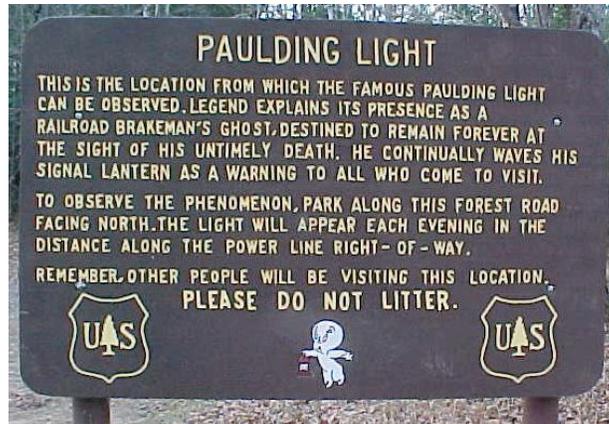


The Paulding/Mystery Light

Paulding, MI



At one time, Ripley's Believe It Or Not offered in excess of \$100,000 to the person or persons who could solve a bizarre light phenomenon in Paulding, Michigan. Nearly every clear evening, strange circular spheres of light dance on the horizon of the tiny community, and at one point seem to follow the pathway of electrical lines. The lights have been captured on film by Michigan Magazine and Channel 6 News out of Marquette. Experts from Ripley's have been to the location to examine the phenomenon.

At the location of the Paulding lights, the Michigan Forest service has erected a sign which indicates the best area from which the light can be seen. So far, no logical conclusions have been reached. The lights have been witnessed as being red, white and green. These lights are not to be confused with the Northern Lights. They are a phenomenon that is unique to this place in Paulding, Michigan.

Locals say the light has been viewed for a very long time, even before automobiles, thus ruling out a strange reflection of headlights as a possible cause. Eyewitnesses claim to have seen the lights way back at the turn of the century, while on their way to the train depot at Watersmeet.

Various legends have developed concerning the lights. One myth explains the lights as the ghost of a railroad brakeman, while other say it is the ghost of an Indian dancing on the power lines. Some locals attest to the fact that the lights start over Lake Superior and make their way inland. The public is welcome to view the strange lights.

Directions to the Mystery Light

At the end of the drive, turn right toward Watersmeet. Just after 4 miles, Old US 2 will come to an end at HWY 45. Turn Right.

Take State Highway 45 north out of Watersmeet, MI. About 5 miles out of Watersmeet, the road will begin a slow bend to the right. Watch for a road on the left side of 45 named "Robbins Pond Road". Turn left on Robbins Pond Road.

Follow the gravel road down about 3/8 mile until you see the dead end barricade. During the summer months you will also see the sign put up by the National Park Service.

