

The Loch Ness Monster

What is the Loch Ness monster? The Loch Ness monster is a dinosaur or serpent type creature that lives deep in the waters of Loch Ness, a lake in the Scottish Highlands. Locals say it's true and yet others don't believe, but I believe that the Loch Ness monster is real. Many have said that it was an elephant with its trunk out of the water, washing it's self before a circus show. It couldn't possibly have been an elephant, because anyone who would have seen the trunk coming out of the water would have been able to see the elephant when it too came out of the water. There have been many recorded sightings of "Nessie" as locals like to call her, the first one dating back to the 6th century, when Irish Saint Columba ordered one of his monks to swim across the lake of Loch Ness and fetch a boat. Halfway across the lake Nessie appeared and rushed at the swimmer, roaring in a very frightened way. Columba yelled at the monster "Go no farther, nor touch the man! Go back!" The monster is said to have gone back and has never harmed or hurt anyone since.

There have been photos taken of Nessie too. Robert Kenneth Wilson, a doctor in London, supposedly took a photo that started it all. His photo was published in the Daily Mail April 21, 1934. It was the first photo of a "head and neck" and is one of the most iconic photos of Nessie. Another photo taken by Lachlan Stuart, a forestry worker that lived on the lake of Loch Ness, managed to photograph Nessie. He saw three humps in a line and ran inside to grab his camera, but after only one picture his camera jammed. His photo was taken in 1951 and its publicity was further proof of Nessie's existence.

Many believe that Nessie is male, and in 1975 when four firemen from Hemel Hempstead thought most monsters are male, Nessie must be male too. So they constructed a papier-mâché lady monster to attract Nessie. The man made monster was 309 feet long and included fake eye lashes, full make up and a pre recorded mating call. Unfortunately the mating call turned out to be that of a male walrus and did not attract Nessie. It also did not help when the monster was damaged while floating on the water. Her "behind" was damaged by a jetty, and flattened when the wind blew her sideways. That attempt definitely failed.

The most recent sighting of Nessie was in May 2007, when Gordon Holmes, a lab technician caught a video of what he described as a "black jet thing" about 45 feet long, moving pretty fast in the water. Holmes was not looking for Nessie at the time of his video, he was doing tests on Loch Ness when he saw the mystery in the water. His video was broadcasted on BBC Scotland on STV North Tonight programming which made for much more publicity.

Nessie gives us an enduring mystery, where as in the twenty first century there is always an explanation for everything! Now you know why I believe in Nessie – DO YOU?

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The Loch Ness Monster that hides in the deep!

In days both present and past, "Nessie," also known as the "Loch Ness monster," has been known all over the world as a "mythical animal that hides in the deep of lake Loch Ness." Some people say the Loch Ness monster is just a legend. I think that's not so because each year, many experts and citizens have taken pictures and given claims they saw the monster. If that's true, we may be a step closer to be finding the Loch Ness monster.

Many people ask, "What is the Loch Ness monster?" It is supposed to be a gray-like creature that is huge and has shiny skin, according to the legend. Also, the Loch Ness monster is said to be located in lake "Loch Ness," which is in the Highland region of Scotland. The lake is one of the deepest in Scotland, at around 754 feet deep. Also, since the water is very murky, people say the Loch Ness monster is hiding in there, which is why you usually cannot see it. The Loch Ness monster may even be a different type of aquatic species. Experts have guessed that it could be a dinosaur called a Plesiosaur, which is long extinct . . . or is it?

Others ask, "Where did the Loch Ness monster come from?" It came from a famous Legend long ago that may be true, or not. According to the PBS website, a man referred to as "Saint Columba," was spreading Christianity to Scotland in A.D. 565. When he was on his way to visit a king in Scotland, he saw that a beast-like monster in the lake was about to attack a man who was swimming. Saint Columba commanded the Loch Ness creature to go away and held up a cross. Then, the monster swam away into the murky waters and disappeared.

