



Klamath Network Featured Creature

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Sasquatch

(Gigantopithecus undescribed, novel species)

FIELD NOTES:

General Description:

Sasquatch is a large, malodorous, new world primate rumored to frequent the wilds of the Klamath Region. Many names have been used to describe Sasquatch over the years, including Bigfoot, Skookum, and skunk ape. However, he or she has never returned any calls using those names.

Sasquatch is purported to be related to the Yeti, or the abominable snowman, and the extinct megapimate *Gigantopithecus*, known from a single megamolar found in the mountains of China. Genetic analyses linking the two are still being researched.

Sasquatch is generally regarded as being a bad, bad dude. If any visitor or park staff witness Sasquatch, the official policy is to take a fuzzy photo and get out of there.

Recent sightings have observed Sasquatch on advanced transportation devices, resembling human bicycles. This suggests that these creatures are watching and learning from human technology.



Figure 1. Juvenile Sasquatch on rapid, wheeled transport (from flickr.com/photos/robertogreco/1864571298/)

Where to see it in the Klamath Parks:

A keen, believing eye will probably never find Sasquatch in Redwood National and State Parks, Oregon Caves National Monument, Crater Lake National Park, Lassen Volcanic National Park, Lava Beds National Monument, and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, but reports have occurred (visit: <http://www.bfro.net/> to read of sightings.)

Habitat:

Generally forested, mountainous areas. Although regarded as a species requiring copious amounts of wilderness, sightings close to large urban areas have been recorded.

Reproduction:

Reproduction of Bigfoot is probably better left to the imagination.

Mystery

While hundreds of people have reported to have seen or smelled Sasquatch, much is still unknown. How could someone have faked all the tracks and sighting reported? How could so many people have been deluded? Has Sasquatch seen Elvis? Is there a naked unicorn on the dark side of the moon?

Cinematography

A nude sasquatch stars in one of the shortest and most famous documentaries of all time, the Patterson-Gimlin film, shot along a tributary to Bluff Creek just east of the Redwood NSP in 1967. Leonel Arguello, park Supervisory Botanist does an outstanding live reenactment of the creatures famous "make my day" look in the film.



Figure 2. "Make my day!" Still image from original Patterson-Gimlin film.

Distribution and habits:

All of North America. Mostly in remote regions. In a show of remarkable intelligence, reported to stringently avoid eating tofu or lima beans. Might smell like patchouli

Status:

Presumed on the edge of extinction, possible large, stable populations in alternate dimensions, where intergalactic travel is reported.



Figure 3. Footage of possible Sasquatch from a galaxy far, far away...

Additional Information:

Plenty of good, reliable information to be found on the internet. "Google" Sasquatch to get results. All images used were shamelessly obtained in this manner. Our apologies to the authors.

Further apologies may be necessary for offending eye-witnesses or other cryptozoologists. An excellent, more serious than this, resource can be found at: <http://www.isu.edu/~meldd/>