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Tomball’s Depot Day Fall Fest Brings Model Railroads to Old Town Nov. 7

Depot Day Fall Fest is listed for Saturday, Nov. 7, at 201 S. Elm St. The program includes model railroad displays and an outdoor garden railway; visitors can also plan a walk through nearby Old Town shops and restaurants.

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A miniature train display can make for an easy starting point to explore Old Town Tomball. Depot Day Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at 201 S. Elm St., with model railroad displays in the depot museum and caboose and an outdoor garden railway.

The City of Tomball calendar lists the event and location. Visit Tomball’s annual-events directory gives the hours as 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission as free. The directory says Houston Area G Gaugers will set up the outdoor garden railway. These details make the event a practical option for neighbors looking for a low-cost Saturday outing, though visitors should check the listings for any updates before heading out.

The trains offer a reason to linger over small-scale landscapes and track layouts, while the Old Town setting gives visitors another way to spend the day. Visit Tomball notes that shops, cafes and restaurants are within a few blocks. That proximity makes a walk through the district a reasonable add-on before or after the event, but no particular business participation or event-related offer has been confirmed. Check individual businesses for current hours and details rather than assuming they will be open.

For independent businesses nearby, a community event can put more people in the district, but the available listings do not establish that Depot Day will increase sales or identify participating merchants. Readers who want to support local shops can make their own plans to stop in where convenient, while keeping the event and any shopping separate unless a business confirms a connection.

The key details to plan around are Saturday, Nov. 7; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 201 S. Elm St.; and free admission, according to the event listings. The listed attractions are the depot museum and caboose model railroad displays and the outdoor garden railway. With nearby Old Town businesses just a few blocks away, visitors can shape the outing around the trains and decide whether to explore the district on foot.

Sources reviewed Nov. 2, 2026: https://tomballnews.org/events and https://visittomball.com/annual-events.