

BIGFOOT BASH 2024

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Ranae Holland - *Skeptical Scientist & Research Biologist*



Bigfoot Bash Speaker & Night Hike Guide

Research biologist Ranae Holland was born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There she was first introduced to the Bigfoot craze in the 1970s by her father. They forged a special connection while watching movies and television shows, and reading about Bigfoot. In 2011, Ranae became a co-host of the Animal Planet show, "Finding Bigfoot." Though Ranae is not a member of the BFRO and does not believe in Bigfoot, she is fascinated by the phenomenon and excited to have found a way to combine her scientific knowledge, fieldwork skills and love of the wilderness to investigate alleged sightings. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington, where she was selected for and worked with the distinguished Alaska Salmon Program. For over a decade, Ranae has conducted fisheries research throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. She continues with her efforts as a dedicated field biologist and regularly works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as well as private entities. She enjoys teaching and lecturing to students about critical thinking, science, conservation, and of course, her search for Bigfoot.

Jeff Meldrum - *Sasquatch Scientist and Anthropology*



Bigfoot Bash Speaker & Night Hike Campfire Attendee

Since 1993, Jeff Meldrum, PhD., has been a Full Professor of Anatomy & Anthropology at Idaho State University. He teaches graduate-level human anatomy and researches in part and especially the emergence of modern human bipedalism. Examining in 1996 15-inch tracks attributed to a Washington sasquatch, Dr. Meldrum's interest piqued. Today his lab houses well over 300 footprint casts attributed to this mysterious primate. As part of his work, Dr. Meldrum conducts collaborative laboratory and field research throughout North America, and the world (e.g. China, Russia), and has spoken about his findings in numerous popular and professional publications, interviews, television and radio appearances, public and professional presentations. He is author of "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science" (Tom Doherty Publishers), which explores his and other scientists' evaluations of contemporary evidence, while deferring to tribal people's traditional knowledge of this subject. He has also published two field guides, one focusing on sasquatch, the second considering the potential of relict hominoids around the world (Paradise Cay Publishing). Dr. Meldrum is editor-in-chief of the scholarly refereed journal, "The Relict Hominoid Inquiry."

Charlie Raymond - *Kentucky Bigfoot Research Organization*



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In 1997, Charlie Raymond founded the Kentucky Bigfoot Research Organization in an effort to document all credible Bigfoot encounters in the state of Kentucky. For over three decades he has interviewed witnesses, conducted investigations and held expeditions in the hopes of one day proving the creature's existence. Charlie believes Bigfoot to be a "flesh and blood" unidentified hominin, very closely related to humans. One day he hopes to establish laws in Kentucky to protect these magnificent creatures. Charlie is also a BFRO Investigator for the state of Kentucky. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Florida. He is also the author of *Bluegrass Bigfoot: Encounters with the Kentucky Wildman.* Charlie can be found online at www.kentuckybigfoot.com.

Marc DeWerth - *President Ohio Bigfoot Organization*



Bigfoot Bash Master of Ceremonies

Marc DeWerth is a longtime Ohio Bigfoot Investigator, actively pursuing Bigfoot creatures throughout the country since 1990. A longtime investigator with the BFRO (Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization), he is the President of the Ohio Bigfoot Organization, hosting the Ohio Bigfoot Conference, a nationally recognized event that takes place every spring at Salt Fork State Park.

Marc has interviewed hundreds of bigfoot witnesses, is a participant in many public and private expeditions, and is quite confident in the existence of Sasquatch throughout North America. Marc is also the founder of Big Trees Ohio, a volunteer group that has discovered more than 1,000 of the state's largest trees, some of which are national champions.

Jim Sherman - *Michigan Bigfoot Field Research Organization*



Bigfoot Bash Night Hike Guide

For the past 30 years, Jim Sherman has been on the hunt for bigfoot, searching for the elusive creature in Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. A High School history teacher by day at a suburban-Detroit community, by night the BFRO investigator hits the woods – and after decades it's paid off. Jim has been making a name for himself in the bigfoot world after capturing the captivating "Michigan Sounds" which Sasquatch Chronicles podcaster Wes Germer called "The coolest audio in my opinion that the bigfoot world has ever seen."