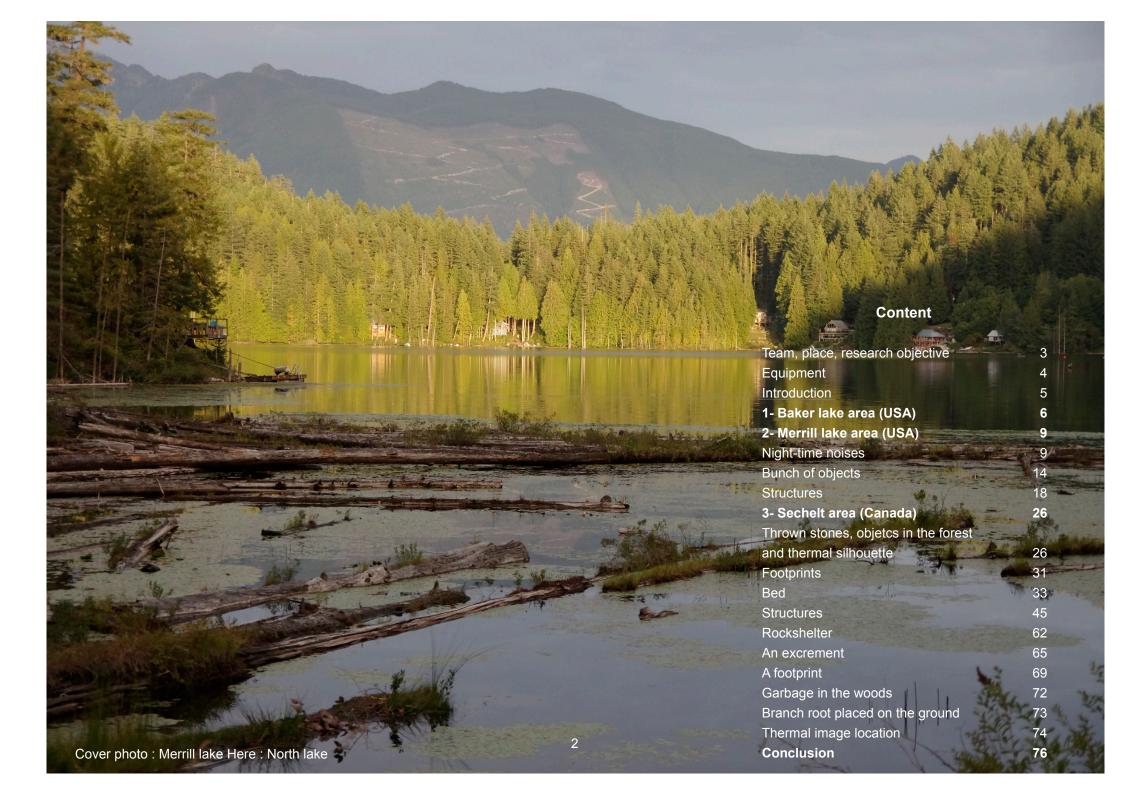
# Expedition Sasquatch 2015 August 17 - september 3



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#### The Sasquatch 2015 team and tasks:

- **Léon Brenig**, 68. University professor (emeritus) and scien- tific researcher in Physics. Belgium. Task: Field exploration, night-vision instruments.
- **Philippe Coudray**, 55. Professional cartoonist, writer and illustrator. France. Task: Field exploration, 2-D and 3-D photography.

#### Lieux de recherche :

### **United States, Washington:**

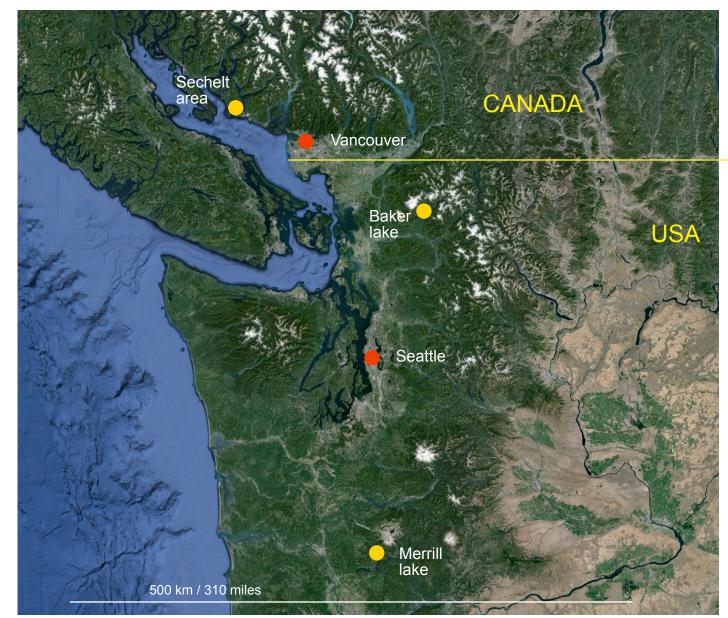
- Baker lake area.
- Merrill lake area.

#### Canada. British Columbia:

· Sechelt area.

## Objectives of investigation:

SASQUATCH 2015 expedition does not pretend solving alone the debate on the Bigfoot-Sas-quatch existence. Our action is only a small contribution to that question. We aim at finding more pieces of evidence of the material existence of a possible bipedal non-human primate in that part of Pacific Coast. Our objective is to find enough evidence of the existence of these bipedal primates in order to obtain their legal protection and material measures to protect their living zones. We also are striving to involve the scientific community in the bigfoot-sasquatch question in both field and laboratory research. Our approach is purely scientific and does not assume the existence of such primates as a postulate.



## Equipment:

#### Léon:

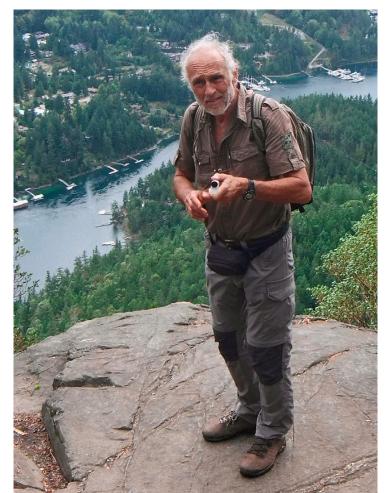
- Sport SONY Action Video Camera HDR- AS30V.
- A thermal camera «Thermal App» connected to a smartphone.

## Philippe:

- Photo camera Pentax K5 with 18-135 mm lenses.
- Stereo photo camera Fujifilm Finepix Real 3D W1 providing 3D pictures in anaglyph 3D (needs red and blue glasses for viewing) working with the StereoPhoto Maker software.
- A recorder Olympus Digital Voice Recorder WS.
- A trailcam Moultrie Panoramic 150 I BL.

# Common equipment:

• Thermal camera FLIR HM-324 XP+ (320 x 240 pixels thermal photos and videos)





From left to right: Léon and Philippe.









## Introduction:

This year we decided to explore the region around Baker Lake (WA, USA), then to go back to Merrill Lake (WA) and finally, to end our stay in the Sechelt Peninsula (BC, Canada)



Elk in Sechelt area



Baker lake area

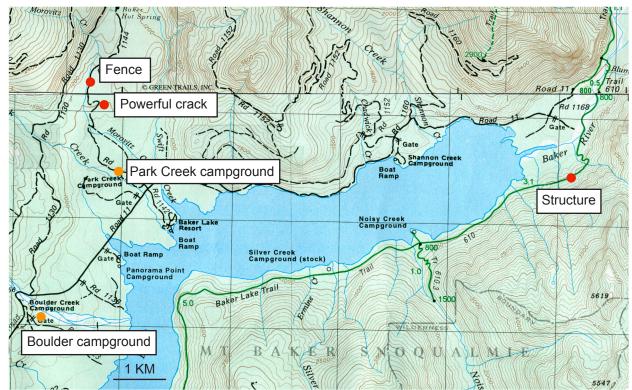


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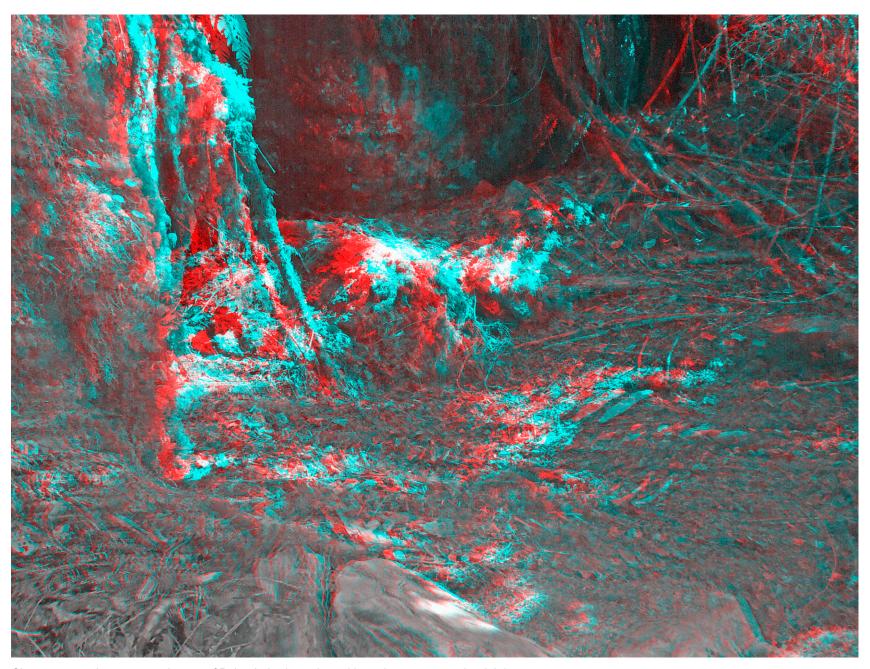
## 1- Baker lake area :

Not many evidences except a piece of barbed wire fence left on a dirt trail unsuitable for motor vehicles, a strong crack and a star shaped branch structure.

