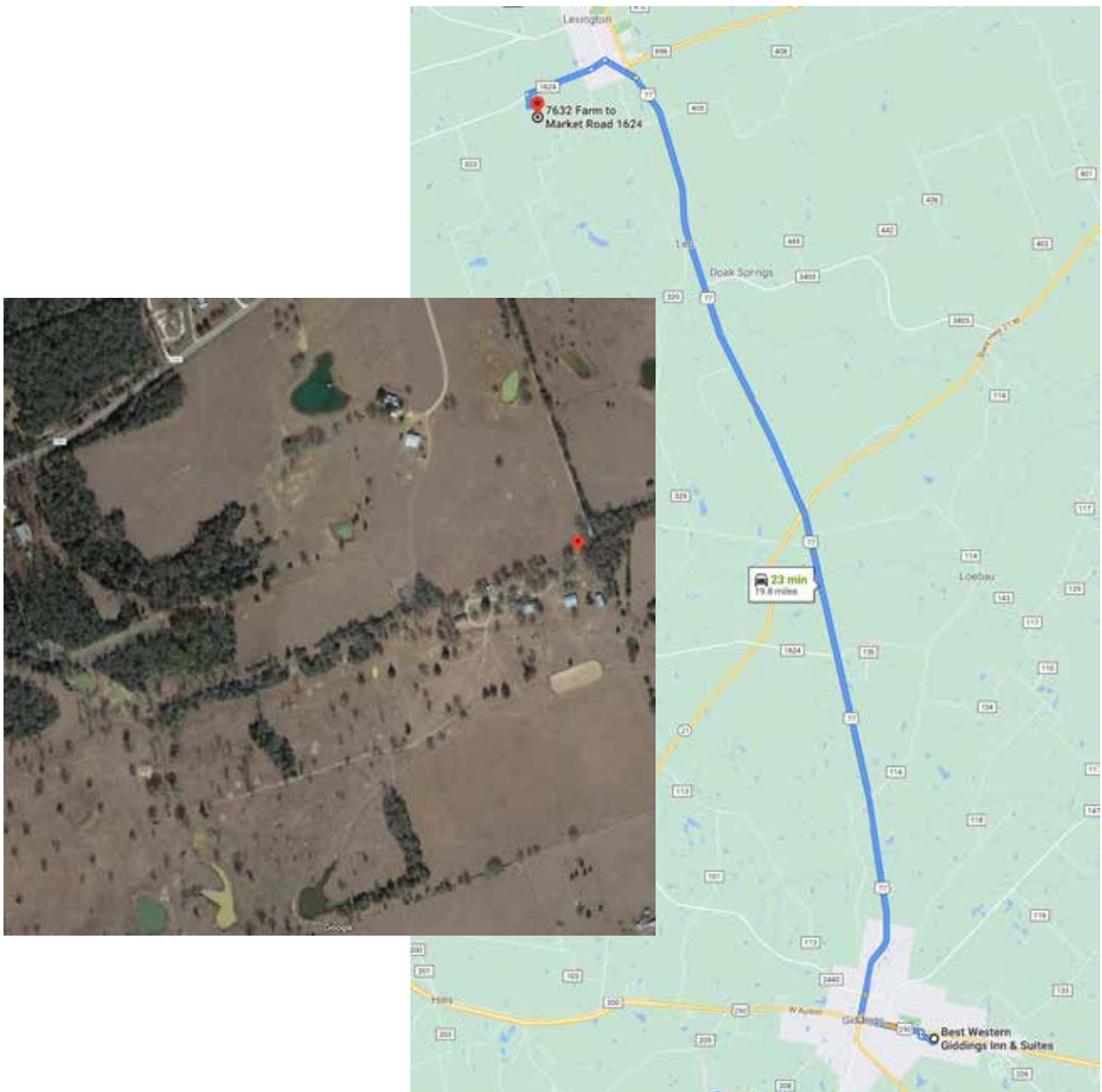
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