

TOUR CONTACT

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BRACKEN CAVE PRESERVE TOUR INFORMATION

WHEN / WHERE TO MEET:

Plan to meet at the designated time at the main gate – look for the “BCI Event” sign and/or the orange traffic cone. Your guide will check you in at the gate. Once guests are checked in the entire group will caravan to the cave parking area.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

During your short walk to the cave (approximately ¼ mile), your guide will give an educational talk about BCI, Bracken Cave Preserve, and bats.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Closed-toed, comfortable shoes - be aware that temperatures during the summer can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING:

Camera (no flash, please), binoculars, insect repellent, sunscreen, and bottled water.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Pets, coolers, alcohol.

QUESTIONS & CANCELLATIONS:

For questions, contact: membernight@batcon.org or 512-327-9721 ext. 406.

Please notify BCI 48-hours in advance at membernight@batcon.org if you are unable to attend the date you reserved.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER:

If rain or other weather is an issue, your Bracken guide will assess the situation and decide by 3:00 PM the day of if the tour will take place.

If the tour is **CANCELED**, you will get an email or call from your guide to the email address or cell number you provided when you made your reservation. If the tour is **NOT CANCELED**, you will not be contacted and will be expected at the gate by the designated time.

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:

Group organizers & leaders, please share this information with members of your group.

- Gates open at 5:30 PM
- Be prepared to stay until dusk (approximately 8:30 PM)
- This outdoor experience is not recommended for children under the age of 6.
- All visitors must complete a liability waiver before entering the property. Each adult must fill out a separate form. Children under 18 should be listed at the bottom of the parent's form.
- If you think you might have accessibility needs, please let your guide know when you arrive at the gate.
- There is bench seating in the viewing area.
- Eat an early dinner before you arrive. There are picnic tables at the check-in area. Arrive early if you want to eat there before the tour starts. Once the tour starts, there won't be time to eat, and food is not allowed in the viewing area.

Designated times:

Member Nights - Please arrive by the designated time (6:00 PM). We will not be able to accommodate late arrivals and gates will be locked. Emergence times fluctuate throughout the summer and are dependent on weather and availability of food.

Adult only nights – NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS PERMITTED. Please arrive by the designated time (6:00 PM). We will not be able to accommodate late arrivals and gates will be locked. Emergence times fluctuate throughout the summer and are dependent on weather and availability of food.

Member Morning Return (Sunrise bat flight) – Arrive by 5:30 AM at Preserve gate. Tour will conclude at approximately 7:30 AM.