

## Has Bigfoot been leaving large tracks in Caledon?

Could the legendary creature Bigfoot be lurking in Caledon?

That's the question going through some residents' minds after discovering some rather large, barefoot prints during a walk with their dog last week.

The tracks, which were discovered along Escarpment Sideroad, just west of Horseshoe Hill, were found last Thursday, which the residents' found strange as the previous few weeks had been bitterly cold. According to Bob Shapton, whose wife spotted the prints as she was walking their dog, they were fairly fresh, having occurred after the road had been plowed.

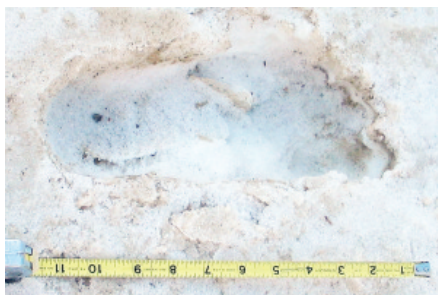
Bigfoot, who is also known in some areas as a Sasquatch, is believed to be either a cryptid ape or a hominid-like creature, according to Wikipedia. Folklore surrounding the creature suggests that it tends to inhabit forests, particularly in the Pacific Northwest region of North America, making it incredibly unusual for this furry creature to be adventuring in Caledon.

Several scientists have discounted Bigfoot's existence, attributing belief in the creature to a combination of folklore, misidentification and hoaxes, rather than being an actual living animal. There is a large lack of physical evidence of Bigfoot, as well as the number of large creatures that would be necessary to maintaining a population.

Tales of Bigfoot became so popular that the hairy, humanoid creature inspired a slew of films and shows, including the popular 1980s movie and its TV spin-off, Harry and the Hendersons.

Of course, there are those who subscribe to the tales of Bigfoot who believe that the creature is immortal, which would explain why there isn't a large population of them to maintain breeding.

But whether you believe in the legendary creature or not, it's clear that something is 'afoot' in Caledon, leaving enormous prints along the sides of the road.



Who left a track like this on Escarpment Sideroad, just west of Horseshoe Hill last week? Photo courtesy of Bob Shapton