

*Drawing of the creature seen by Roe made by his daughter under his direction. There are, however, some discrepancies between the drawing and Roe's verbal description.*

## The William Roe Experience

In October 1955, William Roe, a highway worker and experienced hunter and trapper, decided to hike up to a deserted mine on Mica Mountain, which is near Tete Jaune Cache, British Columbia.

Roe was working on the highway near the town and decided on the hike for something to do. Just as he came within sight of the mine, he spotted what he thought was a grizzly bear, half hidden in the bush about 75 yards (68.6 m) from where he was standing. He had his rifle with him but did not wish to shoot the animal, as he had no way of getting it out. He therefore calmly sat down on a rock behind a bush and observed the scene. A few moments later the animal rose up and stepped out into the open. Roe now saw that it definitely was not a bear. It appeared to be a man-like creature, about 6 feet (1.8 m) tall, covered in dark brown, silver-tipped hair, about one-half-inch (13 mm) long.

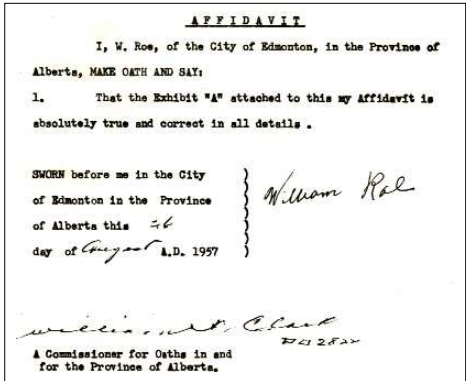


*The long sloping mountain seen in the immediate background is Mica Mountain. Other than new highways, the area is essentially the same now as it was in the 1950s.*

The creature, unaware of Roe's presence, walked directly towards him. Row then observed by its breasts that it was female. It proceeded to the edge of the bush where Roe was hiding, within 20 feet (6.1 m) of his position. Here it crouched down and began eating leaves from the bush, remaining for about ten minutes before realizing it was being watched. During this time Roe was able to observe many important details as to how the creature walked, its physical makeup, and its habit of eating by drawing branches through its teeth. When the creature noticed Roe, a look of amazement crossed its face, which Roe found comical and made him chuckle to himself. Remaining crouched, the creature backed away three or four steps. It thereupon straightened up and rapidly walked away in the same direction whence it had arrived, glancing back twice at Roe over its shoulder.

Realizing he had stumbled on something of great scientific interest, Roe leveled his rifle at the creature to kill it; however, he changed his mind because he felt it was human. In the distance, the creature threw its head back on two occasions and emitted a peculiar noise that Roe described as "half laugh and half language."

Roe's examination of feces in the area, which he believed was from the creature, convinced him that it was strictly vegetarian.



*William Roe's sworn statement that the account he provided, as related here, was true.*