

## A Hickory Ridge Haunting

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In honor of Halloween: Locals list Hickory Ridge Homestead as one of the High Country's most haunted spots.

Horn in the West Public Relations specialist Virginia Roseman says that's an understatement. She has seen firsthand how spooky the Homestead can be. She saw a ghostly child in white last year in the Tatum House.

Two children are said to haunt the cabin. In the late 1700s, the Tatums lost two children in the dead of winter. The children's bodies were left upstairs with the other children because they couldn't bury them until the thaw.

While there's nothing in the attic area of the cabin, strange noises are a common occurrence.

Last Halloween during ghost stories in the cabin, an adult tried to climb up to the top on a whim.

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He repeatedly tried to use a flashlight, and it kept going out, as did candles. A loud noise scared everyone away.

Stories like that are common, Roseman says.

That makes it the perfect locale for tonight's Haunted Horn from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Roseman says it's the scariest trail in the High Country.

Thanks to talented makeup artists, there's some scary stuff going on tonight. It's not intended for children under nine. Children and college students can get tickets for \$7, adults for \$10. The Trail is presented by the ASU Teaching Fellows and the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. Roseman invites you to come get scared.