

Washington State “Nest” Structure

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The probability is very high that sasquatch may build structures for protection against the elements. There are some intriguing photographs of what are called “nests”—essentially tepee-like structures made of forest materials that have been piled up resulting in a hollow interior.

The structures are very primitive and, other than using a cave, are likely the easiest way to get a measure of protection.

In corresponding with Washington State based sasquatch/bigfoot researcher Paul Graves, he sent me the following information and photographs of a structure he found on private land.

...seeing that you mention nests or dens; this is also something that I think sasquatch make every once in a while and I sent you some photos of the best one I ever found. John Bindernagel was interested in this one and he came to see it during the winter 2 years ago. The green you see is a live branch pulled down. This branch is 4 inches thick and it would take a lot of strength to pull it down, and then place and weave the other material into it (see photo 2). You can see that a twisted-off branch goes through the structure and its freshness is evident by the color of the wood (see photo 3). I found this in the winter of 2008 and it is pretty much the same today. The structure is in an area with known sasquatch history and activity.



Front view with probable entrance.



Left side view showing the pulled-down branch.



Close-up of fresh twisted-off branch. Note the color.



Front right view.



Back view.



Paul Graves with the structure for size comparison. Paul is 6 feet, 2 inches tall.



Winter photo—note how the snow makes the structure like an igloo.



Dr. John Bindernagel beside the structure when he visited the area in the winter of 2011.

The structure is probably just large enough for an 8-foot-tall sasquatch to “huddle” in. It can be seen that in the winter a covering of snow would make it quite cosy inside (and much less noticeable). This structure has remained intact for some 5 years, and may have been used several times. On this point Paul wrote:

The structure might have been used more than once by a sasquatch or they might just use them one time as needed (like a boy scout or camper would do). I have a couple of theories. They might use one for a temporary shelter and another for a lookout place to watch other sasquatch or a family with a newborn or very young siblings moving through the area. The shelter seen here was situated near the top of the mountain ridge—at the end. If the sasquatch felt threatened, it would have three different directions for escape.

Also, I want to point out that I am a home construction builder by trade. I have found many other forest shelters or blinds that hunters or paintball players construct. One thing humans tend to do is build their structures straighter and more neat looking—often with logs placed vertically straight in a row and with a horizontal log or branch holding them up as a roof beam. I have noticed that after a number of years in the elements the human structures will deteriorate and start falling apart. As I have mentioned, the structure seen here is pretty much today the same way I found it in 2008.

When I asked Paul about what appears to be forest roads in the background, he told me that they are not roads but simply part of the mountainside. He talked to both the present and previous

landowners and neither knew anything about the structure. Paul is very familiar with the whole region and has never seen anyone in the area where he found the structure. He stated, “I had hiked all around this area for two years then suddenly it appeared.”



Paul set up a “game cam” in the same area as the structure and just might have caught the left side of a sasquatch (back of the head and shoulder as seen here on the right). The possible sasquatch never walked in front of the camera, but had it done so, this would have likely been exceptional video.

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