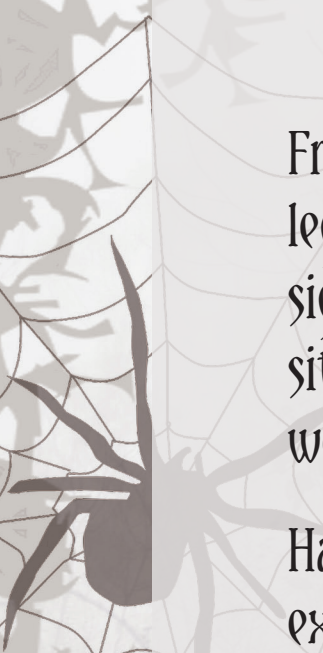




FRANKLIN COUNTY

FRIGHT SITES

DO YOU DARE?



Franklin County PA is home to many legends, chilling stories and strange sightings. Keep alert as you tour these sites, and you may just have a tale worthy encounter!

Have a little Halloween fun and explore some local lore.

Is it fact or is it fiction?

VISIT IF YOU DARE!!!

DYKEMAN POND

in front of 6 Dykeman Road, Shippensburg

Visit Dykeman Pond and you may encounter the ghost of Mary Dykeman still lingering after her baby drowned in the pond in the 1800s. Mary blamed herself for the death of her daughter and died shortly after still asking where her baby had gone. The 1870s Dykeman House sits on the hill above the pond. Picturesque, especially during the fall, the surrounding park has several trails that can be explored as you search for Mary. STOP! LISTEN!



Dykeman Pond

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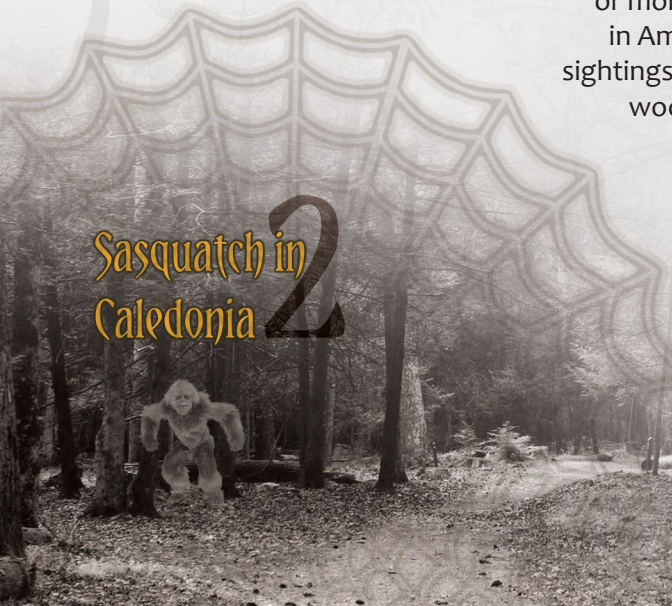
SASQUATCH IN CALEDONIA

101 Pine Grove Road, Fayetteville

A large furry humanoid figure known as Sasquatch or more commonly “Big Foot” has been a staple in American Folk Lore for decades. Accounts of sightings have been claimed across the vast dense, wooded areas across the United States. Little do Franklin County residents know that many sightings have been claimed within the county! Caledonia State Park is the perfect habitat for such a nomadic creature. Rumor has it that Big Foot can potentially be seen crossing and roaming paths around the network of trails in Caledonia. Keep your eyes peeled for hair trails and footprints!

**Sasquatch in
Caledonia**

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Mont Alto State Park

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MONT ALTO STATE PARK

Route 233, just off Route 997, Mont Alto

A crime of passion victim and a former iron furnace owner are two of the ghosts of the 1800s that you may see roaming in and around Mont Alto State Park. The park was formerly the property of the Mont Alto Ironworks.

Sarah Hurley Matheny was killed by her jealous boyfriend, William Reed. She was attacked in the kitchen and died instantly of her wounds. Reed was later hanged at the Old Jail in Chambersburg (another stop on the tour). Her spirit is said to remain in and around Penn State Mont Alto campus, connected to the park by a brief walk. Sarah and former Mont Alto Iron Works owner Colonel George Wiestling are both said to appear in Wiestling Hall.

The oldest state park in Pennsylvania, Mont Alto State Park houses the remains of a late 1800's park including the pool and carousel. The carousel roof as well as many remnants of the park are interesting features from days of old to help imagine the reason why some would not want to leave the park.

