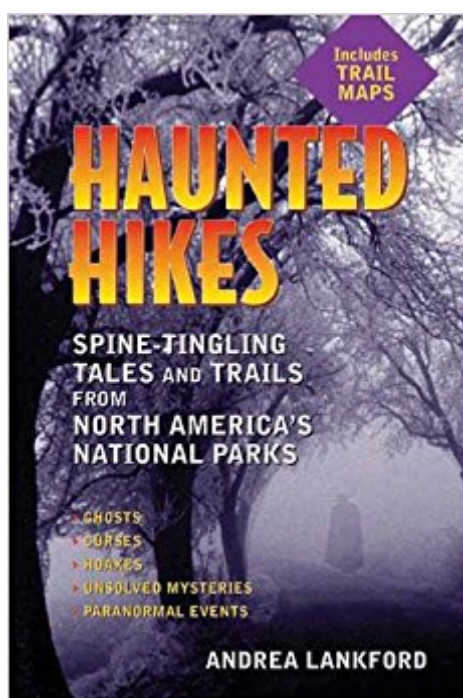


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Haunted Hikes: Spine-Tingling Tales And Trails From North America's National Parks



Synopsis

Ghosts! Curses! Hoaxes! Unsolved mysteries! Paranormal events! Take a walk on the creepy side of North America's National Parks! Andrea Lankford, a 12-year veteran ranger with the National Park Service, has written a thoroughly investigated yet often tongue-in-cheek guidebook that takes the reader to the scariest, most mysterious places inside North America's National Parks. Lankford shares such eerie tales as John Brown's haunting of Harper's Ferry, the disembodied legs that have been seen running around inside the Mammoth Cave Visitor Center, and the "wailing woman" who roams the trail behind the Grand Canyon Lodge. Lankford also uncovers paranormal activities park visitors have experienced, such as the chupacabra that roams the swamps inside Big Thicket National Preserve and the teenage bigfoot who rolled a park service campground with toilet paper. She also reports on long-forgotten unsolved murders, such as the savage stabbing of a young woman on Yosemite's trail to Mirror Lake, and the execution style shooting of two General Motors executives at Crater Lake. The witnesses to the supernatural occurrences are highly credible people—rangers, park historians, river guides, and the like—and each tale has factual relevance to the cultural or natural history of the park. *Haunted Hikes* provides readers with all the information they need: for each hike, a "fright factor rating" is listed along with trailhead access information, detailed trail maps, and hike difficulty levels. Most of the haunted sites included in the book can be reached by the average hiker, some are wheelchair accessible, and others are for intrepid backpackers willing to make multi-day treks into wilderness areas. Intriguing photographs of many sites are included. *Haunted Hikes* is sure to satisfy readers looking for those spine-tingling moments when you begin to wonder if maybe, just maybe, we are not alone.

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—Tom DeSanto, producer and writer, *X-Men*"I'll never look at the Grand Canyon the same way again. From now on, I'm sleeping with the lights on!"
—Chuck Sypher, Grand Canyon park ranger

Andrea Lankford, a former National Park Service ranger, has performed firefighting, law enforcement, and life-saving wilderness medicine in Cape Hatteras, Zion, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon. As a ranger, she won several awards for her work as a criminal investigator, and she implemented the "Heat Kills. Hike Smart" public education program credited with preventing heat-related deaths at the Grand Canyon-a program that continues to save lives today. Her masochistic adventures include thru-hiking the entire Appalachian Trail, kayaking from Miami to Key West, cycling from Fairbanks to the Arctic Ocean, and being the first to mountain bike the 800-mile Arizona Trail. Andrea currently lives in Northern California. She is the author of four books, including *Haunted Hikes: Spine-Tingling Tales and Trails from North America's National Parks*, which was featured in *USA Today*, chosen by *People* as a 2006 Travel Pick, and described by *Newsday* as "spell-binding." Her articles have appeared in *USA Today*, *Arizona Highways*, and *Backpacker*.

The US National Park System has many units & it only stands to reason that paranormal activity pops up. AL is a former search & rescue ranger who worked in some National Parks. Her preface explains that & also Her "about this guide" is worth reading. The parks are divided up into specific areas of the country. She begins by telling you the tale of scariness in each park. She rates the hikes in scariness & also give you the usual info - mileage, effort, where the trailhead is & trail description. I liked this book & thought it was very entertaining. If you like hiking & National Parks, then this book should interest you!

I love the way the chapters are organized by regions. There are a lot of disappearances going on in national parks that isn't publicized. And no explanation. Be aware of your surroundings.

I visit national and state parks often so this book is good for reading around the campfire. It'll keep you awake wondering if curse places do exist.

The book is so spooky and I love that the trail maps are in there as well. Lankford is one of my favorite authors.

Great book, entertaining and intriguing! I hope there is a follow up with other parks from other states added in!

Was purchased as a gift as my park lover friend already had Ranger Confidential...she was so happy!

This book has a wonderful mix of true tales from our national parks. Very entertaining & also for hikers there are detailed maps & tidbits of info for those lacing up their hiking shoes.

I gave this as a gift, and my friend, who works in the National Park service, loved it!

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