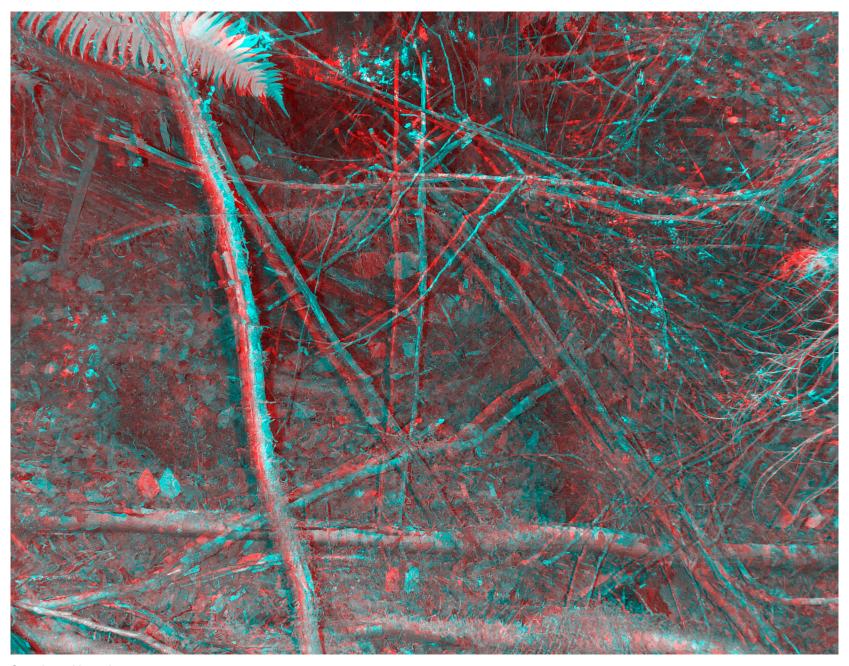








Clear space under a tree trunk, east of Baker Lake (star shaped branch structure on the right).



Star shaped branch structure.

#### 2- Merrill lake area:

Night-time noises during first night: Philippe has been awake by light noises like being made by somebody walking between our tents. Next, there has been repeated faint knocks followed by rubbings on the gravel. Suddenly he heard a violent noise like a stone thrown near our tents. His words are: « My whole body shuddered. The rubbing noises just behind my head went on, as well as the repeated faint knocks. This lasted about an hour and a half. It's the first time I felt anxiety and even fear. Around 05:45 am I went out my tent and I heard a faint knock from a nearby thicket ».

Philippe went back to his tent and when he woke up again there was a wooden stick laying on the ground and several tracks where Philippe had heard the rubbing noises during the night. Another stick was left on the table.







# Strange noises during the second night:

At 09 pm we hear a crack like a large branch break. An hour later, the same breaking noise is heard at the same place. Fifteen minutes later, Philippe hears a fast run across the shrub bordering our campsite. Then again, faint knocks. He is again awaken at 04:10 am by two successive noises like leaves scrapped on the ground between our tents and near his head. At 05:40 am, a strong grinding noise followed by the noise of stricken stones. Then, the noise of the manual water pump. Then again, stricken stones. When we woke up, the other campers whose tents were quite distant were still asleep.

#### Other noises during the third night:

At 06 am, the barbecue grill of the empty adjacent campsite was struck two times.



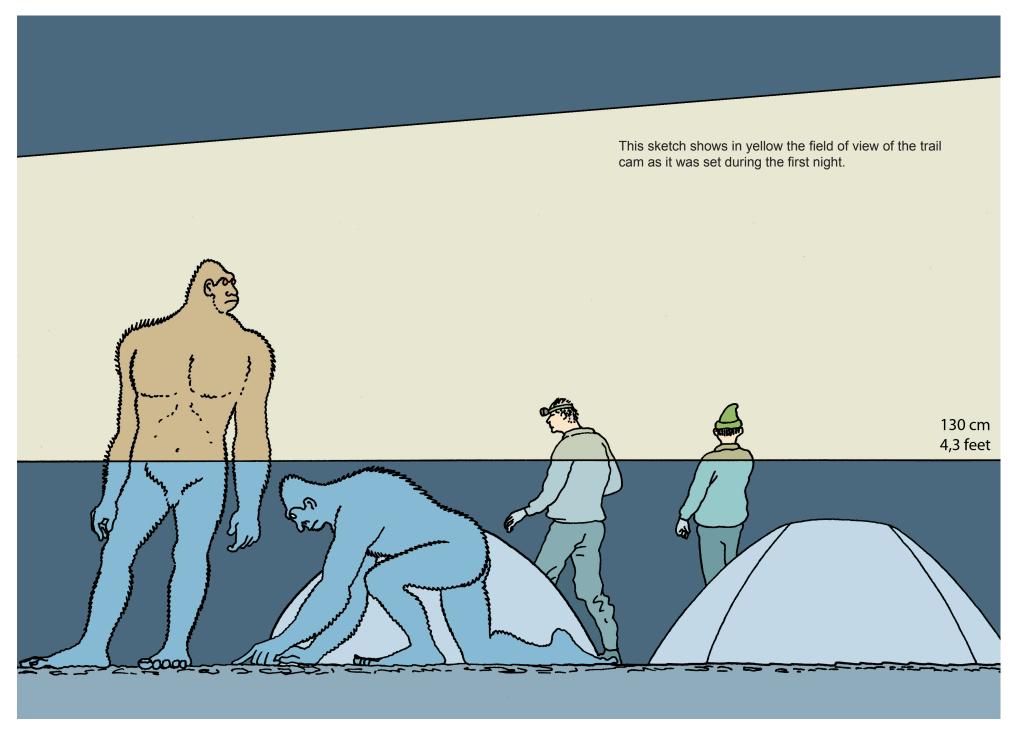




First night in the evening



Second night in the evening



Object « collections »: Léon found what one could call a collection of objects on the game trail that went up steep in the brush behind our tents. They were essentially little girl's toys but also: one nail-clipper, one tent peg, cotton buds, one adhesive dressing in its original bag, one 1 dollar coin. This collection strikingly reminded us the one we found the previous year in the surroundings of Taidnapam, at about 40 km northward, at a rock shelter.





