## ROUTE GUIDE

San Antonio-El Paso

## EAST WEST

- 31.8 .0 Set Speedometer at the Alamo. The Alamo (history.)
  - 2.1 San Pedro Park and Springs, near where the Alamo (Mission San Antonio de Valero) was first located. These great springs were favorite Indian springs, and the objective of all early travelers. When the Spaniards occupied East Texas as an outpost to hold back the French who were then occupying the Mississippi Valley the military post (the presidio) was planted on the San Pedro outlet southward, now Military Plaza, in the center of San Antonio, and the Franciscan Fathers centered their missions here.
- 22.7 9.1 Store-oil and gas.
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- 11.4 20.4 Leon Springs. Oil and gas. Detour to U. S. Rifle Range.
- 4.9 26.9 Cibolo Creek. Divides Bexar and Kendall counties. Cibolo is Spanish for bull or buffalo. After Cortez conquered Mexico the Spanish inquired everywhere for more gold. Indians told them tales of rich Indian villages far northward, and gradually they came to be spoken of as the Cities of Gold. Coronado's romantic search resulted from these misty tales; his expedition penetrated New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and as far north as Kansas. The Cities of Gold were the pueblo villages of New Mexico and the Cities of Gold went down into history as the Seven Cities of Cibolo. The word Cibolo is encountered, like so many words of the language, with a sort of happy-go-lucky application.
- .0 31.8 Boerne. Elevation 900 feet. Beginning of the West Texas hill country.





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