

Person with leg in hinged door to Vietnam War tunnel entrance at Cu Chi

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A person's right leg is inserted in the square hinged doorway to a Vietnam War tunnel entrance at Cu Chi. The leg and side of the person's body is seen in blurred motion. The individual is wearing blue jeans and laced boots. During the 1960s, Communist guerillas dug these narrow tunnels that ran for about seventy-five miles from the countryside in Cu Chi west of Saigon all the way to the Cambodian border. When the U.S. forces could not control the tunnel areas effectively with ground troops, they dropped B-52 bombs on the area, seriously damaging the tunnel network and nearby land. At two sites in Cu Chi, about 45 miles northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, the tunnels have been restored and are open for visitors. Tourists can enter some of the tunnels and examine supply storage areas as well as false entrances created to trick enemies. The tunnel sites and monuments are part of Vietnam's recent efforts to develop "war tourism" for foreigners interested in Vietnam War history.



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