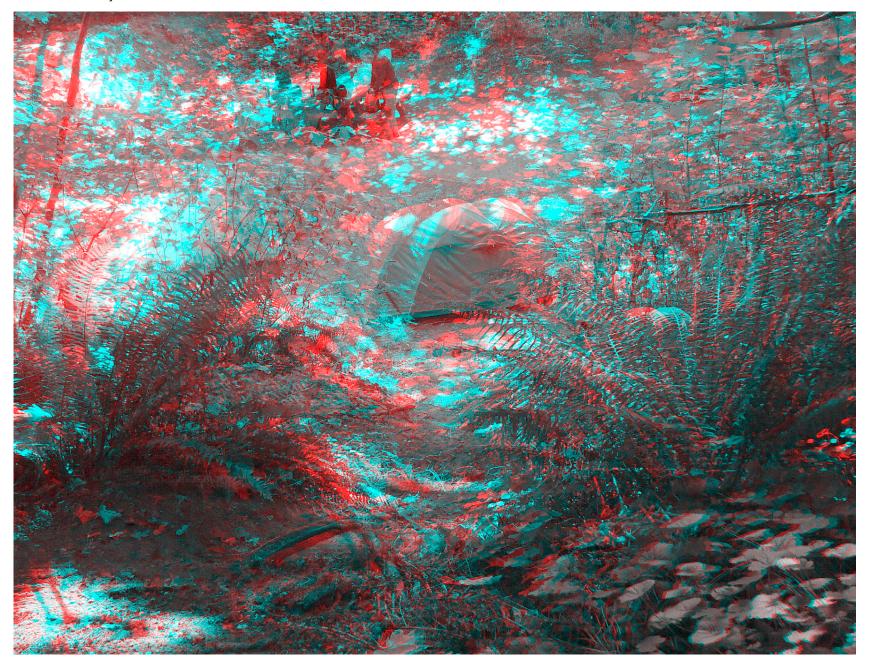


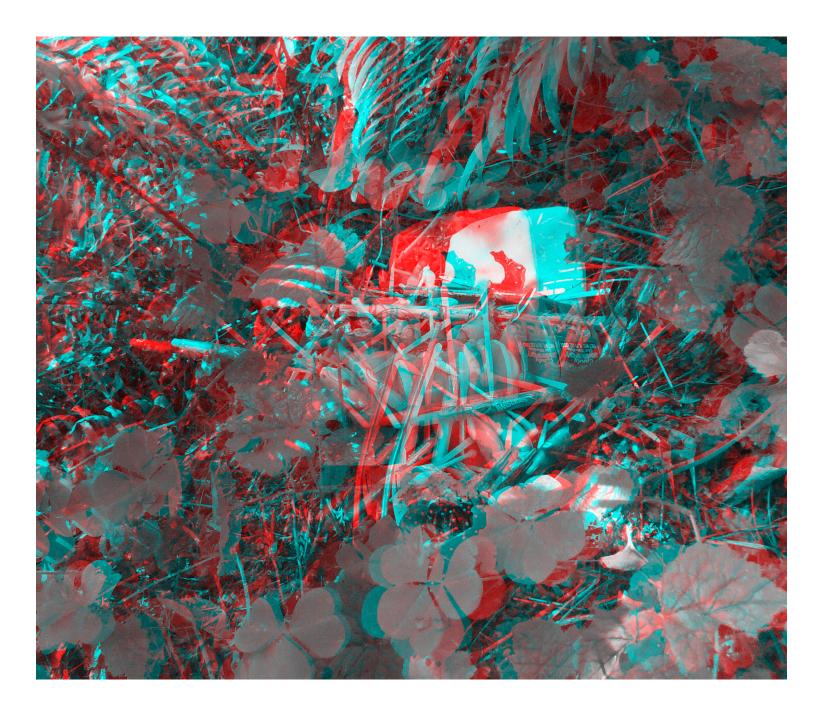


Merill campground 2015

Taidnapam 2014

The bunch of objects.





Exploration of lake's opposite side : some structures: always situated near game trails.

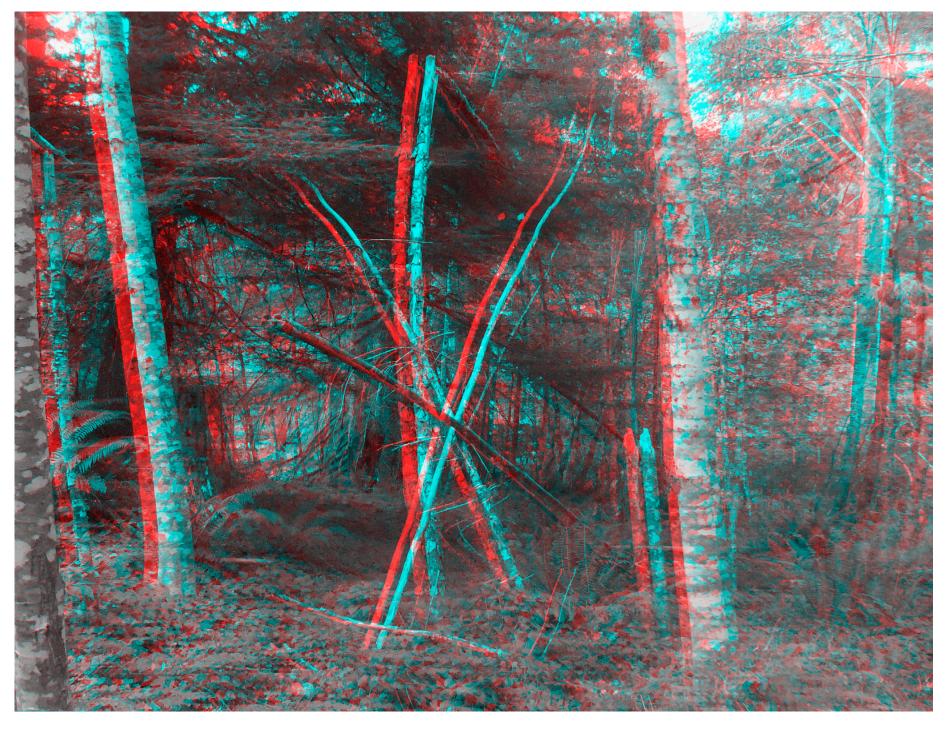




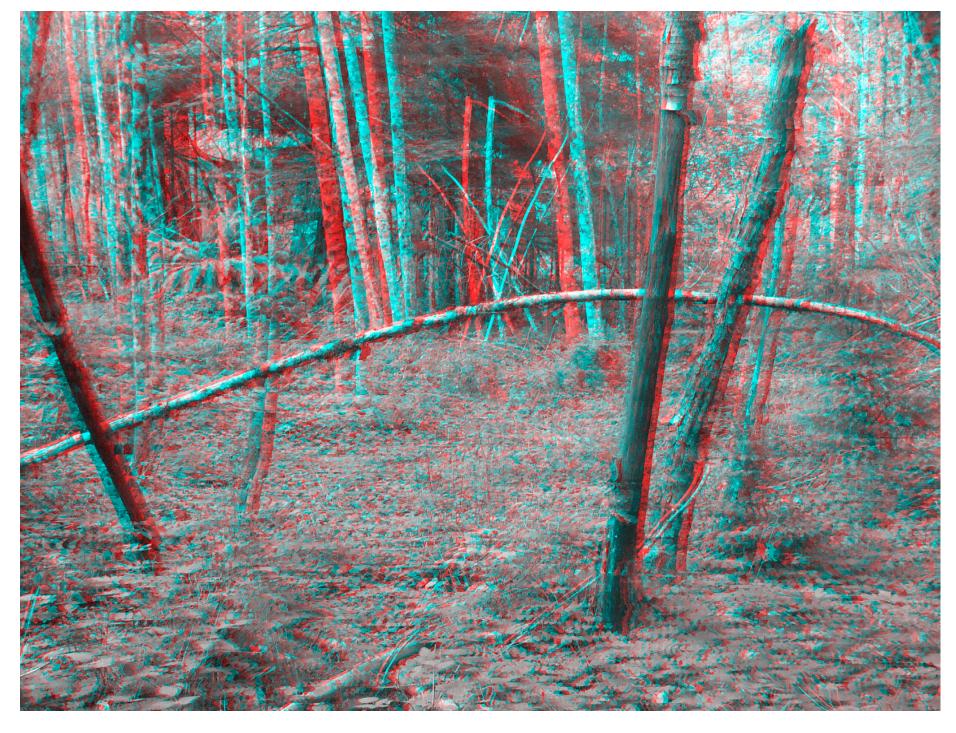














There were some structures on the beaches of Merrill Lake but there were children footprints nearby. However, near one of the stone piles the ground was swept as if the author wanted to sweep his footprints.











#### 3- Sechelt area:

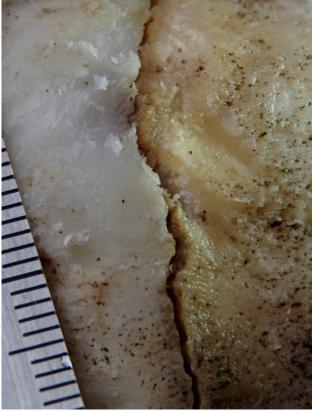
- In Homesite Creek campground at 11 am: After hearing a knock and a strong crack, Philippe enters the wood behind the source of the noise while Léon stays in front with the thermal camera and shoots a vertical glow behind a tree.
- Also found near that place: a cow's bone with teeth marks on it, one sardine tin with its lid removed and folded and a torn small plastic containe.

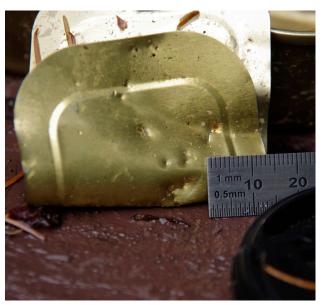
**Thrown stone**: at 12:45 am, Philippe is on the dirt road near the gate of the camp ground. He hears a heavy stone that crosses the brush behind him and bounces on the ground. He did not find the stone in the thorny thicket.

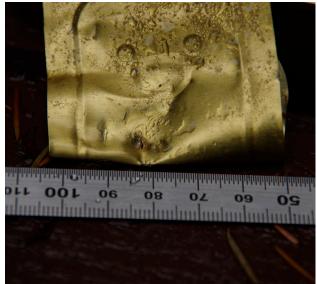
**Thrown stones story**: On 1st July 2009 at 11:45 am a couple of campers witnessed in the Homesite Creek campground the trajectory of two thrown stones of about 20 centimeter radius. They come from the wood near the water fall across trees and landed in the middle of the lower campsite. We tried to throw such stones and merely succeeded to send them at about 3-4 meters from us.





