



Ghosts on the Coast!

When history and the paranormal collide, intriguing ghost stories are bound to follow. Deeply steeped in history rich with turmoil, St. Mary Parish has witnessed its share of tragedy. Catastrophic natural disasters, horrific murders, taxing epidemics, and gruesome accidents are just a few examples of events that have left many of the area's deceased unsettled. Follow the trail of paranormal activity in Morgan City, and along the Cajun Coast.

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Lake End Parkway/Highway 70

A female apparition is said to frequent the area, especially on misty and foggy nights. Per the show, the mysterious woman is thought to be Ada LeBoeuf, the first female executed in the state of Louisiana. A mystery that will never truly be solved, Ada is said to have lured her husband out to meet with her close friend, Dr. Thomas Dreher during the great flood of 1927. Ada's husband, James LeBoeuf, and the doctor did not get along, and her plea was for them to meet up to settle the feud. James LeBoeuf was murdered that night, and Ada and Dr. Dreher were both sentenced to hang. A third person was at the scene of the murder, James Beadle, who served time at Angola for his part in the crimes. There are many discrepancies, accounts of an unfair trial, and even a possible political motive surrounding the trial. Ada's execution was public, whereas Dr. Dreher's hanging was performed behind a curtain.

Corner of Pete Street and Railroad Avenue, Patterson

In 1914, a dreadful train accident resulted in the deaths of Bessie and Eli Bergeron. The father and daughter are said to have remained in the residence, where there are reports of missing left shoes of the children living in/visiting the house, and the owner occasionally seeing the ghost of the little girl. Believed to once have been a "pass through house," a home used for viewings before funeral homes, the residence is said to have had a myriad of paranormal activity. Private residence. Drive by only, please.

Idlewild Plantation, 130 Main Street, Patterson

Built in the 1850s, the historic plantation was once used as a hospital during the Civil War, as well as a treatment facility during one of the major Yellow Fever epidemics that swept across the state. Reporting occurrences of mysterious sounds and missing jewelry, the owners believe it to be haunted by one of the nurses who once cared for the ill during the epidemic. The crew of *Ghosts of Morgan City* was able to capture the image of a full-bodied apparition during their investigation. Private Residence: Drive by only, please.

Kamikaze Island, Atchafalaya Swamp Basin

Rumored to be a stop of pirate Jean Lafitte and crew, the island is said to be haunted by a member of Lafitte's crew who may have been sacrificed to protect buried treasure. (Private Land)

Irish Bend Road/Allain House, Franklin

An area that tragically ran thick with the spilled blood of Civil War soldiers, Irish Bend is said to be haunted by the souls of the brave men who died during the battle. The Allain house is thought to be haunted by the ghost of one of the young Civil War soldiers who died as a result of the Battle of Irish Bend. Private Residence. Drive by only, please.

Lima Street/Utah Street, Berwick

The residence where one of the most gruesome and tragic murders in the history of St. Mary Parish once stood on Lima Street in Berwick. Roy Mejia brutally murdered Barbara Verrett and her three children in 1966, then drove away with their bodies, which were discovered in a nearby parish. He was eventually captured and died in prison. Torn down for the construction of a new bridge, the home no longer exists. However, reports of a young girl matching the description of one of the murdered children has been reported at a house nearby. The ghost girl is said to love to play with dolls.

Morgan City Archives, Schrier House, 501 Federal Avenue, Morgan City

Used as the headquarters for the cast of *Ghosts of Morgan City*, the home built in the early 1900s proved to have some spirits of its own. Once the home of very successful businessman and former mayor of Morgan City, the residence served as the site for the public viewing of Maurice E. Norman. In the summer of 1931, Norman suffered a stroke on his way home from a meeting with Governor Huey P. Long. Over 5000 people were said to have walked through the home to pay their respects to ME Norman. Strange occurrences include lights turning on and off when no one is around, and apparitions being seen on multiple occasions.

Downtown Morgan City, Front Street, Morgan City

Everything from the Fire Department and City Hall, to the buildings that surround it are reported to have paranormal activity ranging from apparitions, to unexplained noises, phantom smells, and disembodied voices. If you visit downtown Morgan City, the chances are high that you are walking on an unmarked grave. Before the establishment of the Morgan City Cemetery, victims of the Yellow Fever epidemic, and even the Civil War, are said to be beneath the streets and buildings of downtown.

