

= Ranch to Market Road 187 =

Ranch to Market Road 187 ( RM 187 ) is a 81 @. @ 9 @- @ mile ( 131 @. @ 8 km ) Ranch to Market Road located in Zavala , Uvalde , Bandera , and Kerr counties in the US state of Texas . The route passes through the cities of Sabinal , Utopia , and Vanderpool . The road helps connect several small south Texas ranches to major highways . RM 187 was first designated in 1945 , and was extended three times during the 1940s . As of 2012 , it is the longest Ranch to Market Road in the state of Texas .

= = Route description = =

RM 187 begins at its southern terminus with US Highway 57 ( US 57 ) , near Batesville , as a paved , two @- @ lane , asphalt road . RM 187 winds through several miles of Southern Texas grassland dotted with trees . The highway passes several large ranches and farms along this course and intersects with several county routes and private roads . For this stretch of the route , RM 187 is heading in a northeast direction . The highway turns north about two miles ( 3 km ) south of an intersection with FM 140 . The two highways run concurrently for nearly a mile ( 1 @. @ 6 km ) before FM 140 turns westward . RM 187 continues north through rolling grasslands for almost 3 @. @ 5 miles ( 5 @. @ 6 km ) before turning in a northeast direction . The route continues in this direction for about two miles before returning to a northerly direction . After about 15 miles ( 24 km ) , RM 187 intersects with US 90 and State Highway 127 ( SH 127 ) in the small town of Sabinal . The highway continues through more hilly , rolling grasslands . A few miles later , the highway crosses the Sabinal River and proceeds past the Waresville cemetery , the Links of Utopia Golf Course , and the Utopia on the River Airport before passing through the " downtown " area of the village of Utopia .

RM 187 winds through nearly seven miles ( 11 km ) of brushland , passing several large ranches and farms alongside the Sabinal River . The highway heads through the unincorporated community of Vanderpool and runs concurrently with RM 337 for a length of 1 @. @ 1 miles ( 1 @. @ 8 km ) . Separating and running northward , RM 187 continues along the southwestern edge of the Lost Maples State Natural Area . The highway turns northeasterly through a long stretch of brushland before reaching its northern terminus at SH 39 .

= = History = =

RM 187 was first designated as a stretch of road going from Sabinal to the Bandera County line on June 11 , 1945 . Just 14 days later , on June 25 , 1945 , it was extended from the Bandera County line up to Vanderpool . The highway was extended from an intersection with US 90 to Garner Field on April 1 , 1948 , which added approximately 1 @. @ 8 miles ( 2 @. @ 9 km ) to the route . The highway was lengthened on November 23 , 1948 to a point 4 @. @ 3 miles ( 6 @. @ 9 km ) south of Sabinal , while the previous extension was cancelled and redesignated to FM 1023 . The highway was again lengthened southward by 6 @. @ 7 miles ( 10 @. @ 8 km ) to a dead end point on July 15 , 1949 . RM 187 was again extended south on March 24 , 1954 to an intersection with FM 140 . This added approximately 6 miles ( 9 @. @ 7 km ) , giving the route an overall length of 48 miles . On May 2 , 1962 , the road was extended 4 @. @ 5 miles ( 7 @. @ 2 km ) northward , totaling 52 @. @ 5 miles ( 84 @. @ 5 km ) long . RM 187 was extended to its modern @- @ day northern terminus at SH 39 on June 26 , 1963 , which added about 12 @. @ 9 miles ( 20 @. @ 8 km ) to the route . On June 2 , 1967 , FM 2557 was redesignated to RM 187 , bringing the route to its southern terminus US 57 . This added approximately 5 miles ( 8 km ) . This addition , in addition to 8 @. @ 5 miles ( 13 @. @ 7 km ) , totaled the road length to 81 @. @ 9 miles ( 131 @. @ 8 km ) .

= = Major junctions = =