

BIGFOOT



Perhaps the most famous creepy creature is Bigfoot. For thousands of years, people in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Northern California) have told tales of a huge, hairy animal that roams the woods and forests. Those that believe in Bigfoot think he might be related to gigantopithecus, an ancient animal that lived millions of years ago.

The first major encounter happened in the 1920s, when a camper claimed to have been captured by a hairy monster in British Columbia. Sightings of Bigfoot exploded in the 1950s, with folks claiming to have seen it, heard it, and even seen its footprints. The most famous evidence is a video that two hunters made in 1967, which shows a tall, hairy, ape-like creature walking through the woods in Northern California. However, most scientists agree that many of the sightings are hoaxes, or are just other animals, which can seem much scarier at night!

Though sightings have died down, people are still fascinated by Bigfoot. Books and TV shows are still being made about him, and there's even a museum dedicated to him!

What real animal is Bigfoot thought to be related to?

Scientists think Bigfoot sightings can be explained by two things. What are they?

If you met Bigfoot, what three questions would you ask him (or her)?

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