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Morning

We hiked the trail around the rim of Capulin Volcano.



It was exactly like the other two times we were here. Please consult your archives from 2007 and 2011.

Afternoon

Far to the back of the vast tract that comprises the NRA Wittington Center near Raton, NM is a ghost town called Van Houton Mines. You can find it at the end of a primitive dirt track which NRA lets you drive as long as you complete their waiver form. When I asked what the waiver was specifically for I was told "We're not responsible for anything that happens to you". OK. We supposed that includes the supernatural, too, but we went anyway.



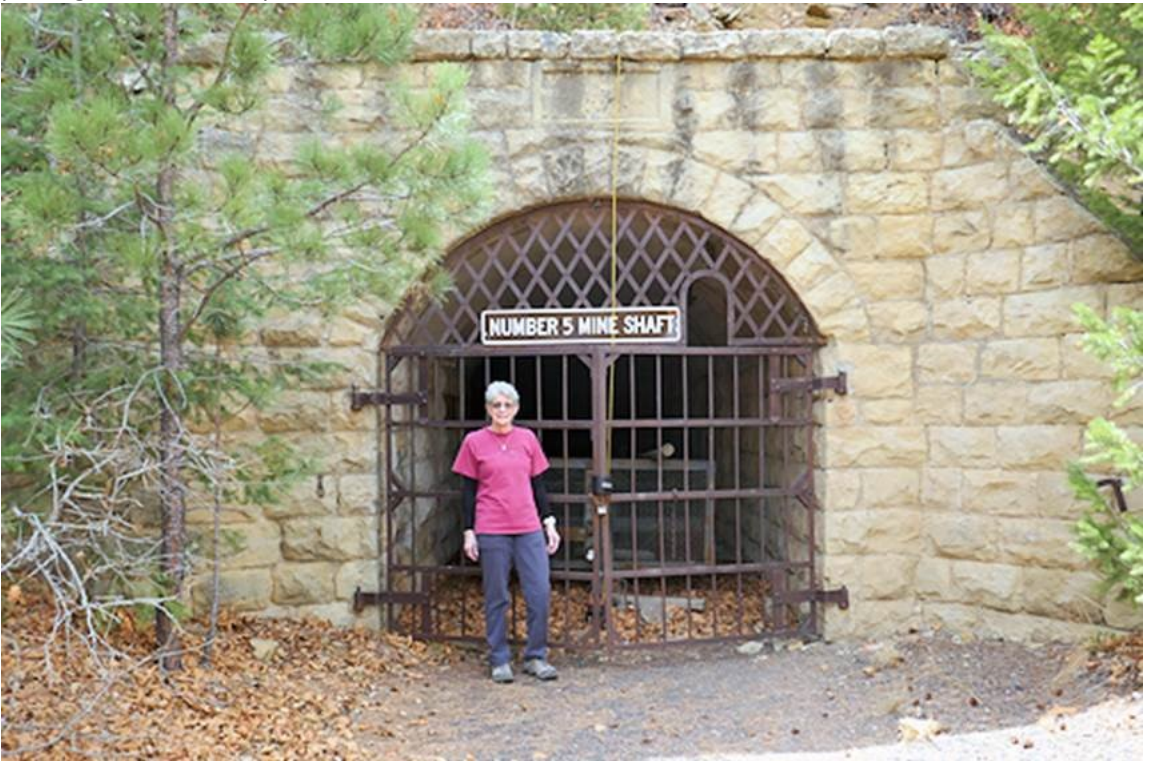
The ghost towns we've been to in the past were either still inhabited with living beings or so far gone they'd melted into the earth. Happily, Van Houton Mines has some walls and some artifacts and even some decrepit, intact buildings suitable for apparitions. There are a couple of houses, the foundation of the Company Store, part of the mule barn, and other bits and pieces.







At the end of the road was the locked-up mine entrance. The perfect daytime hideout for poltergeists and their pals.





The ghouls apparently followed us as this guy watched us leave. When they got to our room they messed up our laptop, one of our phones and the room heater. Not kidding.

We believe.

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