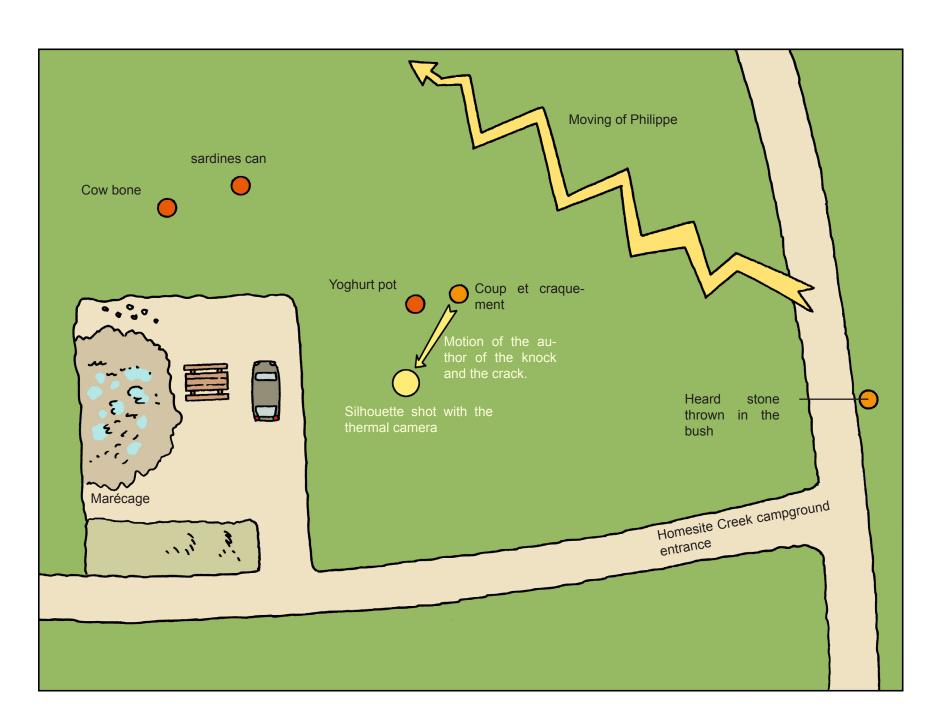


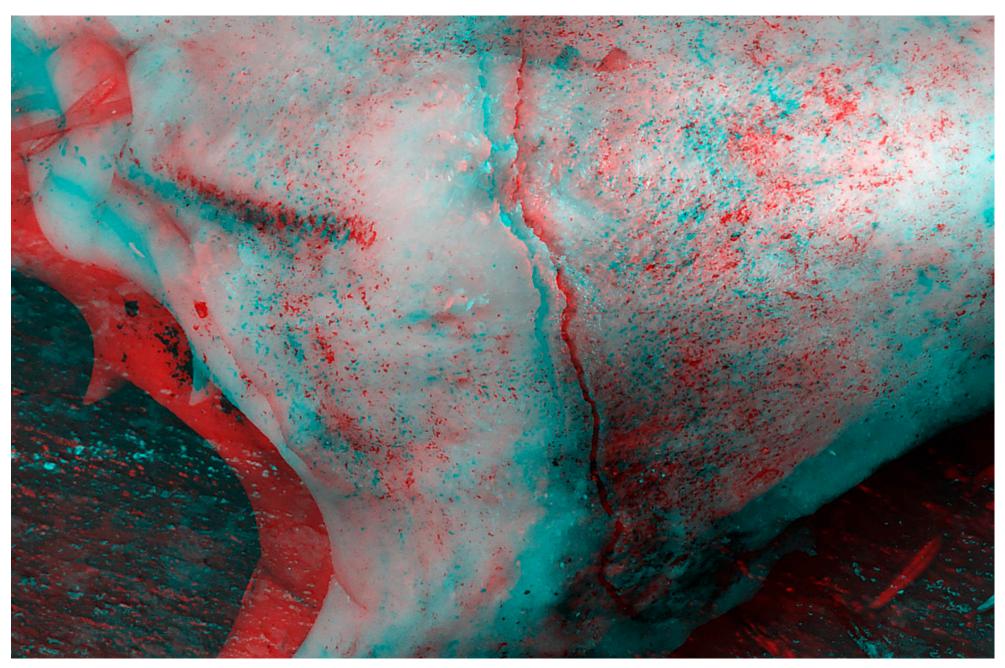




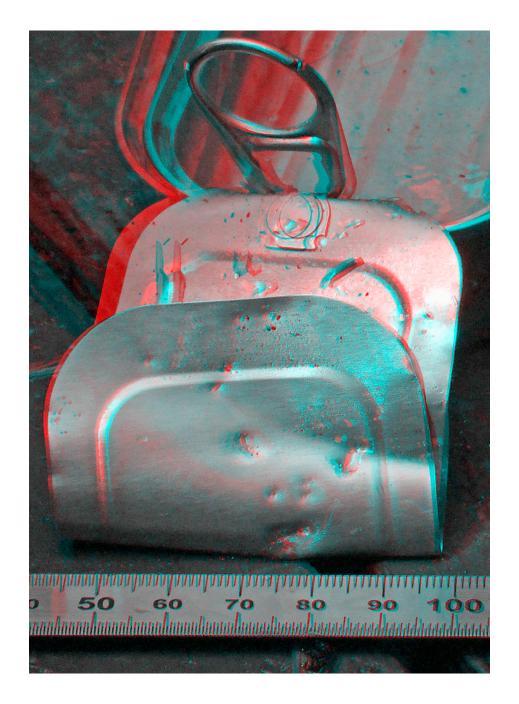


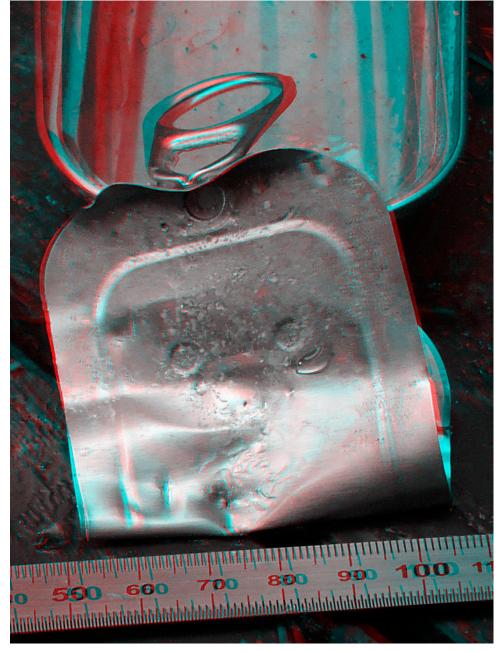
Snapshot from the thermal video showing a vertical silhouette (in white) partially hidden behind the tree trunk.





Cow bone. approximate GPS: 49°32'30.04"N 123°54'56.09"W





**Three footprints:** strangely, the footprint 2 could only be seen on the photo. (Polarized light?)





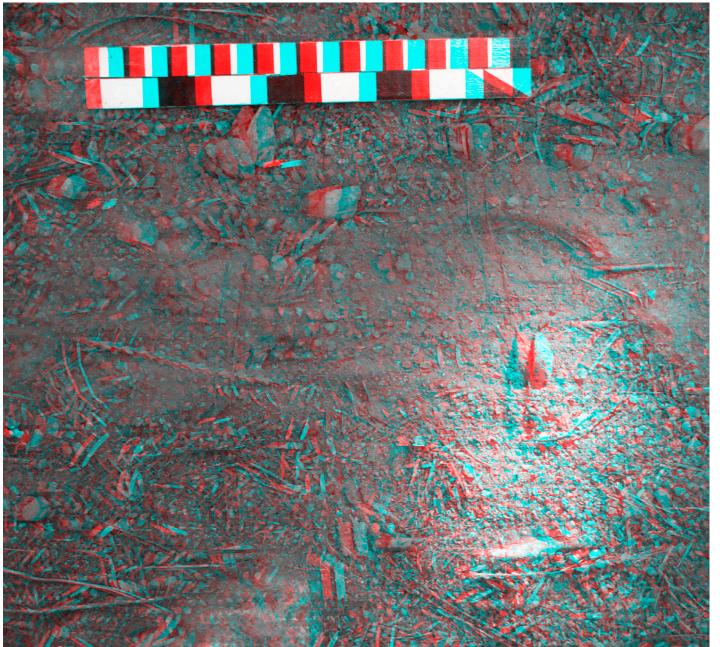


**Songs:** Before our arrival, one night around 2 am the whole campground has been awaken by someone imitating a singing little girl. A similar song was heard by Léon around 5:30 am on Sunday 30 August, coming from the wood near the campground.

**Blurry footprint**: Tuesday 25 August. GPS: 49°33'00.6"N 123°54'29.3"W.

**A knock?** At 3 pm, near the footprint, a violent knock is heard coming from the forest. It could be a shot but the hunting season is not open.





**A bed :** Near Ambrose Lake not far from a trail we found a reed bed of 4 meter long in average, 1.50 meter wide and 15 centimeter thick. Among the reeds were also some flat pieces of wood.

There were enlarged game trails behind the bed and passing through thick brambles.



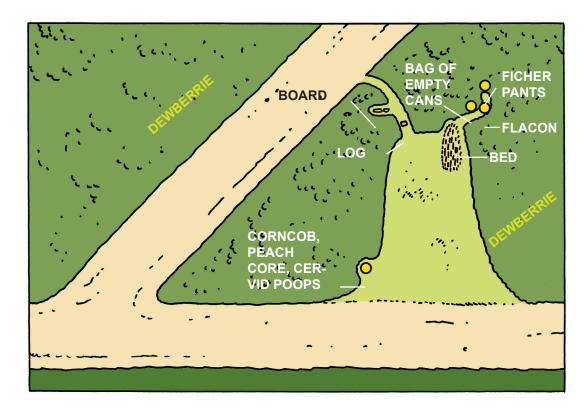






- Objects: On right game trail:
  One waterproof fisherman trouser
  - One plastic bag with empty cans
  - A bottle of disinfectant for hands, not empty.

Could these objects have been forgotten on the shore of the nearby lake by a fisherman and brought by an animal near the bed? Or stolen?



