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## Haunted History Trail of New York State Boasts Ghosts Year-Round with Waterfront Haunts

Trail invites visitors to experience New York's waters by day, paranormal happenings by night

**Batavia**, N.Y— In New York State, the haunted, strange, and paranormal are celebrated year-round with a statewide tourism initiative known as the Haunted History Trail of New York State. Boasting attractions from Niagara Falls to the Hudson Valley, the Haunted History Trail of New York State welcomes visitors to explore the trail, learn the history of the stops, and possibly even come face-to-face with some ghostly spirits.

Summer may not be the typical time that visitors expect to encounter haunted stops, but glistening river and lakeside attractions sometimes hide darker pasts. The warmer months are perfect time to relax by the water during the day, and delve into the paranormal at night.

**Located on Lake Erie in Western New York,** visitors can stop into Dunkirk Lighthouse – a historical working lighthouse and adjacent Victorian keeper house that boast more than a great view. Strange voices, touches, even a few pranks by ghostly visitors have been reported at the lighthouse for years. Evening ghost tours are offered monthly from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and include a tour of the 61-ft tower and house, along with a paranormal investigation.

**Moving east to central New York**, the Historic Sylvan Beach Amusement Park is a land of play by day, and a hotbed of paranormal activity by night. The park was explored by SyFy Channel's Ghost Hunters in season 9 of the show. Following their television debut, the park added "Park After Dark" tours – running now through September 4 - for visitors looking to

experience haunted happenings firsthand. The park is located directly on Oneida Lake next to the beach, and teeming with waterfront restaurants and activities all day and into the evening.

**On the Hudson River,** mystery surrounds the site at Bannerman Island, built by Frank Bannerman VI in the early 1900s to house a collection of military artifacts. Now a majestic ruin, the island is said to be haunted by Native American and Dutch colonial settlers. The island is open for guided tours on weekends, with visitors departing via boat to reach the island.

**At Fort William Henry Museum in the beautiful Adirondacks,** ghosts now grace the site of countless battles, terrible disease, and harsh climates. The fort is located on Lake George and group investigations and candlelit tours are available for visitors to experience the paranormal. Guides tell stories that have been passed down from the fort over the years and add their own personal experiences of hauntings on site.

And along the Erie Canal, which runs across New York State, the haunted options are plentiful. Start in historic Palmyra where two haunted buildings welcome visitors in for ghost hunts – the William Phelps General Store and Palmyra Museum. Farther along the canal, find the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum – where thieves and murderers lurked in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and their victims are said to still haunt the spot to this day. Or visit the Erie Canal Museum in downtown Syracuse, where you can learn about the history of the canal and maybe even see one of its regular spirits; the children who play in the courtyard, a pair of men who are always seen arguing, and a woman who was killed where the model canal boat now sits.

The Haunted History Trail of New York State welcomes solo travelers, families, couples, or large groups to experience the spookier side of travel. More information about summer attractions, events, and year-round activities can be found online at <a href="https://www.hauntedhistorytrail.com">www.hauntedhistorytrail.com</a>.

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## About the Haunted History Trail of New York State

From the great spirits invoked by early Native American tribes, to the first Dutch settlers who carefully avoided haunted places, New York has harbored centuries of spooky events that simply can't be explained. Interest in the eerie has steadily increased with television and movies exploring the ghosts, UFOs, and things beyond the realm of human understanding. All of this awaits you on the Haunted History Trail of New York State as it takes you to the places where human forms come out of the mist and strange lights wink from the dark.

The Haunted History Trail of New York State features attractions from almost every region of New York State. Haunted dining, tours, and overnights are available on the trail, with many of

the attractions tying back to New York's local history. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.hauntedhistorytrail.com">www.hauntedhistorytrail.com</a>.