

Bathing Mermaid

Location: Aberystwyth (Dyfed) - Cliffs near the town

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: July 1826

Further Comments: Twelve people watched a beautiful pale woman washing herself in the sea, with what appeared to be a black tail splashing around behind her.

Shape Changers

Location: Bantry (County Cork) - Bay cliffs

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: The mermaids said to live in this area would be capable of changing their shape as they came on to land. They would also be seen sitting on the rocks play harps.

Women with Child

Location: Barra (Outer Hebrides) - Reef in Caolas Cumhan

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Pre twentieth century

Further Comments: Crofter Colin Campbell raised his rifle to fire at what he thought was an otter eating a fish, but stopped when he realised the creature was actually a mermaid holding a child. The creature dived into the sea after Campbell made a noise.

Swan Eater

Location: Burscough (Lancashire) - Martin Mere

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 2002

Further Comments: An unknown large creature was seen to attack several swans from beneath the water of the lake - it is believed to be a type of large catfish, which can grow up to sixteen feet in length. There has also been at least one mermaid sighting in the lake, and Sir Lancelot's body is supposed to be buried nearby.

Mer Children

Location: Calf of Man (Isle of Man) - Rocky area, exact location not known

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 1810

Further Comments: Three men from Douglas found two merchildren on the rocks. One was already dead, but they saved the second child and took it to their town. The creature was described as around 60.3 centimetres in length and brown in colour, although the scales around its tail were slightly violet, and the hair on its head light green.

Shorted Armed Mermaid

Location: Campbeltown (Argyll and Bute) - Kintyre Peninsula

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 18 October 1811

Further Comments: Watched by a farmer for two hours, this mermaid had a pale upper body and a red/grey tail covered in hair. Its face was human, with deep-set eyes and short neck. The creature combed the hair on its head with what looked like short, stubby arms before diving into the water and washing its torso.

Teenager

Location: Castlemartin (Dyfed) - Off the coast in the area

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Circa 1782

Further Comments: Henry Reynolds spotted a merman off the coast which he initially believed to be a pale skinned teenager before noticing its brown tail which waved about. While the body and arms looked human, the arms and hands looked too short and thick, while the creature's nose was long and sharp. Reynolds went to find other witnesses, but by the time he returned, the merman had gone.

Mermaid

Location: Child's Ercall (Shropshire) - Pool

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: This mermaid was so upset at the way she was treated by onlookers, she drove to the bottom of the pool and never returned. It was thought that she guarded a mass of treasure.



Mermaids

Location: Cudden Point (Cornwall) - Off coast

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: This area is another haunt for the Cornish merfolk.

Mermaids

Location: Deerness (Orkney) - Off coast

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Late nineteenth century

Further Comments: These women of the water were seen dozens of times during the last twenty years of the nineteenth century.



Treasure Guardians

Location: Duncansby Head (Highland) - Cave system off coast

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: A team of mermaids and mermen are reported to guard a hidden cave full of treasure.

Captured Fisherman

Location: Dunnet Bay (Highland) - Underwater sea cave

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: A good looking fisherman once caught the eye of a mermaid who fell in love with him - she kidnapped the fellow and held him in a secret cave under the sea, where he remains to this day...

Vanishing Twitchers

Location: Eynhallow (Orkney) - Exact location unknown

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 14 July 1990

Further Comments: Two birdwatchers that vanished without trace on the island after arriving with 86 other people were thought by locals to have been taken by merfolk. An extensive search by the coastguard could find no trace of the missing people.

Mermaid

Location: Hayfield (Derbyshire) - Mermaid's Pool, near Kinder Reservoir

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Every midnight, the eve of Easter Sunday

Further Comments: Anyone who sees the creature is said to gain immortality. One man who came here once a year lived to be 104!

Halibut-Tailed creature

Location: Isle of Yell (Shetlands) - Thirty miles off the coast

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 1833

Further Comments: Three (or six) fishermen claimed to have caught a ninety centimetre long mermaid while at sea. The creature had arms around 23 centimetres in length with webbed fingers, and while it had blue eyes and nostrils, no ears or chin could be seen. It possessed a tail similar to a halibut and also had two fins on its shoulders. After listening to the creature wail for three hours, the fishermen threw it back into the sea.

Mermaid?

Location: Kilconly Point (County Kerry) - Sea

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 1960 - 1962

Further Comments: A mermaid which was spotted several times in this area was described as a 'normal' woman.

Bloodied mermaid

Location: Killone Lake (County Clare) - Waters of the lake

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Every forty years, exact date unknown

Further Comments: A mermaid who frequented the lake would often steal wine from the crypt beneath the church (or the cellar of Newhall, depending on the storyteller).

