

Footfalls and Whistles

Encounter details

City: Lakeland

County: Polk

State: Florida

Date: 02/06

Year: 2010

Time of Day: Before dawn and until around 10am

Location: Green Swamp West - Cumpresso

Activity: Hog Hunting

Witnesses: Two, Danny and Garret.

Weather Conditions: Extremely windy and cold but once you were in close to the tree line it was nice.

Original Report:

This report was told to a team member after she had to leave that night. Before she left, the team member was with our small group at the camp site. Around 12:30 am we all started hearing whistles not far from the camp site. Another team member whistle back and we got a response back. This went on for a while then stopped.

Now, what was told to the ISRT team member Carolann S after she left after this incident:

Carolann S report:

Saturday after I (Carolann S) left, I had a run in with a hunter outside of the gate. (This is when the hunter started talking to her).

Saturday morning just before day break, Danny and his friend Garret headed out to an area that they had scoped out the day before and had picked this place due to hog activity. They had hiked in about a mile or two and chose to rest due to Garret having stomach issues and was just not feeling well. As they sat there they heard a couple of whistles that came from behind them toward the wooded area, they thought that they had come up on another hunter and that person was signaling to them (Danny & garret) that he was over there.

After about 40 minutes of them resting they started walking some more and once again they had to stop due to Garret. Danny decided to walk a little further to see if he could see anymore hog activity and maybe head into the woods, after about 10 to 15 minutes of walking he decided to turn back and head back for Garret. Once Danny returned to Garret, Danny told Garret that they should head off into the woods. Garret told him he had an uneasy feeling and that whoever that guy is in the woods is acting strange, when Danny asked why, Garret told him he heard walking and whistled again and he whistle back to let him know he was there but when he didn't get a response he spoke out and told the guy, "Hey... there's hunters over here"! Still no response.

Danny and Garret decided to walk a little further and as they were walking they could hear movement in the tree line moving with them, Danny whistled out, got no response and then yelled out and the response they got back was something that sounded like a huff and then a low deep growl, that's when they decided to turn around and head back out to the truck and try a different area.

They had asked several others throughout the day if they had been in that area that morning but everyone said no, they then assumed that it was probably one of the campers at the camp site not far from them. Later on that night on a couple of occasions while in camp he thought he had heard whistling out in the woods and he said the whole thing just seemed weird to him.

[Carolann's comments] The ISRT (Independent Sasquatch Research Team) had an outing that weekend in the same general area, a few members showed up on Friday and the rest came out Saturday morning. We were told by several Game Officers to stay in camp and to not go into the woods due to a special hog hunt that was going on. No one from our group went into the woods during the daytime, we didn't do any vocalizations, whistles or tree knocks during the day either.

We didn't expect to have any BF activity going on due to hunters being in the area and that led us into researching other properties close by that had had known BF activity . Around 10 pm Saturday night we started getting some activity around the camp area (i.e. a yell, & whistles) fellow researcher Willie D had his parabolic ears on when he heard what sounded like a noise a lion would make and that happened after I did a call, walking inside the tree line and then later on in the night we heard whistles and at times would get responses back from our whistles.

It was around 2am when I decided to leave and head home and as we had gone through the property gate to leave I needed to go to the bathroom and had my son pull over to one of the hunters bathrooms, while I was waiting for my turn due to someone being in there, a guy walked up and started waiting also. We started a conversation and when he found out that I was from the other camp, that is when he asked me if anyone of us had been out in the woods that morning, I replied no and he started telling me about the above happenings.

Follow Up report:

By: Carolann S. Lutz, Fl.

A few days later Danny contacted me and for about two hours I interviewed him over the phone and his story stayed the same, he is not sure what was out there and what they experienced but he says it's the first time he has ever experienced something he can't rightly explain. I will be going back out to the area again soon to investigate the report and it is also an area that has had ongoing activity over the years.