

## Sumter Sasquatch Infant print

On October 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 at approximately 11:30am in a location in what's called the Green Swamp in Sumter Co. FL myself and another ISRT member found what we believe to be an infant Sasquatch footprint.

### The Report

On this weekend of October 16 – 17 of 2015, myself and Chuck S were out on a schedule research outing checking on some know areas of Sasquatch activity. The night before I arrived at the camp that were staying at, a little late. That night we just took in a short ride into an area not far from camp to see if we could hear any sounds but proved to be a quite night so we went back to camp to hopefully draw something in to our camp site, but that also proved be a quite evening with just owls and coyotes sounds.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> we woke up and ate breakfast and I decided that we go out of the area and check on some other areas that would have us drive about 10 to 15 miles from where we were camping at. So we got in my car because I had my dash-cam setup in there to record any road crossing Sasquatches if we were to get any. I had that running all the time we were driving. As we drove into an area where hunters go to hunt we stopped at a location that one of our other team members casted a footprint that possibly could be Sasquatch footprint.

After checking that area for anymore sign we left there and continued on deeper into the area where we came into the area were several sightings have been reported with in the last 6 years. As we came into this camp area where some hunters were camping for bow season, Chuck and I didn't see anyone in the camp at the time we came in and I had stopped to leave one our brochures and a card for contacting us on any Sasquatch activity in the area. Then Chuck said "There's someone coming out of the woods now". So I gave this gentleman our contact information and asked if he has seen anything like this in the area and he replied, "Well, yeah we just found a track on the road going into to their hunting area". I don't recall this gentleman's name but he is related to the hunter named Danny that actually found the footprint.

As Chuck and I left the gentleman to investigate the print that was found we came upon a three hunters talking in the road and I asked them if they could show me the print that they found and they seemed to be a little stand offish since they asked who we were. They thought we were undercover Fish and Wildlife officers since I had my video camera out. After easing their minds by letting them know that we are Sasquatch investigators, they opened up more and began to tell us that they found the print just around the curve in the road. Danny was one of the first one to notice the print and told his fellow hunters that it looked like a Skunk-ape track to him.

I spoke to Danny about the print and he said that they looked for more prints but it looked like they might have steps on anymore that might have been visible. There was about 5-6 guys in his group and walking in and out of the area might have damaged any others.

As Chuck and I examined the area ourselves for more prints, it seems that Danny was right about others being damaged. There was a lot of foot traffic around the area since they were hunting this weekend, and we could not determine any more prints in the area.

The print looks to be from the night before judging by the condition of the print in the ground. The print was in dirt two rut road and in this particular spot of the road it was somewhat muddy from vehicles driving down in it due to the wet weather we've had and it was just starting to dry up. It provided a perfect area for prints because there was deer prints and hog prints in the area as well.

I started my routine of measurements and video recording the area. Danny, a long time hunter in the area said that he has been hunting in this area for 39 years and has heard some strange sounds in and around the area. Danny also mentioned that he had an encounter of one when he was twelve years old in Apalachicola FL and still remembers it to this day. I'll be getting back with him hopefully to get that report at a later time.

Danny who now is in his 50's knows that they exist and he's seen the tracks before. Him and his father use to hunt all over the state of FL. I found Danny to be truthful to what he was telling us and that he knows his tracking skills as a hunter. He knew when looking down at this print that it was from one of these creatures but only an infant one. He admits that this is the first infant one that he has seen.

I got my dental stone casting material out and started mixing it up and pouring it into the print after clearing out some of the dirt as much as I could without mess up the print. The print measures 3 1/4 inches across the ball and 4 1/4 inches across the toes from big toe to smallest toe and 4 inches from the ball to the third toe in length. As I examined the track, there is no indication of this being a bear track. There was no over-lapping of the back foot stepping on the front print. The heel of the foot looked to have less definition as if it was placing all the weight on the ball of the foot, possibly running across this dirt road.

The area is very good for a family of Sasquatches to be in this area. Danny was describing the area and where they were hunting in. He said that the area they hunt in, there is nothing but thick woods and you come to a point where no humans can walk in there. It just gets too thick. I asked Danny, "If you were one of them, where would you hide from humans to not be seen?" Danny replied, "Right back there were we were hunting this morning". Note also, that the area they were hunting in is about 100 yards or so from the camp site they were staying in.

We now have confirmed another location to perform investigations.