Mermaid

Location: Kinlochbervie (Highland) - Craigmore

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Mid twentieth century

Further Comments: A report exists of a mer-creature being seen here.

Sailor

Location: Kinlochbervie (Highland) - Sandwood Bay

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Date / Time: 1953

A red-headed mermaid has been reported in the area.

Mermaid

Location: Leek (Staffordshire) - Blakemere, the Mermaid's Pool

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Midnight (reoccurring)

Further Comments: The fish woman surfaces to comb her hair at midnight.

Singing

Location: Lemorna (Cornwall) - Mermaid's Rock

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Further Comments: Although this creature has not been seen, it can be heard singing.



Mermaid

Location: Loch Duich (Highland) - Waters of the loch

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Mermaids been reported, as have sea serpents.

Angry Mermaid

Location: Lorn (Perth and Kinross) - Waters between town and Loch Benachally

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: These waters were once the swimming area of a mermaid who was renowned for her bad temperament.

Thieving Mermaid

Location: Marden (Hereford & Worcester) - River Lugg

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: An accident sent a church bell into the waters of the local river - a passing mermaid took the opportunity to steal the bell and can sometimes be heard ringing it.

Mermaid

Location: Mersey Estuary (Lancashire) - Black Rock

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: A sailor once fell in love with a mermaid here. The woman gave him a golden ring, informed the sailor that she would be back in five days to meet him.

Mermaid

Location: Morridge Moor (Derbyshire) - The Black Mere, also known as the Blake Mere

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Appears at midnight, daily

Further Comments: This fishy female comes to the surface of the pool at night.

Upset Mermaid

Location: Newport (Shropshire) - Aqualate Mere

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: The last time this area of water was cleaned, a mermaid popped up out of the water and threatened to do something if the pool was emptied.

Merman

Location: Orford (Suffolk) - Coast near to Orford Castle

Type: Legend

Date / Time: 1197, or 1161

Further Comments: A man from the sea was caught and held in the castle for a period of six months before escaping back into the ocean. He never talked, and appeared to have a preference for fish over other types of food.



Angry Mermaid

Location: Padstow (Cornwall) - Padstow Harbour

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: A local tale states that the harbour here was silted up by a mermaid, more than a little upset after she was shot at by a fisherman. The area has also been home to sea serpents.



Merman and Mermaid

Location: Portgordon (Moray) - Off coast

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 15 August 1814

Further Comments: This figures normally warned of ill fortune at sea - if the crew of a fishing

vessel spotted them, they would return to port for the day. Two fishermen spotted two of the creatures in 1814 - one they described as black in colour, with curly hair and long arms, while the other was female with long hair.

Mermaid

Location: Portland (Dorset) - Church Ope Cove

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: One story says that a mermaid came ashore here, but died soon after being found by local people heading to church.



Mermaid

Location: Rostherne Mere (Cheshire) - General area

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Easter Sunday (reoccurring)

Further Comments: Her reasons unknown, this mermaid returns once a year to ring a bell hidden deep underwater and sing.

Dark Haired Mermaid

Location: Snettisham (Norfolk) - Snettisham Beech & The Wash

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: Little is known about the

sighting of a mermaid with long dark hair who was once spotted here.



Glassy Eyed Mermaid

Location: Sound of Mull (Argyll and Bute) - Sea

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Pre twentieth century

Further Comments: Becalmed in their skiff after setting out from the Sound of Mull, two men spotted a creature in the water which had the head, neck and upper torso of a woman, although the hair was more coarse and the eyes glassy.

Naked Mermaid?

Location: Thurso (Highland) - Sandside Bay

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: 1798

Further Comments: William Munro, a schoolmaster from Thurso, watched a naked woman combing her hair on a rock in the bay. After a few minutes she diving under the water and vanished.

Mermaid

Location: Unst (Shetlands) - Unknown beach

Type: Cryptozoology

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: A farmer who stole the seal skin of a mermaid as she danced naked on the beach forced her to marry him. Many years passed and the mermaid bore the farmer several children, although she would spend many hours down on the beach staring at the sea. Finally, one of the children found her seal skin and took it to the mermaid, wondering what it was. The

mermaid took the skin and was never seen again.

Saxi and Herman

Location: Unst Island (Shetlands) - General area

Type: Legend

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: Saxi and Herman, two giants who were brothers, once lived on the island. They both fell in love with a mermaid who said she would marry whoever would swim to the North Pole with her. Both brothers began the trip, but neither returned.