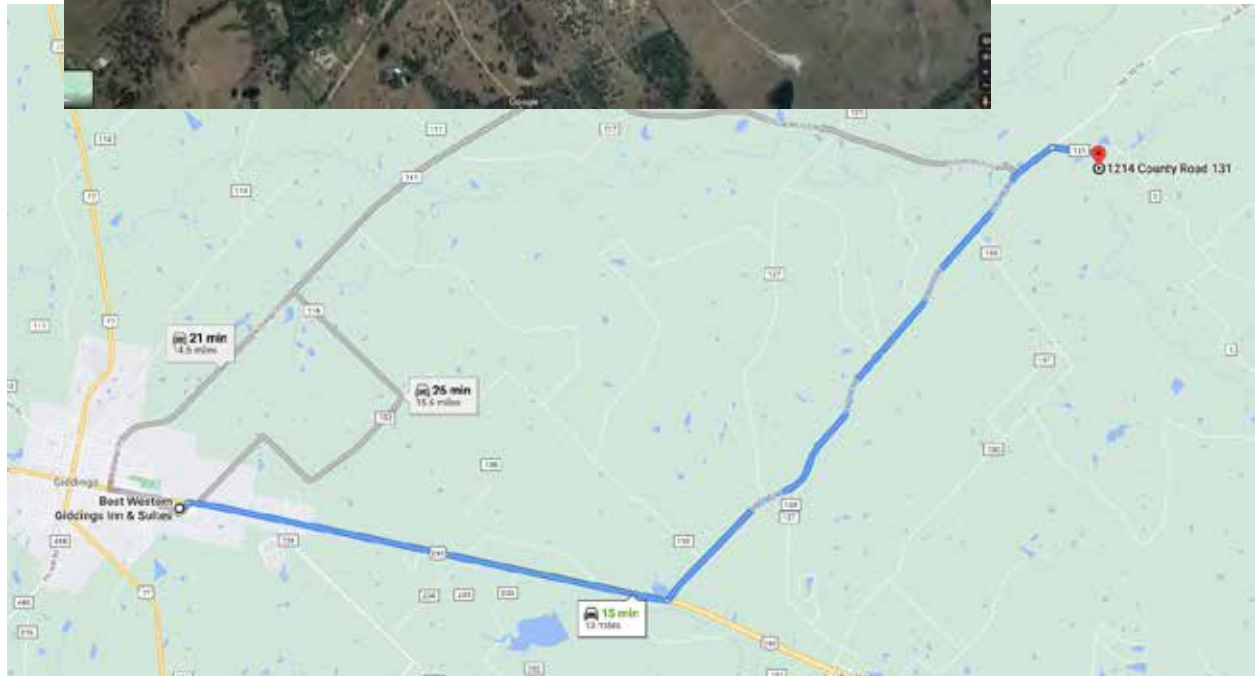
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