

CATFISH



Five youths had their fishing trip at Portland, Indiana's Hollow Block Lake cut short when a square-shaped monster with the scream of a banshee emerged from the water. The monster, half the size of a car, came from the water like a submarine. The police found the youths trustworthy, especially since this was not the first monster sighting at the lake: this was the third sighting in two years.

### Square Lake Monster

Muncie Evening Press, Muncie, Indiana, 04 Aug 1960. // The Commercial-Mail, Columbia City, Indiana, 05 Aug 1960. // The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, 05 Aug 1960.

Some theorized this monster was the same monster that appeared earlier that summer in Lynn, Indiana (about 30 miles south of Portland). Some believed the "monster of Craig's Well," as it was named, moved to Portland after too many curiosity seekers came to visit the well.

### It's a Snake!

In 1946, Indiana received an increase in monster sightings, including giant snakes. Window shoppers in Indianapolis reported a giant snake in the sidewalk grates

Police started poking the beast with their guns, but "The snake didn't budge. It was a novelty ash tray with a stuffed snake on it."

Mystery solved!  
Linton Daily Citizen, Linton, Indiana, 13 Aug 1946.

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### Mill Race Park Monster

In the 1970s, Columbus, Indiana was tormented by a large, green, and bipedal monster (described by some as amphibious). The monster was tied to Mill Race Park, a park with lush forests, winding rivers, and two lakes. On November 1, 1974, two different groups of teenagers spotted the large beast. The second sighting was by far the scariest.

The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, 09 Nov 1974.

### Monster as Big as a Jail

There were multiple monster sightings in a field near the Castleton neighborhood of Indianapolis, Indiana in 1965.

The monster was described as very large. One witness said, "It was big, about as large as the Marion County Jail." The monster was black and made sounds like screeching tires.



Whoa!

The Indianapolis News, Indianapolis, Indiana, 02 Oct 1965.

Two young women spotted the monster while sitting in their car at night. The monster ran over and started banging on their windshield, leaving a thick mucus on the glass. They were able to turn on the car and drive away. There were other sightings reported and many enthusiastic monster hunters headed to the park with baseball bats and guns. The city eventually closed the park to the public at night.

Ahhhhh!

