

Dripping Groundwater

The tunnel was designed to leak. Allowing water to permeate the stone walls prevents the buildup of hydrostatic pressure that could cause the walls to collapse. Certain areas are naturally more wet than others and this has always been the case since the tunnel first opened in 1860.

This continuous flow of water has caused the beautiful mineral deposits seen throughout the tunnel.

The water has been tested and is natural groundwater, not leakage from the treated city water system. A good drainage system is incorporated into the new tunnel floor.

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