

BOERNE CAVE GHOST LIGHTS

Merrill Doyle used to love telling about the time he and some friends went spelunking in a cave on private property just south of Boerne. When they went to ask permission, the landowner was out, but they concluded that it would be okay to go in the cave anyway.

They entered the cave and rambled through the cavernous rooms, using a portable generator for light. About midnight they left, using the light to find their way back to the car. They walked from the mouth of the cave to the fence, climbed over it, got into their automobile, and drove off into the night.

A month later, they decided to go back to the cave, only this time when they knocked, the owner answered. He gave permission but warned against their entering the cave, for it was haunted. Why, just 30 days ago, he explained, he came home late and happened to look out from his window about midnight. He saw a light emerge from the cave and move toward the fence. It bounced across, went out for just a minute, then reappeared as TWO lights, much brighter. The pair of lights swirled around, became red, then disappeared into the distance.

The ghost lights had not returned, but who knows?

The young men agreed that they would assume all the risk, but they barely made it to the cave before they burst into laughter.

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