

Brown Mountain lights

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Many may have heard of this mysterious phenomena, many may have not. For many years, there have been sightings of unexplained floating lights near Brown Mountain, North Carolina, which is about 60-70 miles northeast of Asheville. Pisgah National Forest is home to Brown Mountain.

It is not certain when the sightings first started, but the earliest came from Cherokee and Catawba Native Americans, early European settlers and later, Civil War soldiers. Though sightings are rare there have been as many as thousands of sightings of the lights.

The lights are said to be similar to stars, they are small but with more brightness than anything else in the sky. They are said to move, sometimes slowly and sometimes very fast.

There are many places where the lights can be viewed at night. Many easy-to-find overlooks and viewing areas are located near Linville Gorge in North Carolina. Wisemans View is a particular spot with a great view of the gorge as well as Brown Mountain.

The lights are a pretty famous sight, the spectacle has been investigated by the United States government three times as well as many private groups. Appalachian State University has been known to also study the lights. In 1999,

the Brown Mountain lights were featured in an episode of "X-Files".

With sightings being very rare, the best time to look for the lights is in the fall, after a rain. It is not known what causes these lights; a natural

occurrence, ghosts or something else but many go looking, hoping to see them light up the sky.

For more information on the Brown Mountain lights visit https://www.romanticasheville.com/brown_mountain_lights.htm



Courtesy of Supernatural Magazine

The mysterious lights appear over the peak of Brown Mountain.

Sleep paralysis

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Here I am. Struggling to fall asleep. It is a couple of minutes past midnight and I know if I fall asleep my sleep paralysis demon would come back to haunt me.

The night before, I swear this creature was above me for an hour. I was restricted, I couldn't move, but my eyes were open wide. I felt its disgusting, hot breath on my neck.

Staring down at me not saying a single word. Its face had moss and skin decaying away showing mainly bone and a face eerily smiling at me the whole time, looking into my soul.

I was terrified. I had tears streaming down my face and my worst nightmare came to life. I wanted to scream for help but I did not because I didn't want to wake anyone and no one would believe me. This was all made up in my head

and that's what I had to keep telling myself. But how could I believe that when this creature is sitting on top of my chest?

I felt its long, boney, wrinkly fingers and jagged, uneven, cracked nails stroke my face, seemingly to wipe away my tears of fear. Its long, black, mangey and matted hair swept across my face, letting its horrid stench bombarded my sense of smell. I tried to turn my head to see if there was any other creatures around my room, but I couldn't. I was trapped. I was paralyzed.

It started talking to me in tongues. I couldn't respond which really made it mad. It kept trying to communicate with me but its scream kept getting louder and louder and more demonic the more mad it got. Then, it finally left. I was able to sleep. I prayed the next morning the horrific thing would never come back to me.

Paranormal inactivity

Paranormal activity at Brevard College has recently been reduced to a staggering zero percent. Experts suggest that the new lamps on campus are responsible for the disappearance of our local spectres.

Intended for a safer campus at night, these new lamps are shining with the strength of the sun. The power of these lights have truly shown their ability in keeping the campus alight as well as shunning away the ghastly and ghoulish.

While students feel safer, they also feel less spooky, and this town relies on a high level of spookiness for its famed Halloween spirit.

The disappearance of our ectoplasmic friends

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