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Ghost Parade

No one can explain the ghostly lights that have shimmered in the mountains east of Marfa, Texas, almost every night since they were discovered more than 100 years ago.

So, lacking an explanation, local residents held a parade.

Almost all of the town's 2,400 citizens participated in the first Marfa Lights Festival on Saturday to honor the "ghost lights," as many West Texans call them.

Witnesses say the lights are yellowish-white and do not glow very brightly. Some people say they are stationary, while others say they move just a little bit. Some scientists have suggested the glow comes from swamp gas.

"But how many swamps do they have around here?" asked Jettie Whitlock, sweeping her arm across the desert mountain horizon.

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