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# LOCH NESS MONSTER

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# The **Monster** in the Lake

Long ago, a **monk** came to Scotland.

There, he heard stories about a beast in the River Ness. The monk sent a man to swim in the river. Soon, a creature rose out of the water. Its mouth opened wide, showing sharp teeth. The creature swam toward the man.

“Go no further!” the monk cried. “Do not touch the man. Go back at once!”

The beast stopped. The man was safe.





## Under the Water

The monk's story is one of many Loch Ness Monster tales. Ness is a lake in Scotland. Stories say the lake's monster has a long neck and small head. Some people are certain it is real. Others say it doesn't exist at all.

The River Ness flows into Loch Ness.  
*Loch* means "lake" in Scottish.

# LOCH NESS

**COLD WATER  
THAT NEVER  
FREEZES**

**1 MILE  
(2 km)**

**WIDTH**

**LARGEST BODY OF  
FRESHWATER IN  
GREAT BRITAIN**

**754 FEET  
(230 METERS) DEEP**

**23 MILES  
(37 kilometers)**

**LENGTH**

**Scotland**

