

BIGFOOT DISCOVERY PROJECT

MISSION

1. Attract & educate the public with the facts about mystery primates around the world
2. Generate revenue to cover expenses, pay staff, fund ongoing projects & programs
3. Establish Research Center for Discovery Science & Scientific Exploration
4. Teach children about reverence for wildlife and conservation of wilderness via cryptozoology
5. Seek proof of the existence of Bigfoot via investigatory field research and forensics

The goal is to create a fulltime research center and library—that would perpetuate itself through a cottage industry and memberships—dedicated to studying, and being instrumental in solving, the bigfoot problem. (Problem: People see or experience “them”... science can’t adequately explain why.)

SOME OF THE HYPOTHESES PUT FORTH TO EXPLAIN BIGFOOT SIGHTINGS:

1. Misidentification of known indigenous animals, such as bears
2. Hoaxes and pranks (perpetrated by a host of individuals all over the planet)
3. Imaginations run amok
4. Unidentified known apes in places they normally don’t inhabit
5. Some sort of unidentified, unclassified new species of ape, adapted to bipedalism
6. A feral human being of some sort
7. Some sort of unknown subspecies of hominin (human-like being)
8. A known primate in the fossil record, thought to be extinct, that migrated to North America across the land bridge thousands of years ago (an extant human ancestor that has coexisted beside *Homo sapiens* for thousands of years)
9. Extraterrestrial biological entity (a “space alien”)
10. Traveller from a parallel universe or another dimension
11. A demonic entity or ghosts of extinct animals
12. A hallucination (A Jungian archetype conjured up out of our “genetic memory”)
13. Mass hysteria
14. A psychotic experience caused by mental illness
15. A “psychic” projection akin to poltergeists; a *tulpa*

All this breaks down into 3 basic “Camps” of thinking (3 types of bigfooted beings reported):

- I. LEGENDARY (all cases of hoaxes, mis-ids, pranks, lies, imagination etc)
- II. PARANORMAL (falls under the rubric of UFOs and other “woo” phenomena)
- III. FLESH & BLOOD (It’s of the family *Hominidae*)
 1. It’s of the subtribe *Ponginae* (a bipedal ape of some sort)
 2. It’s of the subtribe *Hominina* (a wild human of some sort)

People have been reporting encounters of the hairy biped kind since the beginning of recorded history, all over the globe. There are references to them in ancient Chinese apothecaries; renderings of them among ancient petroglyphs (rock paintings); images of them among medieval etchings and on ancient art objects; and biblical references to both giants and hairy people. Many place names

across the globe reference these hairy beings (*Skookum Meadow*, *Devil's Canyon*, *Ape Canyon*, etc) Most languages have at least one word to represent them, if not several. They are ever present in popular culture, and have been integrated into many myths and belief systems around the world.

There is much fossil evidence to indicate the presence of hominins all across Europe, Asia, Africa and Indonesia during ages gone by, from the late Miocene up to almost modern times (*Australopithecines*, *Gigantopithecus*, *Homo habilis*, *Homo erectus*, *Homo neandertalis*, *Homo floresiensis*.) It is quite possible that some of these homins may still exist in some form today, even here in North America. Prosimians (hominid ancestors) were present in North America during the Eocene (55mya) just as they were elsewhere.