

Juvenile Jumping Out of Tree

Sighting Details:

Date: 7/24/2022

Time of Day: 1:30 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon

Season: Summer

State and County: Martin County in the State of Florida

Nearest Town: Indiantown

Nearest Roads & Highways: 710 HWY

Weather: Very hot summer day, 105 F

Terrain of Location: Grassy and wooded area on either side of trail

Anything Else Odd: Extremely hot, muggy day, without moving air

Other Witnesses: Bigfoot Dave Miller

Local Stores: No

Details of Encounter:

We decided to attempt a hike down a section of the Florida Trail that we had hiked many times before. A few hundred yards in, we noticed a new cutoff of the trail to the left. This had not been there a few weeks earlier. We followed this new trail to see where it would take us. We immediately noted that heavy equipment tire tracks were everywhere, and a few large areas had been cleared of all vegetation. We could not determine what this was all about, but continued hiking the trail. I would think we only followed the trail approximately 1 - 1.5 miles in at which point, we were both complaining about the unbearable heat and humidity. It did not take long to convince ourselves that this was the wrong day for this trail and at that point, we turned around and headed back. It is surprising how sluggish and unobservant one becomes in such conditions. On the return path, we were not paying attention to our surroundings as we should have. Had we been more alert, we would have noticed a large brown creature jump down out of the tree only 10 feet to my left on the edge of the trail. In that first second or two, when we could only see the back of him, we were undecided as to panther or juvenile bigfoot. But, in the next few seconds, the identity was made clear to us. We heard heavy bipedal footfalls running off into the woods. We estimated his height at approximately five to six feet. This, along with the fact that we know the younger bigfoots are often the climbers, led us to this determination. If we had been more alert in the heat, I am sure we would have had a much better look at him. It was just another reminder for us to pay closer attention every minute we are out there.