

CHESSIE, CHAMP, AND BESSIE

Ever heard of the Loch Ness Monster? Some say we've got our own creatures of the deep, right here in the United States.

In 1948, a local fisherman noticed something strange in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. It was far off—about 75 yards from the boat—but he was captivated by the sight. All in all, it looked to be about 12 feet long. It looked like a cross between a horse and a big, huge snake. Sightings continued, and the creature came to be known as “Chessie.”

Like the Loch Ness monster, local Native American legends tell of a large monster lurking in Lake Champlain in what's now Vermont. The first person to report a Champ sighting was the French explorer Samuel de Champlain, whom the lake was named after. However, locals aren't too afraid of Champ—they've even named their local baseball team after him!

In 1817, a group of sailors saw the same thing—a huge, black snake, but this one almost 40 feet long. That same year, French settlers in Ohio came upon a 20 foot long creature writhing around on the shore of Lake Erie. Terrified, they ran away. When they came back later, the creature was gone. To this day, locals tell tales of a monster called Bessie that lives at the bottom of Lake Erie.

Monster Map

Cut out the lake monsters and glue them into the lakes they live in!



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