

Mystery Spot boggles minds of visitors

Touted as being "Stranger than fiction," the Mystery Spot in Santa Cruz has boggled the minds of visitors since 1940.

Nestled in the woods along Braniforte Drive, just three miles north of Santa Cruz, the Mystery Spot is just that — a mystery.

The law of gravity does not seem to be working at this unusual spot. For example, a carpenter's level is laid across two concrete blocks showing that the two blocks are the same height.

However, when you stand on one block and someone stands on the other, it appears that they are either above or below you.

Visitors lean toward the southwest upon entering the area and the lean becomes more acute as you proceed closer to the center of the spot.

There are numerous other variations of gravity, perspective, compass, velocity and height at the Mystery Spot that to this day have not been officially explained.

It is common for visitors exiting the Mystery Spot to stagger out, trying to regain their sense of balance and perspective.

Thousands have visited the Mystery Spot since it was first discovered. Since that time, this perplexing attraction has been featured in Life magazine, Sunset magazine and Ripley's Believe It or Not.