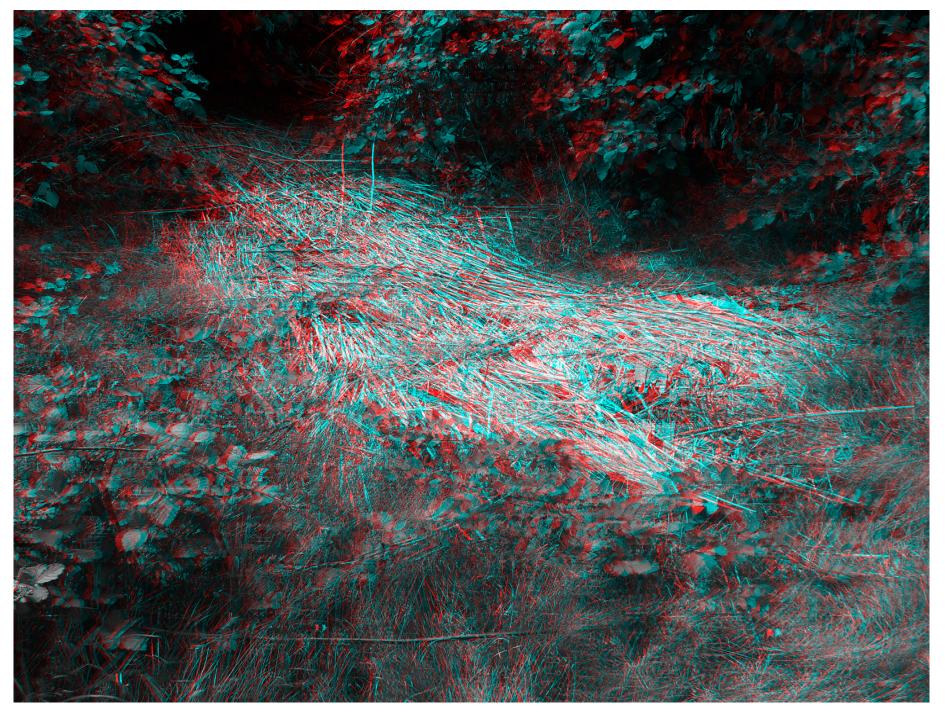
 ${f Corn\ cob}$ : Near the « head » of the bed was an eaten corn cob. Around the bed, other eaten corn cobs and a peach stone were found

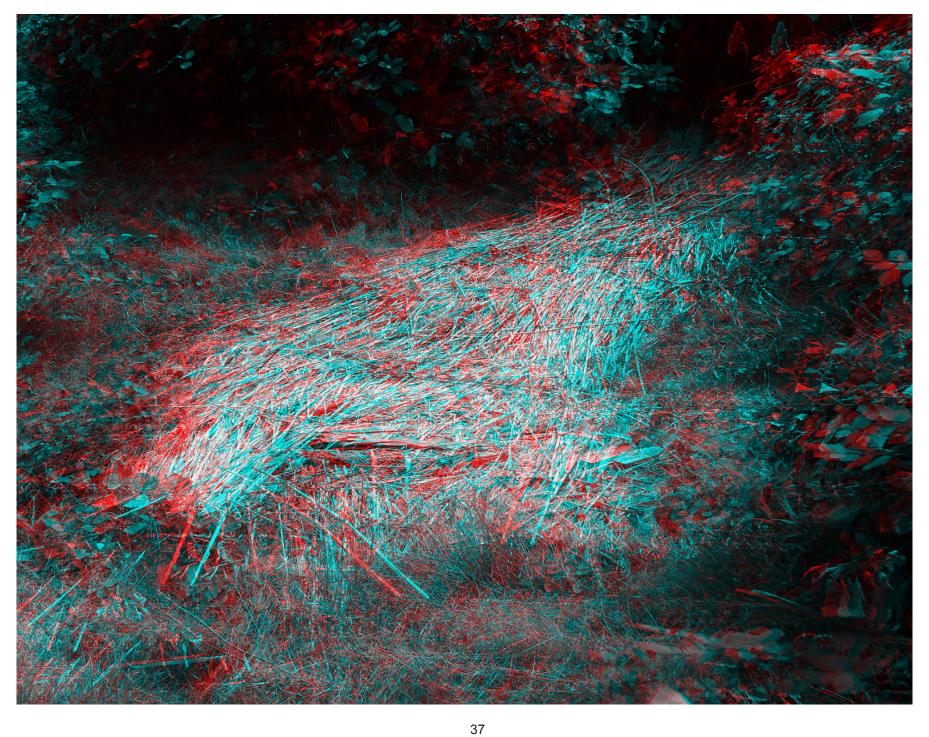


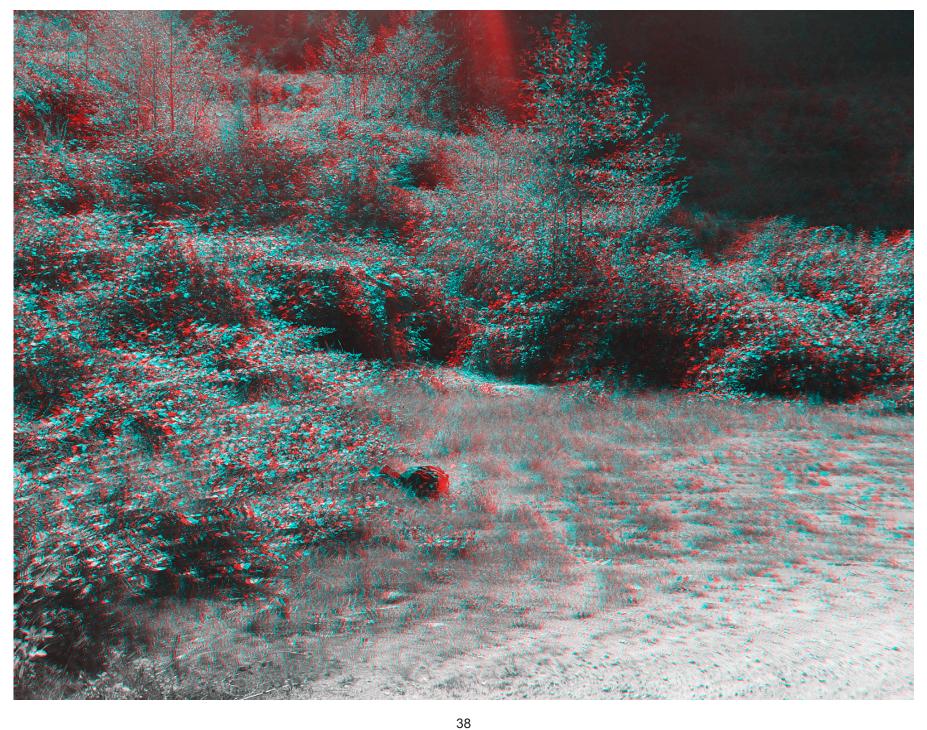
**Blind?** Due to the localization of the bed and the numerous deer tracks in the vicinity, this bed could be a lying blind for a hunter. Was the hunter a person or an animal?