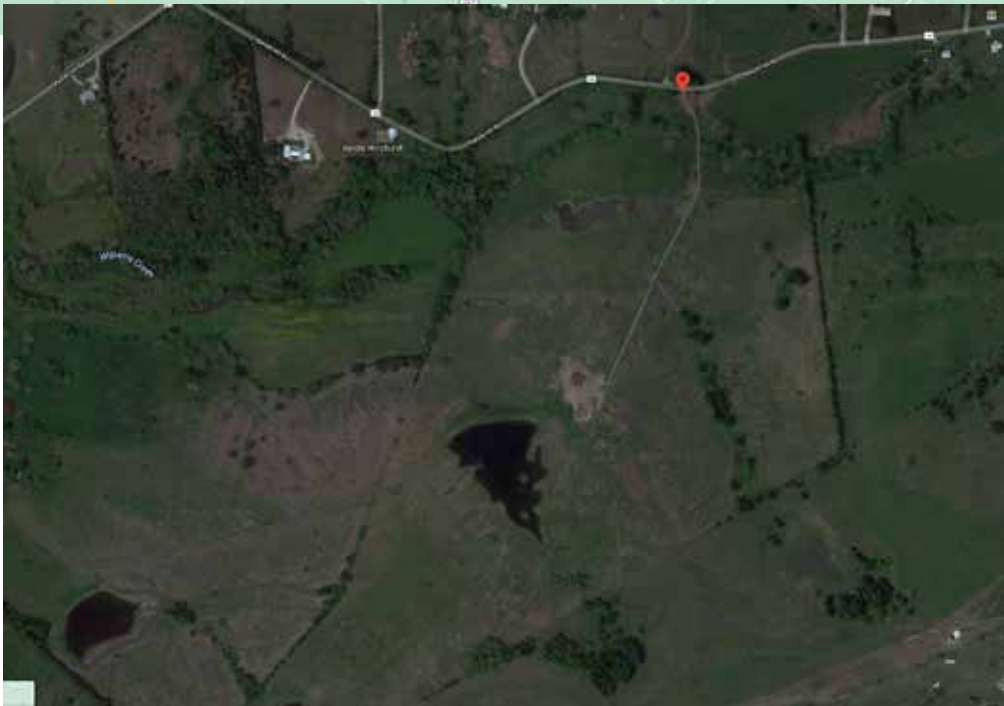
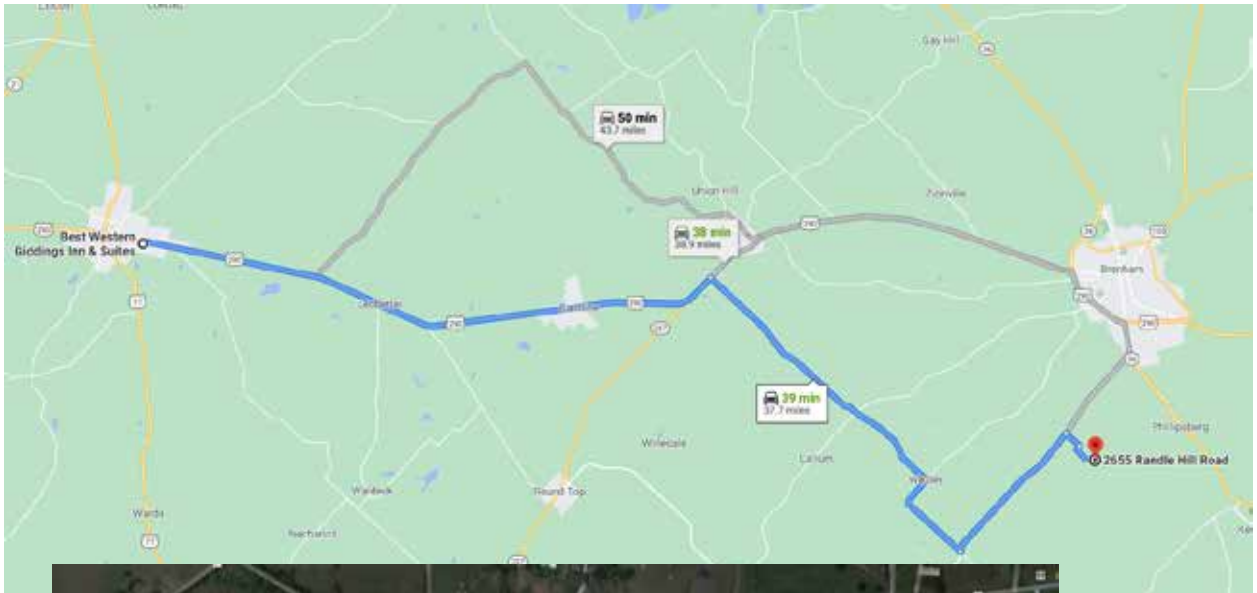
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