

## Paranormal "U"

### Ley Lines

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Ley lines are hypothetical alignments of a number of places of geographical interest, such as ancient monuments, megaliths, ancient sites or holy places, such as stone circles, standing stones, cairns, and churches. Interest in ley lines began with the publication in 1921 of *Early British Trackways* by Alfred Watkins a self-taught amateur archaeologist and antiquarian. Based upon the fact that on a map of Blackwardine, near Leominster, England, he could link a number of ancient landmarks by a series of straight lines, he became convinced that he had discovered an ancient trade route. These lines reportedly can carry energies across vast distances.

This explanation by no means completes the modern definition of a ley-line, as no one can say for example that all alignments of stones are ley-lines, however old they are. Nor does it follow that all ancient sites were aligned deliberately, even those that appear to have been.

A number of possible explanations for the existence of ley-lines have been proposed over the years, including the following:

**Spirit ways and Death roads - (*Funerary paths*)** A number of rituals and traditions have been associated with the path taken by funerary parties. The fact that 'spirit paths' are traditionally straight and seem to include the same 'markers' as ley lines significantly increases the argument for some of the leys having once served this function.

**Astronomical Alignments:** One of the largest Leys in England, the so-called St. Michaels Ley, is aligned along the path of the sun on the 8th of May (The spring festival of St. Michael) and can therefore be considered astronomical. These alignments are often considered ley lines due to the either deliberate, or coincidental, path they follow during certain times of the year.

Self-described ley line experts cannot agree on which "sacred sites" should be included as data points. Some internationally known ancient sites are obvious choices, such as England's Stonehenge, Egypt's Great Pyramids, Peru's Machu Picchu ruins, and Australia's Ayers Rock. But on a regional and local level, it's anyone's game: How big a hill counts as an important hill? Which wells are old enough or important enough? By selectively choosing which data points to include or omit, a person can come up with any pattern he or she wishes to find.

Either due to, or because of, the differences in interpreting ley line locations, you might often find reportedly haunted locations along these routes. According to author Fiona Broome, you can plot reportedly haunted locations on a map, then draw a line through them. They should cluster along the line. None of the points should be too far off the line, say less than 1/2 a mile. Remember, not all hauntings are connected to a ley line. An outlier or two is common. Using this method, you should be able to predict where the next hauntings should be located. This falls in line with the theory that some ley lines were used as death roads.

**Feng shui - (*Earths Magnetic Field*)** The Chinese art of 'Feng-shui', or 'wind and water', also means '*that which cannot be seen and cannot be grasped*'. The duty of the practitioners of the art was to determine the flow of 'lung-mei', or 'Dragon currents'. Every building, stone and planted tree was so placed into the landscape as to conform to the 'dragon currents' which flowed along these lines. The main paths of the forces were believed to be determined by the routes of the sun, moon and five major planets. We know that the Earth is encompassed within a magnetic field. The strength and direction of the magnetic currents vary according to the position of the sun, moon and closer planets. The magnetic field is also affected.