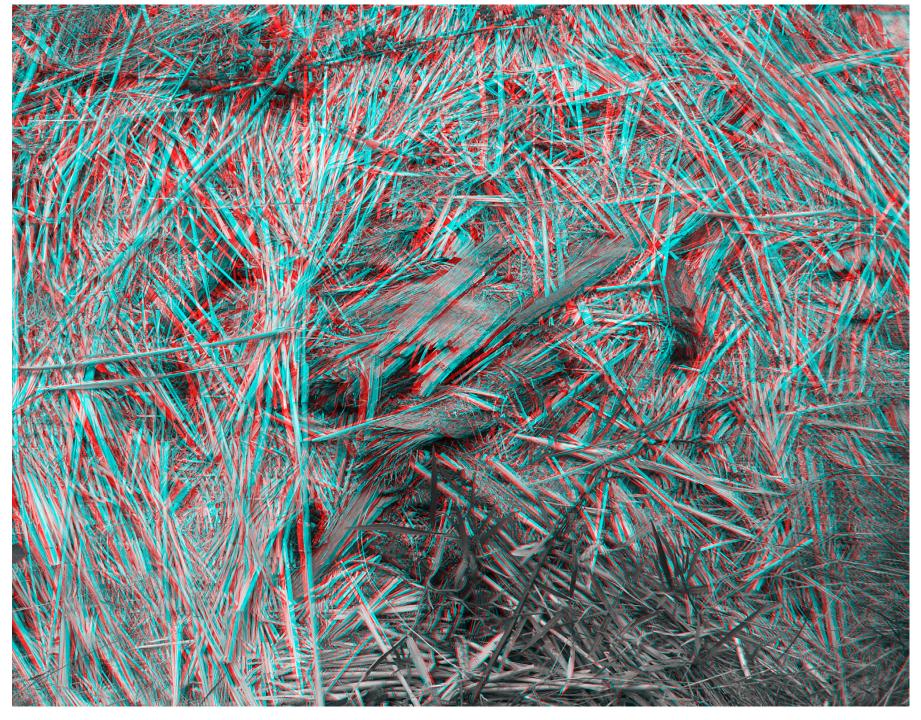


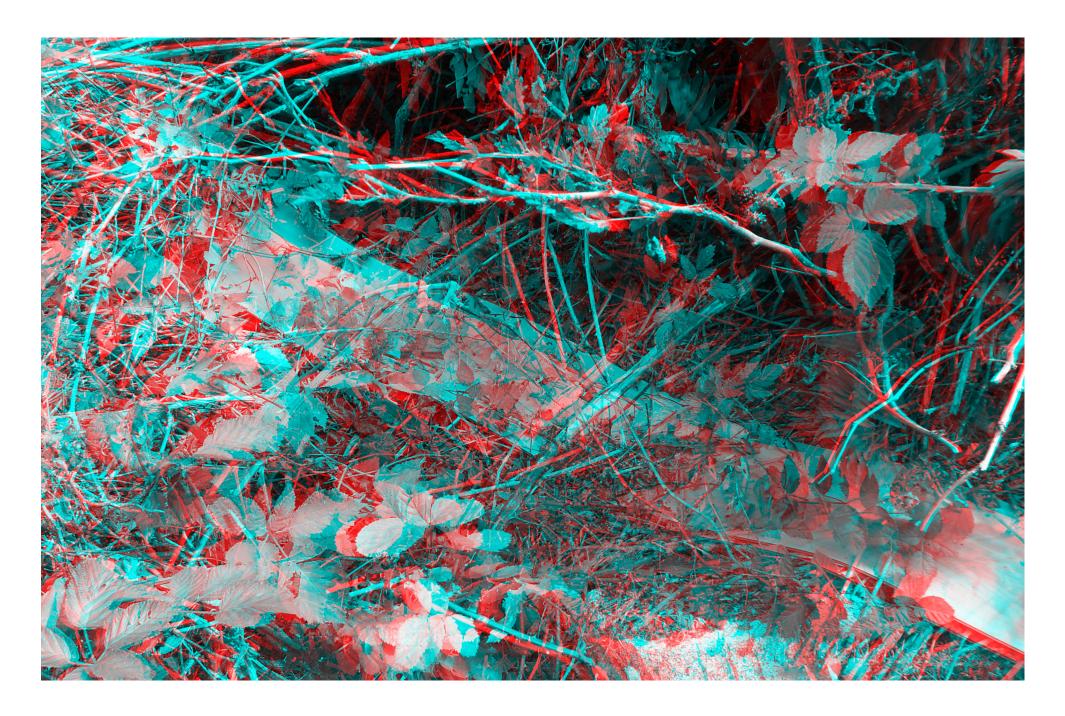
Google Earth Image. Bed GPSz : 49°44'47.51"N 124° 0'48.66"W

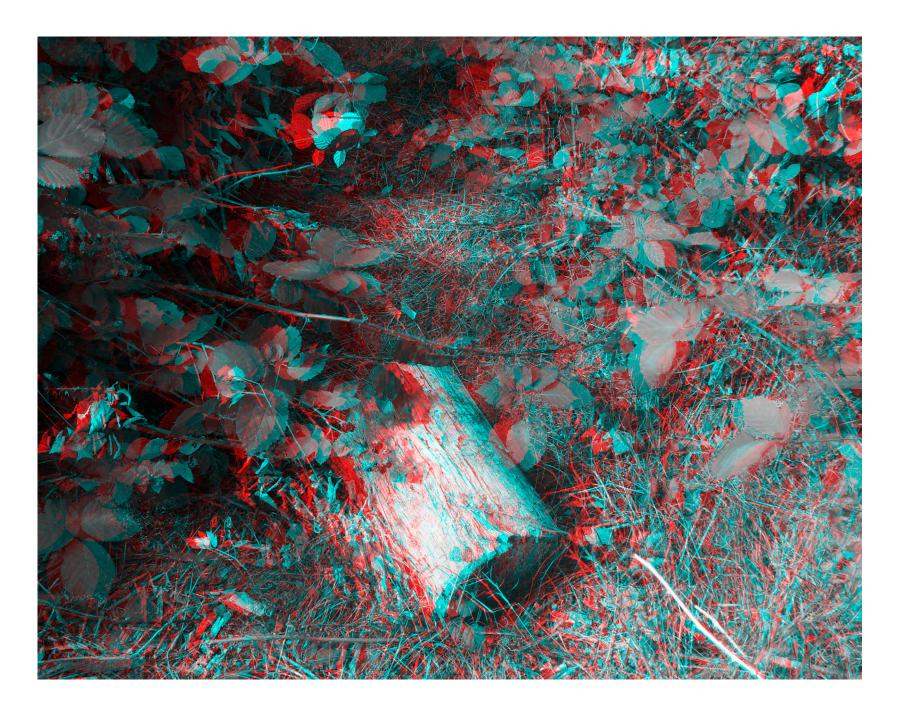


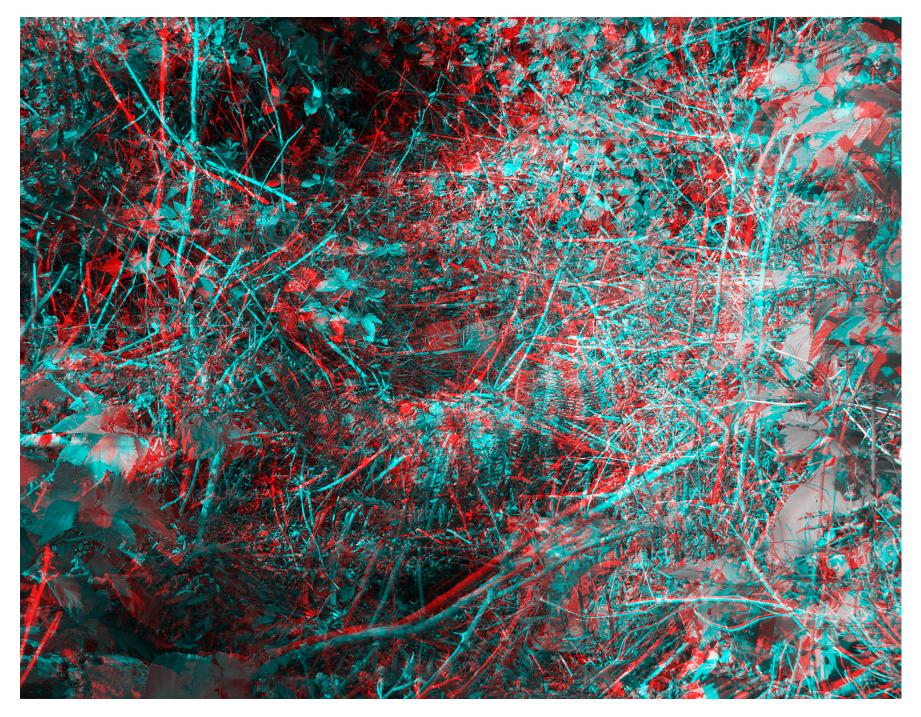












This bed and the possibility that it has been a hide for hunting deers can be compared to the discovery we made in 2014 on the shore of Christine Lake (WA, not far from Mount Rainier):

Sitka mountain-ash twigs: near the shore of Christine Lake, we discover many Sitka Mountain-ash (Sorbus sitchensis) twigs spread at the ground. They were torn, not sawn. Their berries were still green. On the other side of the fallen trunk, there was a heap of still green fir twigs. Part of them was sawn, the rest was torn. Some rubbish were among them.

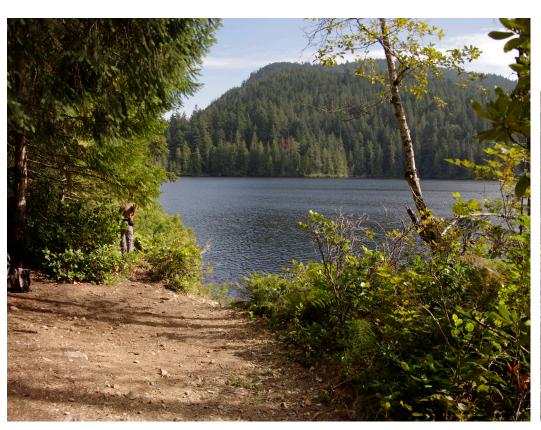


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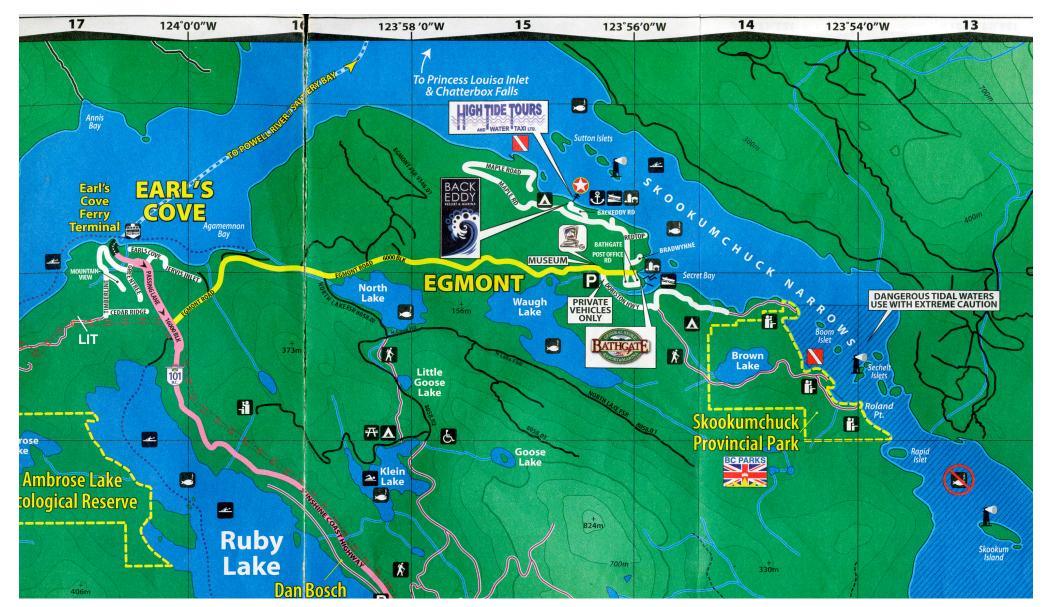
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**To Ambrose lake :** two blurry footprints.