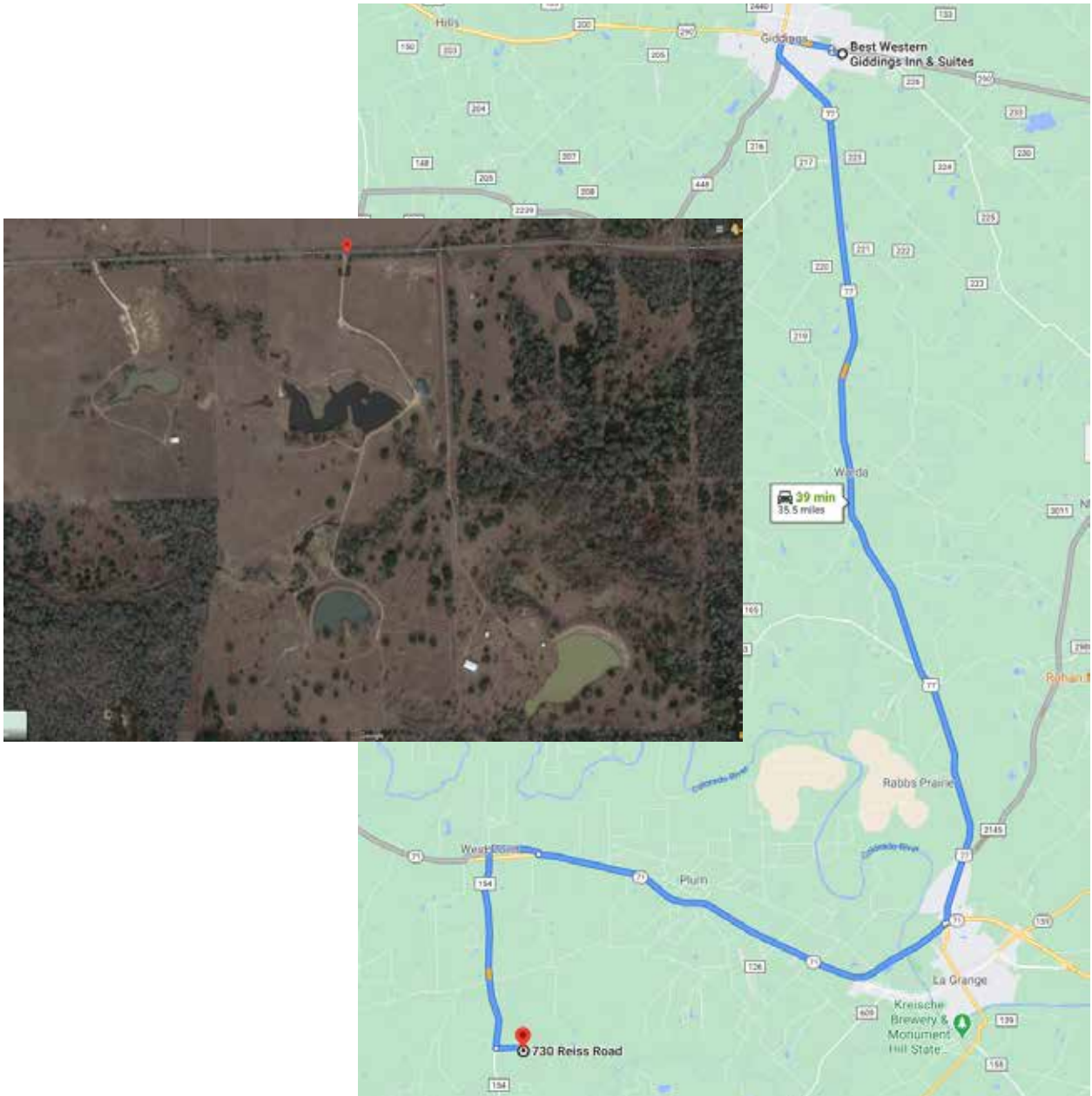
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