



The following thirteen, spooky places in Spokane may be haunted! Check them out if you dare! This self-guided tour takes you on a walk through downtown Spokane, you can visit the locations in any order. This customized map is also available via Google Maps (<https://bit.ly/3jCyINN>). Please observe any traffic revisions or posted signs.

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Spaghetti Factory (152 S. Monroe) – Did you know Washington started Prohibition five years earlier than the rest of the country? The temperance movement took hold early in these parts, but that didn't really stop people from drinking! The Old Spaghetti Factory staff have reported the ghosts of rum runners in this former liquor warehouse, seen inside and on the train cargo platform!

Steam Plant (159 S. Lincoln) – The Steam Plant is said to be chock full of apparitions. The steam plant was built on the site of the passenger terminal destroyed in the Great Fire in 1889, and not everyone escaped! The site remained a pile of charred bricks until around 1915 when the steam plant was built to heat the city. During construction, workers stopped work or walked off the job altogether as they heard strange cries and saw dark figures.

The Davenport Hotel (10 S. Post) – Don't lose your way when exploring the Davenport! In 1920, rich widow Ellen Mcnamara is said to have opened the wrong door and stepped through the Tiffany glass atrium to the lobby floor below. Listen for her famous last words "where did I go?," uttered when she briefly regained consciousness.

If you have the chance to luxuriate in the Spa, look for the apparition of a thin man in a tuxedo, the doorman who used to let the "right" people into the Early Bird Club during prohibition.

Bing Theater/formerly Met (901 West Sprague) – "Oh, cruel fate!" The next time you take in a show here, look for a girl in 1920s attire haunting both staff and patrons. Two star-crossed lovers from Lewis and Clark High School caught in a misunderstanding resulted in the poor girl plunging to her death on the floor beneath the balcony. That's not all! In later years, a long-suffering stage manager succumbed to a heart attack while on the job and has been seen in the green room!

Martin Woldson Fox theater and tunnel (1001 West Sprague) – Did you know there's a tunnel running underground between the Bing and the Fox? Performers and celebrities could make their way between the venues without detection! During the restoration of this Art Deco theater (early 2000's), construction workers knew Otis the ghost was to blame for missing tools and failed equipment! In this theater's life as a live venue, second-run movie theater and finally the home of the Spokane Symphony, different versions live on- usually involving Otis tragically falling from a high catwalk to his death.

Oddfellows building/Ella's Supper Club (1015-17 W First) – This building is reportedly full of strange phenomena, including a little girl in a dress running back and forth, strange smells and moving objects. Many businesses have occupied the building, including a funeral home. The International Order of Oddfellows built this elaborate lodge in 1909 with goals like "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." They probably helped a lot of people over the years, so maybe some stuck around!

Carnegie Library (10 S. Cedar) – Does the ghost of the building's first head librarian, a real piece of work, haunt the architects now working inside? Look for his bespectacled face creeping in the windows! Once the new Central Library opens in 2022, ask a librarian about him, they'll have an opinion!

Peyton (10 N Post) – The Great Eastern Block building housed stores, offices, and apartments until a terrible fire broke out one night in 1898, trapping many residents. Among those found perished were a Mr. Gordon, his wife, Mrs. Gordon and their children. In the aftermath, it was found there was a second Mrs. Gordon and children in another apartment just a few blocks away. It turns out he didn't leave his first family before starting another! In its place, the Peyton was built and has been plagued with multiple fatal fires and paranormal activity.

Post St Bridge – In 1896, a series of unfortunate events led to the suicides of two upper-crust young men, one right after the other. The socialites partied hard and Tom drank poison after joking about suicide, leaving his revolver to his best friend, Max. Max was inconsolable over the death of his friend and rejection by his fiancée. He drowned his sorrows in booze and was kept on suicide watch by a hired guard. That guard naturally couldn't stay awake all day and night, so Max slipped away to the Post Street bridge. He grabbed Tom's revolver, sat on the edge of the bridge, shot himself and fell into the dark, swirling waters below. In the years since, these dark waters have claimed the life of many over the years, both suicides and homicides. Let's hope these many instances are the last. **If you need help, call the suicide helpline: 800-273-8255. Your life matters.**

Spokane Club (1002 West Riverside) – The Spokane Club staff have reported all kinds of ghostly activity in the building. The bar, restaurant, ballrooms and hotel rooms could all be sources of historic haunting! Once open only to men, all kinds of planning and plotting took place here over the years. Are these former members now haunting the building, resentful of the more inclusive membership policy of late?

City Hall (808 W Spokane Falls Blvd) – This art deco concrete and steel structure was originally a Montgomery Ward department store! Commonly referred to as “Ward’s,” the decision to acquire and remodel the building was not popular in the late 1970’s. Ward’s shoppers speculated city workers would be haunted by questions about new tires and hosiery. Forty years in, the scariest part of the building is probably the looming specter of the hideous dropped ceilings!

North Coast Insurance/Old Smith Funeral Home (1124 W Riverside) – Have you ever taken a good look at this one? It’s one of the only buildings in Spokane with a Mansard roof! Built in 1912, the basement and street level were used for the Smith and Company Mortuary parlors and workrooms, with apartments on the second and third floors, and laundry and workrooms on the fourth floor. The mortuary operated into the 1970s and was rehabilitated by North Coast Life in the 1980s. The garage was added on to the west in a style to match the original buildings. Do you think ghosts hang around funeral homes?

Hotel Indigo and Magnolia Restaurant/Former Otis (110 S Madison) – Now a newly refurbished hotel and restaurant, this 1911 brick building has seen its share of visitors as it provided single room only (SRO) inexpensive housing for decades. As it sat empty for several years in the 2000s, legends grew of arcane rituals, but maybe it was just ordinary vandalism? It looked so spooky and run-down for a time that it was used as a backdrop in the zombie show “Z-Nation.”