MONTEREY PASS


Route 16 & Charmian Road

Did you see the Civil War soldiers? There along the stone outcropping? On July 4, 1863, the second largest Civil War battle occurred with approximately 10,000 soldiers fighting during a thunderstorm at Monterey Pass. The battle ended with approximately 200 soldiers being killed. Soldiers, both Yankee and Rebel, still wander the park grounds. Visit Monterey Pass Park and envision the battle as you see the rock outcrops, rugged roadways and follow the trails. You may be joined by a soldier of the past!

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Monterey Pass





Renfrew and the two sisters

RENFREW AND THE TWO SISTERS

1010 East Main Street, Waynesboro

Renfrew Museum is another great historic location in Franklin County. With that history comes the grim tale of the Renfrew sisters, for which the museum and park is named. Over the years, many accounts of when the tale occurred were spoken. One of the versions takes place during the last raids of the Pontiac Wars in 1764. For the Renfrew sisters, Sarah and Jane, their lives would meet an ill-willed fate at the hands of an Indian raiding party. After the sisters were buried, some say they've seen Sarah and Jane's ghostly figures along the banks of the Antietam!

ALLISON-ANTRIM MUSEUM

365 South Ridge Avenue, Greencastle

Allison-Antrim Museum is housed in an 1860s historic home. Many people occupied this home before it became a museum house in 1998. One family was surprised to realize they were not the only inhabitants. Daughter Emily would soon become expectant of a visitor that would come to her room from time to time. Another apparition was often seen skulking about the hallway in the home. When no one was home, the residents would often claim that window blinds would either be rolled up or pulled down.

As a museum, strange things continued to happen--faces on walls, latches locking and unlocking "on their own," and the sound of giggling children. Museum president Bonnie Shockey was hosting an event when a visitor remarked how much she appreciated the actors walking around in period dress. Shockey said, "I didn't hire anyone!"



Allison-Antrim
Museum

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Ebbert Springs

EBBERT SPRINGS

Not far from the Allison-Antrim Museum lies Ebbert Springs. Ebbert Springs was acquired by The Archaeological Conservancy in 2010. Artifacts date back 11,000 years to the Paleo-Indian period. The house on site was built in the 1750's by William Allison, father of Greencastle's founder, John Allison. The spring offers up a constant flow of water. In the early days of Indian raids, a stockade with provisions and ammunition was built over the spring for the family to shelter if there was an Indian raid.

Is that mist hanging over the water, or possibly a spirit of the past, lingering as it roams along waters of Ebbert Springs?

CONOCOCHEAQUE INSTITUTE

12995 Bain Road, Mercersburg

Stepping back to the mid-1700s, the southwest fringe of the Conococheague Settlement was surrounded by the danger of the French and Indian War. Raiding parties attacked. Some fled to the protection of forts. Others determined to stay and farmed their land. Both choices often ended in deadly attacks.

Conococheague Institute's Davis-Chambers House is a piece of another time. The oldest portions of the home date back to about 1740. With so few homesteads surviving the French & Indian War, the Davis-Chambers home is a treasure of old chestnut logs and yellow pine, hewn from the early forest. Spirits linger in the oldest part of the house; you will feel their eyes watching. From outside, keep an eye on the windows and watch from a distance.

By day, Conococheague brings chances to explore history, hiking, birding and insect identification. As the sun begins to set, in that last hour before closing, Conococheague is a bit eerie. What creatures dwell in the mire and muck? Who lingers near the old cemetery? Is someone watching you from the Davis-Chambers House?



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Pond Bank and the White Lady

POND BANK AND THE WHITE LADY

Off Route 997 at Pond Bank Day Use Area

The story of the White Lady is one of mystical vagueness. The legend says that the White Lady and her child lost their lives in one of the ponds around the village of Pond Bank along route 997. As to how and why is unclear. However, within the last 30 years, sightings have been popping up stating she has been seen stalking around the roads and town of Pond Bank. Why does she haunt this area? The tale says that she is on the search for her lost child. For those brave enough to search for the White Lady, be aware of her ghostly cries and howls as she yearns for finding her lost child.

OLD JAIL

175 E King Street, Chambersburg

Do you believe in ghosts? The tortured souls of the jail's former condemned are said to still live within its walls. The dungeons in the basement, gallows in the courtyard, fingernail scratched doors of cells and inscriptions of jail life left by former inmates are proof of the reality of the difficult life of a prison inmate leaving these individuals to forever wander the prison grounds. Some visitors have claimed to hear thumps, moans and noises while others have felt their body being touched. William Reed, who killed Sarah Hurley Matheny near Mont Alto State Park was hung here.

The John Brown House is down the street from the Old Jail where reported footsteps and shadows are said to be heard and seen. Contact the Franklin County Historical Society to schedule a tour for the Old Jail and/or the John Brown House to see, hear and feel for yourself!



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