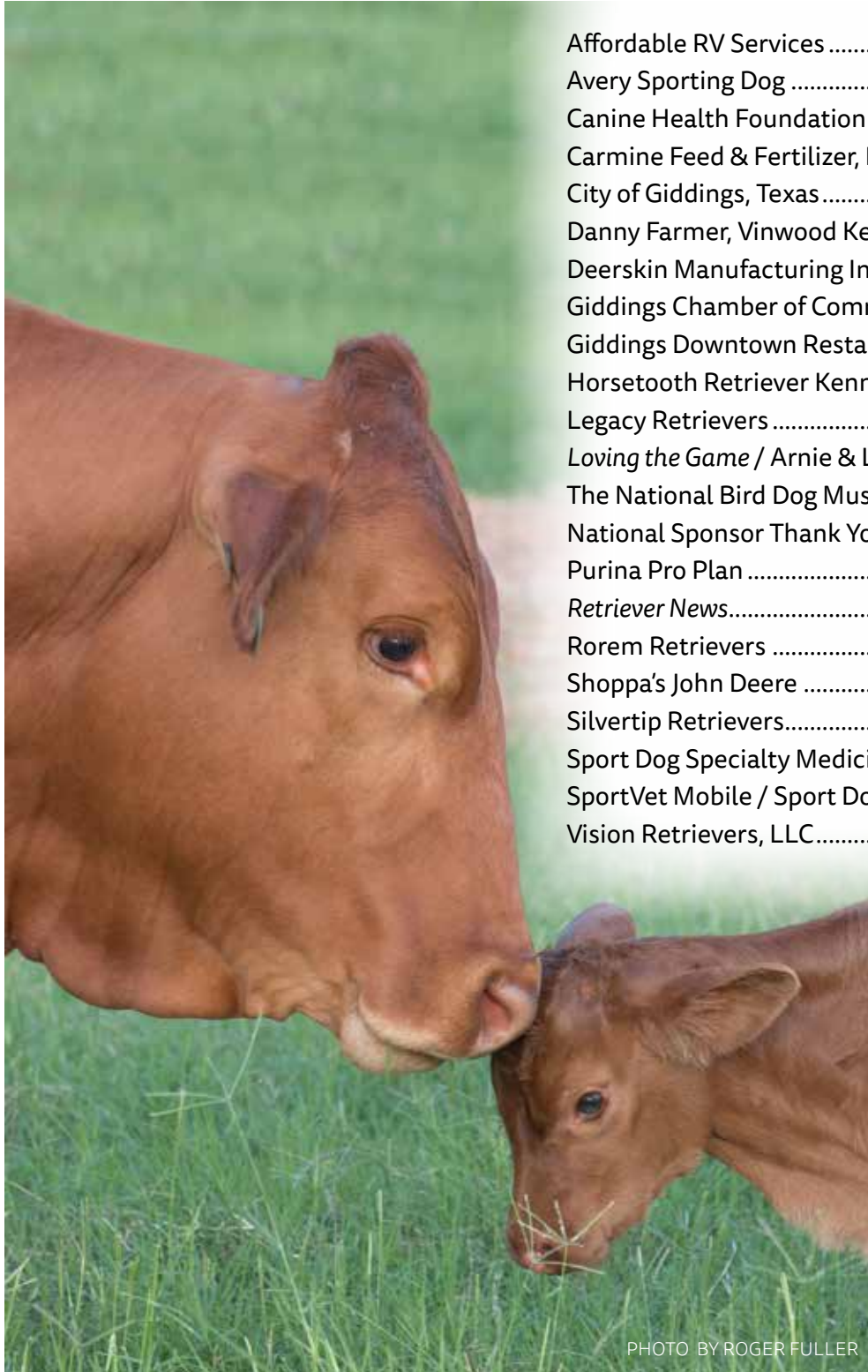




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