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Originally built in the 1910s, this 920-foot tunnel was built to enable railway trade between the farmers of Fredericksburg and merchants in San Antonio. The railroad was scrapped in the 1940s, but the tunnel found a new purpose. Now home to millions of Mexican free-tailed bats, visitors gather during the summer months to watch the bats take flight. Call (866) 978-2287 to get the latest emergence time information.



**Upper Viewing Area:** Observation deck and bleachers adjacent to parking area, open seven nights a week. No fees charged.

**Lower Viewing Area:** Bench seating, Thurs.–Sun., May–Oct. Capacity for 70 visitors: first come, first served. No reservations. \$5 activity fee per person\*. Cash or check only; no change available.

**Special Group Tours:** Conducted May through October on a limited number of Monday through Wednesday evenings. Please email [old.tunnel@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:old.tunnel@tpwd.texas.gov) to make arrangements.



**Trails:** The 1/2-mile Old Tunnel Nature Trail is open year-round from sunrise until 5 p.m.



**Picnicking:** Picnic tables available.



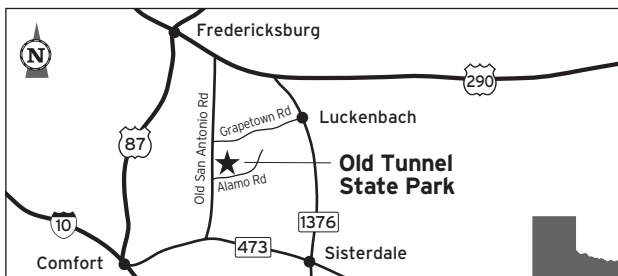
**Restrooms:** Composting toilets are present at the upper viewing area, open only during evening hours, May through October.



**Exhibit Kiosks:** Featuring bats, trains and site history.

*\*Activity fees apply to all people regardless of age, and are not waived by the Texas State Park Pass or any other pass program.*

No overnight facilities. Camping available at nearby state parks: Blanco, Guadalupe River, or Enchanted Rock.



Located in Kendall County, 11 miles south of Fredericksburg, 13 miles north of Comfort on Old San Antonio Road.



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