When people want something to be true, they need evidence. There is much evidence to support the Loch Ness monster. For example, in the book "Water monsters," it said that in the 1900's, a lady was taking a picture of Loch Ness lake. When she took the picture and printed it out, a head of some animal was there, which had a long neck sticking out and a small head. Besides this, hundreds of people each year claim to have seen the monster when they were walking down the road or just looking at the lake. However, some of the people who said they saw it and took pictures, were just playing a hoax. Yet, despite the fakes, many specialists have found reasons it may be real.

In conclusion, much evidence has shown that it is possible that there could be something out there swimming in the murky waters of the lake. With technology like new types of water cameras coming out, we may someday get a good image that may solve one of the biggest mysteries ever, proving the Loch Ness monster.

The Loch Ness Monster that Hides in the Deep!

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The Loch Ness Monster

The Loch Ness Monster is real. It lives in Loch Ness, Highland, Scotland. Sightings and reports prove he is real.(at least to the believers) Some people dismiss the Loch Ness Monster as just a story. These skeptics place "Nessie" in the same Sci-Fi category as Big Foot and the Area 51 alien landings. But Loch Ness is a real place with a real history.

Scotland is a country with a rich history. There are beautiful castles which all tell a story. There were clans, which are groups of people with a shared kinship. Today, the clans are recognized and regulated by the Court of Lord Lyon. There are volumes of poems and folktales which have been passed down for centuries. In fact, most reference books about Scotland contain little or no information about the Loch Ness Monster.

The legend of Nessie started with the Irish monk Saint Columba. The date was August 22, 565. Saint Columba was traveling across Loch Ness. He saw a man being attacked by a water beast. Columba made the sign of the cross and commanded, "Go no further! Do not touch the man! Go back at once!" This proved to be powerful and the monster retreated.

The most famous photo of Nessie was taken by Kenneth Wilson, a British surgeon, in 1934. His photo resembles a sea serpent rising out of the water of the Loch. It caused a sensation when first published in the daily mail. Skeptics were always sure that the photo was a hoax and in 1984 Stewart Campbell, of the British Journal of Photography, concluded that the photo was probably an otter or a sea bird. Others claim that the photo was set up with a submarine and a plastic monster.

A circus owner offered a 20,000 Pound reward to anyone who could capture Nessie for

his circus. It may have been best for the circus that nobody captured Nessie. Imagine carting this huge water animal around in a big rolling tank.

The search for Nessie was helped by advancing technology over the years. The first example of technology helping to solve this mystery occurred in 1975. Robert Rines, a lawyer and physicist, took Sonar and photography to capture an image of a flittered aquatic creature. The image got the support of Sir Peter Scott, a naturalist, who shocked the world with the idea that Nessie was a plesiosaur! It didn't take long for the skeptics to respond to this claim. Many doubted that an animal which was thought to be extinct for 65 million years was flipping its flippers in Loch Ness. There were several more Sonar images created in the 80's and 90's which showed evidence of whale-like creatures.

Some people want to prove Nessie is real for money, fame, and the possibility of discovering a living plesiosaur. I would like to photograph Nessie to prove he is real to the skeptics.(and myself) Scientists would compete to study a living plesiosaur.

People are captivated by a mystery. The Legend of the Loch Ness Monster will always be interesting to people because there will always be believers and skeptics to keep the mystery alive.

THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

I think the Loch Ness Monster is real because you know how alligators, crocodiles, caymans, lizards and sharks are close descendants from dinosaurs, I believe that it is real. We know she is enormous. I know she is smaller than the mosasaurs, but Nessie is estimated to be over 100 feet long. So, it is known to be a beast. I think it is a herbivore that feeds on algae and other river plants. It has flat teeth to eat plants. Some people see the monster, some videos are real, and some are fake. I think it is real because in 1933, the first picture was taken of Nessie and they didn't have photo shop back then. Also, it was documented in newspapers. I believe its home is in a cavern under the river. She probably got there in prehistoric times when dinosaurs ruled like the Tyrannosaurus Rex, Velociraptors, and Dilophosaurus, etc., ruled. The most common belief is that the Loch Ness Monster is a creature that represents a line of long surviving Plesiosaurus.