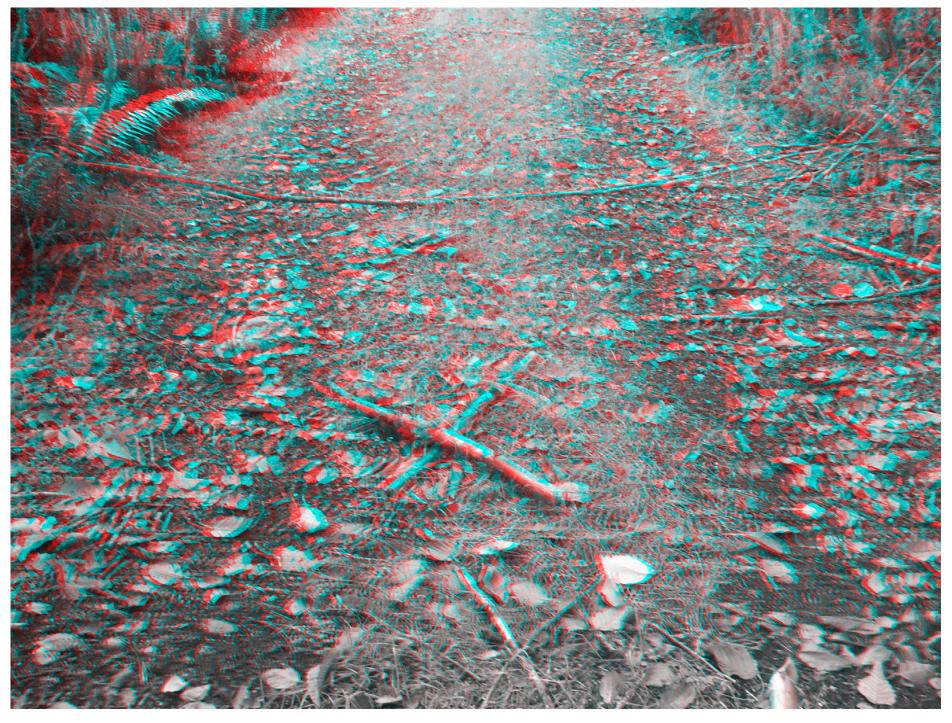
**Trail along Northn Waugh and Brown Lakes:** we followed the trail «North lake FSR 8058.01» that borders the south shores of the three lakes. We found many interesting structures.

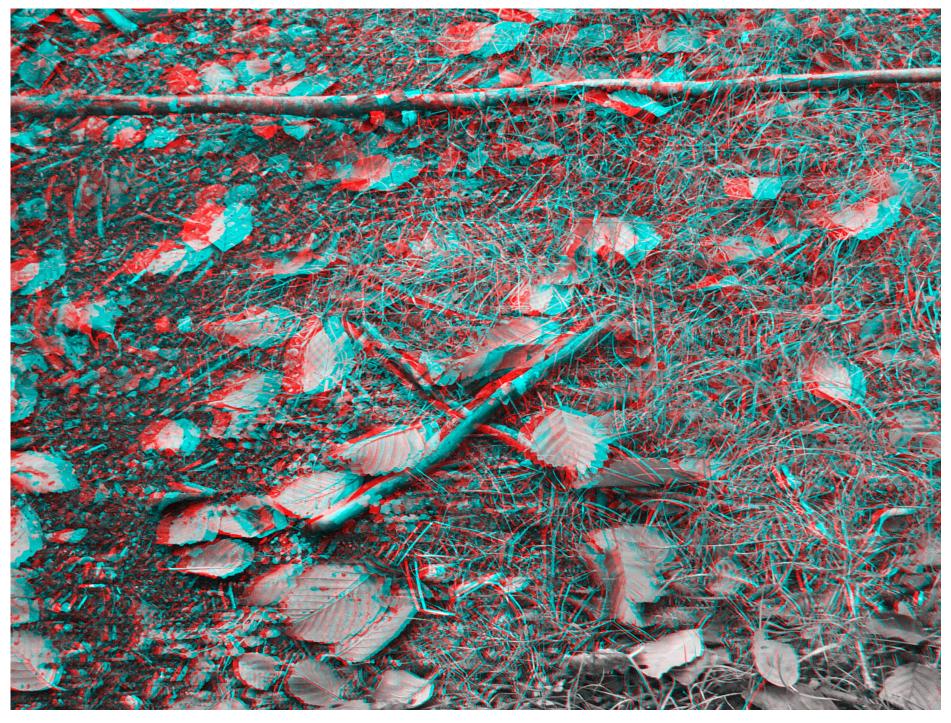
 $\mbox{\bf < Ooh!}$  »: when we came back, we hear a scream from deep in the woods: a one or two seconds long monotonous « ooh! ».

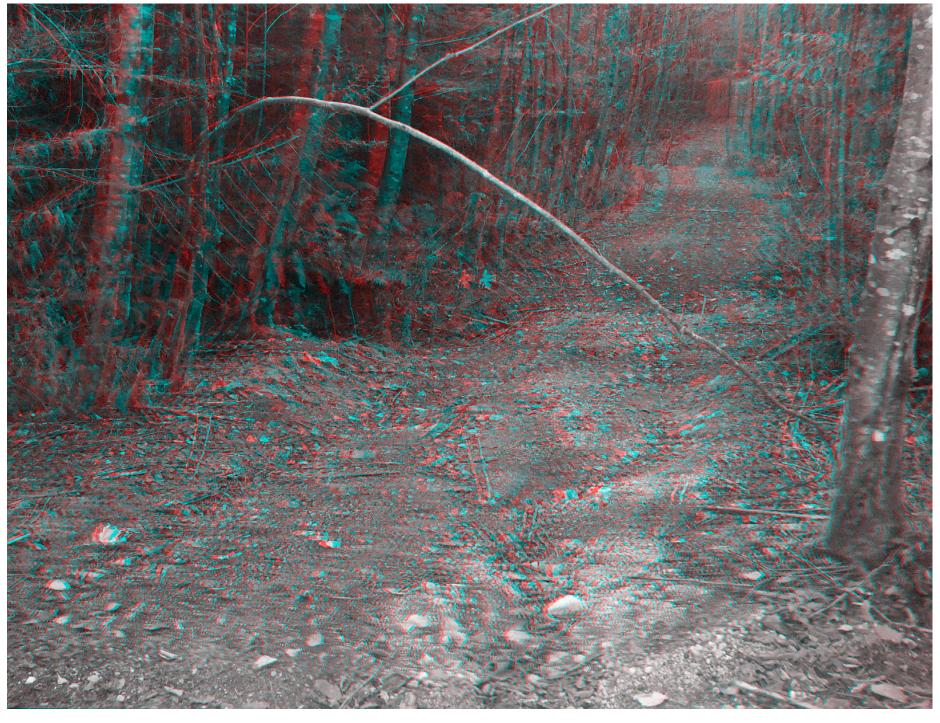
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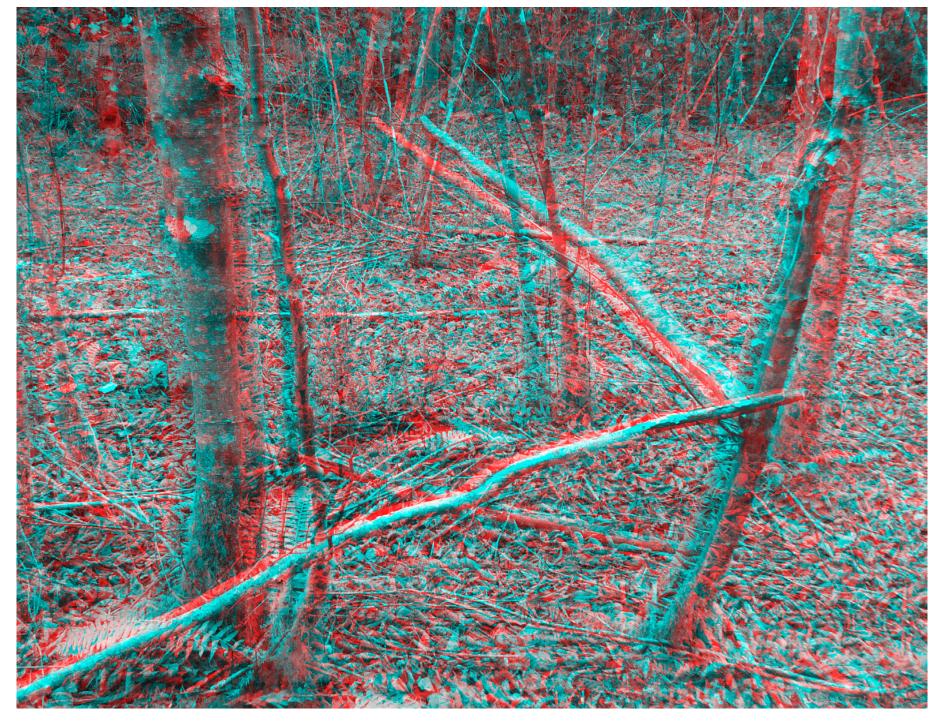


