

# Ohio Cryptids — Quick Reference

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- **Cedar Bog Monster**

**Location:** Cedar Bog Nature Preserve (Champaign Co.)

**Years:** 1945; sporadic later

- **Charles Mill Lake Monster**

**Location:** Charles Mill Lake (Richland Co., near Mansfield)

**Years:** 1959

- **Crosswick Monster**

**Location:** Crosswick (Warren Co., near Waynesville)

**Years:** 1882

- **Defiance Dogman (Werewolf of Defiance)**

**Location:** Defiance (NW Ohio)

**Years:** 1972

- **Lake Erie Monster (“Bessie”)**

**Location:** Lake Erie shore & islands (Toledo–Sandusky–Cleveland)

**Years:** 1793, 1817, 1892, 1912, 1918, 1985, 1990, 2021

- **Loveland Frogman**

**Location:** Loveland & Little Miami River (Clermont Co.)

**Years:** 1955, 1972, 2016

- **Maumee River Monster**

**Location:** Maumee River (Napoleon to Toledo)

**Years:** 1902; 1970s; 2009

- **Melon Heads**

**Location:** Kirtland & Chardon Twp., Wisner Rd (Lake Co.)

**Years:** 1970s–present (legend)

- **Minerva Monster**

**Location:** Minerva (Stark Co.)

**Years:** 1978

- **Mothman**

**Location:** Gallipolis / Ohio River (Gallia Co.)

**Years:** 1966–1967; 2009

- **Ohio Grassman**

**Location:** Statewide; Salt Fork State Park (Guernsey Co.)

**Years:** 1800s–present; 1970s+

- **Orange Eyes**

**Location:** Cleveland area; Charles Mill Lake (Richland Co.)

**Years:** 1959; 1960s–1970s

- **Peninsula Python**

**Location:** Peninsula (Summit Co., Cuyahoga Valley)

**Years:** 1944

- **Phantom Panthers**

**Location:** Various (notably Dayton, Ashtabula, Vinton)

**Years:** 1900s–present; 1947; 1968; 2011–2012

- **Pukwudgies**

**Location:** Various Ohio forests (Hocking Hills, etc.)

**Years:** Folklore; scattered modern anecdotes