Scientists believe it is a modern day myth, although it remains to be uncovered. In 1954, a strange sonar contact was found by a fishing boat and the large object was keeping up with the boat. It was traveling with them for 2,600 feet. With the detection in 1954, I believe the Loch Ness Monster is real. Then in 1960, an engineer, Tim Dinsdale, filmed a hump crossing Loch Ness leaving a huge wake. He took many images of the unknown object, which makes me believe it's real. A stick would not leave a "wake" just by floating around. An animal swimming in the water would leave a wake. Many tourists, dating back many years to present, have captured video of Nessie. Video is, to me, evidence that she exists.

I know many people want to say that Nessie is a hoax but I believe she is an exotic species of a large water animal. I would say that Nessie lurks in deep, dark, cold waters. I think she is nocturnal and this is why her sightings are so few. I'm pretty sure she is a herbivore because you have never heard of the Loch Ness Monster eating anyone. To me she is a gentle giant like a manatee. It is surprising to me with the technology we have today, that her sightings are decreasing. I think that the monster is intelligent and elusive, so she knows to

hide during the day, then come out at night when we are all sleeping. Kind of hard to take a picture when you're in bed sleeping.

When I grow up, I would like to go to the Scottish Highlands and capture my own evidence that the Loch Ness Monster is real. I want to get a picture or two of the Loch Ness Monster in action like feeding on plants or swimming or breaching the water. With this evidence, I would prove to all the non-believers that this beautiful creature really exists.

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The Loch Ness Monster

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Do you think the Loch Ness Monster is real? Maybe she is maybe she isn't. You are going to be reading about the Loch Ness Monster also called Nessie and everything about her.

The Loch Ness Monster was first encountered in 565 A.D., the creature was believed to live in a large and deep fresh water lake in Loch Ness, in the Scottish Highlands, by an Irish monk named Saint Columba in the area of Loch Ness. The monk also called Nessie a Water Horse... and that's how the legend began

There are many sources that say what Nessie is, but one theory is that she is a plesiosaur. A plesiosaur is a large extinct marine reptile that lives in water. The people of Scotland thought

that Nessie was a plesiosaur Because about 10,000 years ago, a large glacier pushed its way into the Loch. The people of Scotland thought that Nessie was frozen in the ice from the Days of the Dinosaurs, so when the ice melted Nessie came about.

Another myth said to be is that Nessie would supposedly lure travelers to their deaths!

Nessie has a small head, a long and slender neck, and a broad turtle - like body, a short tail, and two pairs of large, elongated paddles.

In 1933 a new road was completed that runs along the Loch Ness Shore, giving drivers a clear view of the Loch. After a sighting was reported in the local paper on May 2nd, interest suddenly grew, especially after another couple claimed to have seen the beast on the land, crossing the shore road. Several British Newspaper sent

reporters to Scotland, including London's Daily Mail. They hired big game hunter Marmaduke Wetherell to capture the beast. After a few days of searching, Wetherell reported finding foot prints of a large animal. The Daily Mail printed the dramatic headlines: "MONSTER OF THE LOCH NESS IS NOT LEGEND, BUT A FACT."

In early January Zoologist announced footprints were those of a hippopotamuses. They have been made by a stuffed hippo foot. It wasn't clear whether Wetherell was the perpetrator of the hoax or its gullible victim.

The most recent picture was taken by George Edwards in November 2011. Edwards claims that it is the most convincing picture yet. Other loch ness monsters researchers have questioned the authenticity of the photo is really a fiberglass model that was used in the

filming of a documentary by National Geographic which Edwards was involved in.

Nessie is discounted by scientist as a myth. With all of the sightings of the Loch Ness Monster, it has become a popular tourist attraction.

To this day there are scientist who still believe that Nessie still exist there are also people who fake pictures for money and attention. You be the judge, with all of the facts that have been presented to you if the Loch Ness Monster is real or not.