



To help you get the most out of your Ghoulish Getaway, check out our helpful ghost sighting tips, compiled by our members who have had extensive experience honing their “ghost relations etiquette.”

- Above all...**DO NOT SCREAM!** The ghosts at the properties of the New England Inns & Resorts Association are not malicious. They’re “residents” of the property just like anyone else and often are respected and revered for their historical connection to the residence. If you scream...well, that’s just plain rude.
- Attracting ghosts to make an appearance requires a subtle approach. Moaning, rattling chains, and producing otherwise eerie noises are an insult to a ghost’s intelligence. If you use these methods, the ghosts will not take you seriously.
- Whispering around ghosts, while an instinctive inclination, is simply silly. Ghosts have supernatural hearing and will just take whispering as a sign that you’re untrustworthy.
- Don’t sneak around trying to hunt down a ghostly presence. How would you like it if a bunch of strangers skulked around your own residence? Every ghost often has his/her own “pattern” of appearances that require certain conditions. Find out what they are at each property in order to maximize your opportunity for a sighting, set your watch accordingly, and then just sit and wait.
- Keep a pad and paper to hand at all times to record detailed notes of your experience and perhaps sketches of what you saw. Crayons are unnecessary, as ghosts are often too “misty” to display any real color.
- If possible, bring an animal with you to your NEIRA property ghost hunt. Animals can sense ghostly presences more keenly than humans, so keep a watch on them for any unexplained behavior. Low growls in dogs, and arched backs and “pfft pfft” sounds in cats for no reason are likely indicators.