

Mexican Free-Tailed Bats and the Get-Together

Austin is world famous for its live music, but it is also well known for its bats. The Congress Ave. Bridge over the Colorado River houses approximately one and a half million bats in mid-summer.

Since we are having the judging school on Wednesday a number of people will be here that evening. We have been asked to arrange a trip to see the bats. After the judging school we plan to allow you to have a quick supper before heading out. The bats will start to fly out at 7:45 give or take and we don't want to be late. We will need to leave the hotel at 6:45 in order to get there and secure a good spot to view their departure.

The only cost to you is for transportation and that depends on how many would like to go. I'm guessing that it will be no more than \$10-\$15 per person (just pay us at the GT) and could be free if we have enough cars to carry everyone. So, what you need to do if you would like to go is send me an email to douglasbyrom@gmail.com or just make a note on your registration that you would like to go so we can get a head count.

If you want to venture out on your own at anytime during the Get-Together I would recommend two places. Both are easy to get to from the hotel. The first is The Great Outdoors Nursery located on Congress Ave. It is one of the better nurseries in Austin and has an onsite coffee shop. If you like to shop you will want to check out the shops of SoCo (South Congress). You're sure to find something weird in one of the shops that cover both sides of three to four blocks on South Congress Avenue.