

# Hauntings and Mysteries

From the hauntings in the old boomtown of Goldfield to the mysteries and wonders of Area 51, Nevada Silver Trails is full of the weird, strange and unusual. So if the "unknown" is your type of thing, we invite you to come out and explore. You just might find more than you expected!

**GOLDFIELD, NEVADA:** The **Goldfield Hotel** has been named as one of the worlds scariest and most haunted places. Completed in 1908 at a cost of \$300,000-\$400,000 it was reported to be the most spectacular hotel in Nevada and its said to have had champagne flowing down its steps in the opening ceremony. It also featured lush carpeting, rich mahogany trim throughout and crystal chandeliers. Over the course of its glory days, the Goldfield Hotel became the site to many murders and suicides. Today its but an empty abandoned shell of it's once luxurious amenities, and is said to be haunted by several of the past guests that met their demise here. It has been featured in many films and television programs including **Vanishing Point, Ghost Adventures, Ghost Hunters** and is the site of many paranormal investigations. Due to the many observations of "unexplained activity" during their investigations, Ghost Adventures has returned to this site to shoot 3 episodes. Unfortunately the hotel is no longer open to the general public, but is still a site to be seen even from the exterior. Additionally visiting the area can result in meeting some of the locals who are sure to have some stories to tell.

Built in 1907, the **Goldfield High School** sits virtually in the shadows of the infamously haunted hotel. The high school was abandoned in 1943 due to structural issues and has stood empty ever since. There are plenty of rumors of ghost residing within the walls of the Goldfield High School as well, most centered around the spirit of a young girl. There have also been sightings of the once stern principal and reports of up to a dozen ghost haunting the building. Tours of the school can be arranged by contacting **Dominic Pappalardo at [Dominicp@frontier.com](mailto:Dominicp@frontier.com)**

**TONOPAH, NEVADA:** When the **Mizpah Hotel** in Tonopah re-opened after 12 years of being shutdown, the staff and locals quickly noticed that some of the old guest had never checked out. Originally opened on 1907 to accommodate the mining boom and closed in 1999. In 2011, the hotel underwent a 2 million dollar renovation and re-opened.

The hotel is said to be inhabited by several ghost. The most famous and most often seen is "**The Lady in Red**". Legend says she was a call girl who is said to have been murdered in room 512 by a jealous ex-boyfriend or husband at the time. She has been reported to ride the elevator, most often with single male guest and some guest have reported hearing her whisper in their ear.

Additionally, sightings of two children (one girl and one boy) running through the halls of the 4th floor have been reported by a number of guest and staff. The two have been known to play tricks on guest. According to a clairvoyant who visited the property in 2011, the children did not know each other nor did they pass away at the hotel, but seem to have made it their permanent home.

The Mizpah Hotel has been featured on **Ghost Adventures** on the **Travel Channel** as well as many media and news outlets.

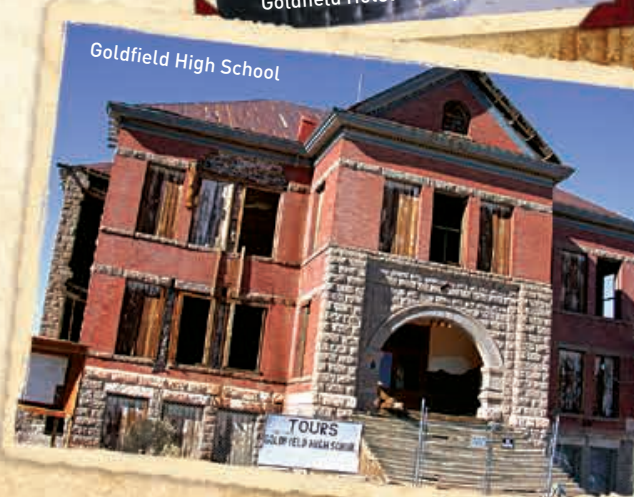
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Goldfield Hotel-Exterior



Goldfield Hotel- Lobby



Goldfield High School



Mizpah Hotel

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**RACHEL, NEVADA:** Rachel, Nevada is a tiny town about 150 miles north of Las Vegas that has quickly climbed to fame as "the UFO Capital of the World". In fact, the area has become so popular for UFO spotting, SR 375 was renamed "**The Extraterrestrial Highway**" by the Nevada State Legislature and the area draws Sci-Fi fans and alien enthusiasts from all over the world. **The Little A'le'Inn** is a small motel located in Rachel along with a restaurant and bar, it offers a variety of Area 51 and UFO related merchandise, collectibles and "alien adventure maps".

Perhaps many of the mysteries surrounding Rachel lay in its proximity to the **Nevada Test Site**, otherwise known as **Area 51**.

Rachel has been featured in **The Wall Street Journal**, an episode of **Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends**, **The X-Files**, **ABC News**, **CNN**, **Larry King Live** and various scenes of the movie **Independence Day** were filmed here.

## LUNAR CRATER NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK:

**Lunar Crater** is an area of volcanic environment covering over 100 square miles at the southern end of the **Pancake Range**. Comprised of cinder cones, lava outcrops and ash hills, the most visible feature is the **impressive 430 foot deep Lunar Crater**. The crater is **designated a National Natural Landmark**, one of six in Nevada, and is situated 75 miles east of Tonopah. The geological term for the crater is a 'maar', the name given to a shallow, broad crater formed by explosive eruptions close to ground level, usually caused by heating of subterranean water. These are not meteor craters as one would think, but do resemble the craters one would expect to see and find on the moon. Its a very dry, desolate area... when out here one gets a very eerie and mystical sense.

Getting here is a bit difficult, but for those interested, it's well worth the drive. The best approach is from the north, starting from US 6. The junction is marked by a BLM signpost, from which it is a 8 mile drive to the crater's edge along a dirt road. The journey from the south is longer, lonelier and begins from NV 375, 'The Extraterrestrial Highway', along a gravel side track that heads northeast, 16 miles south of Warm Springs. The first stage is 10 miles along the track, across the flat expanse of Railroad Valley. A left turn at the first cross roads leads into the low hills that line the valley, the surface now is sandy and rocky - and enters the volcanic field after about 15 miles. Another left turn at the next junction leads to the crater and joins with the northern approach, where the road widens and improves.

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