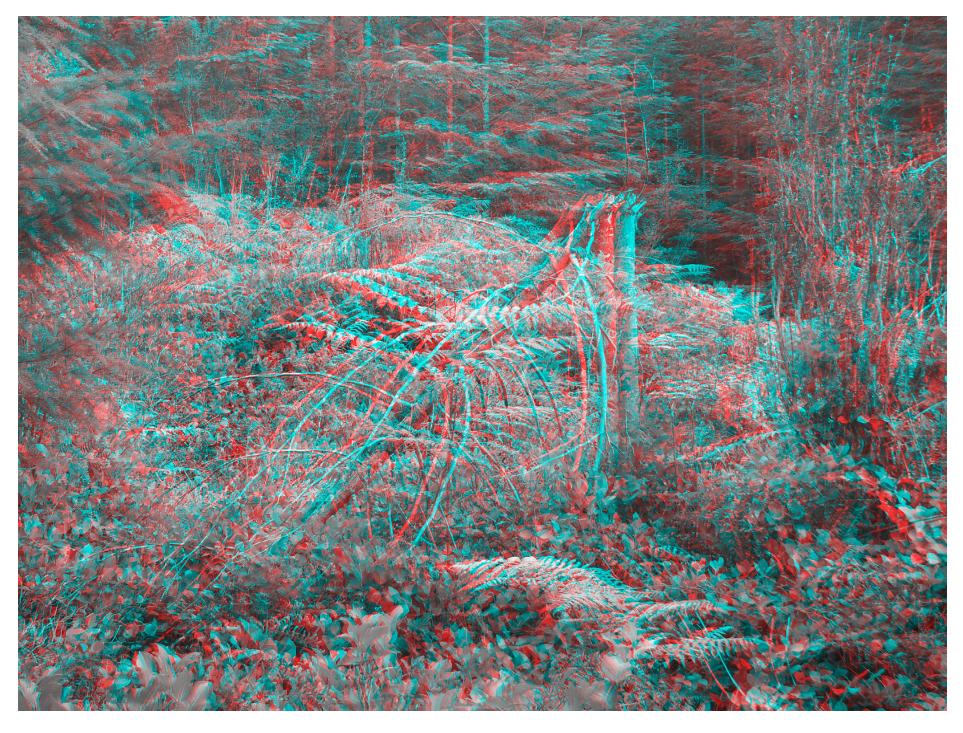




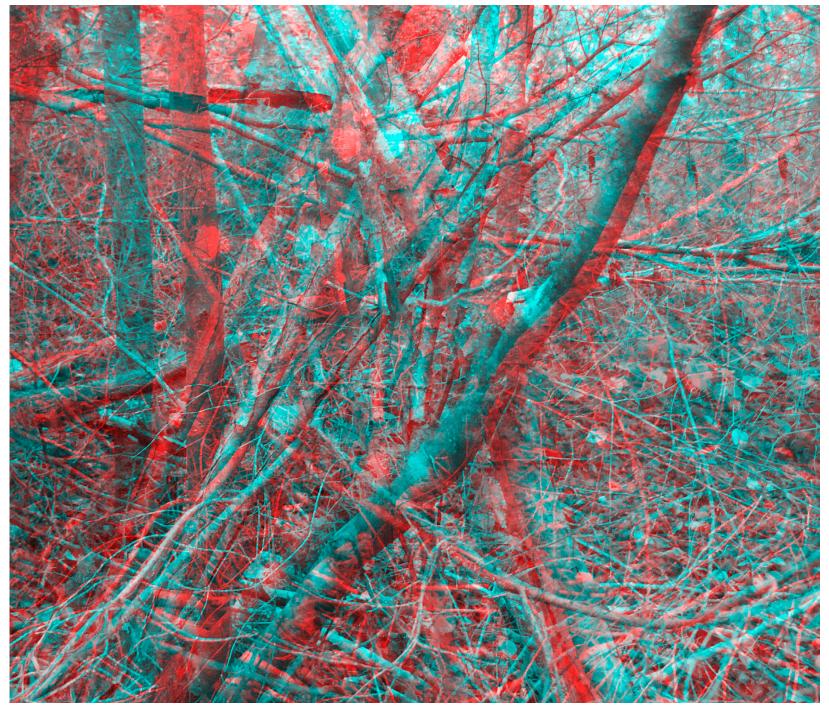


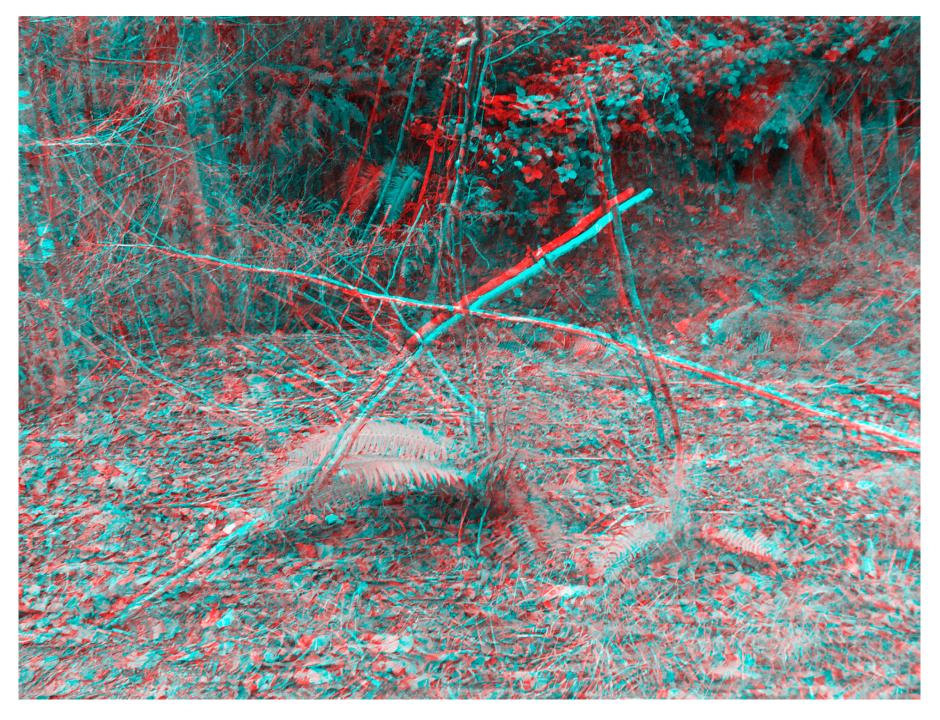


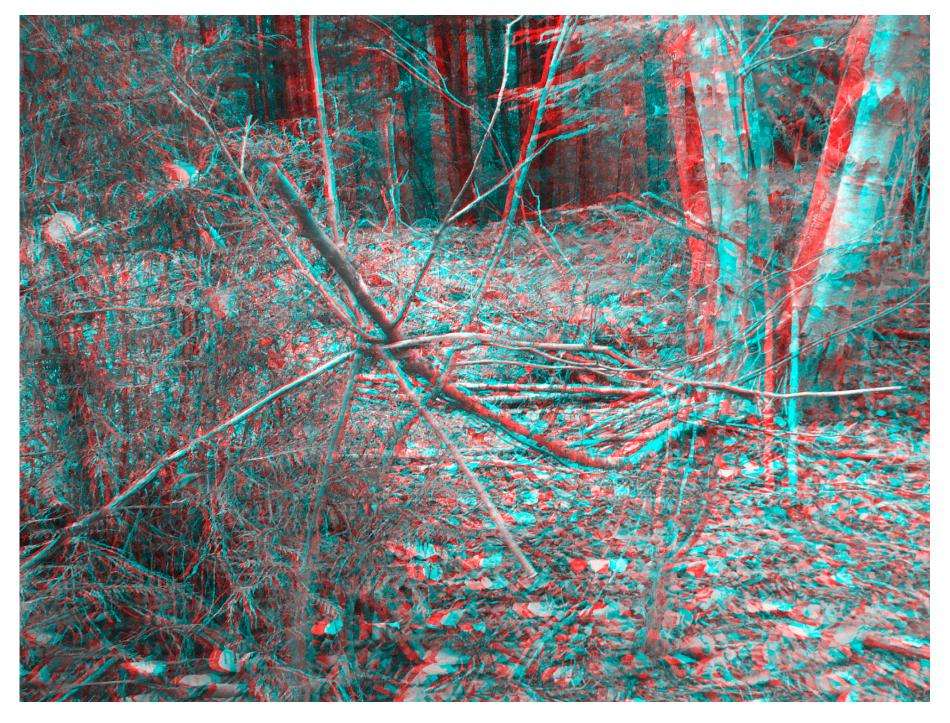


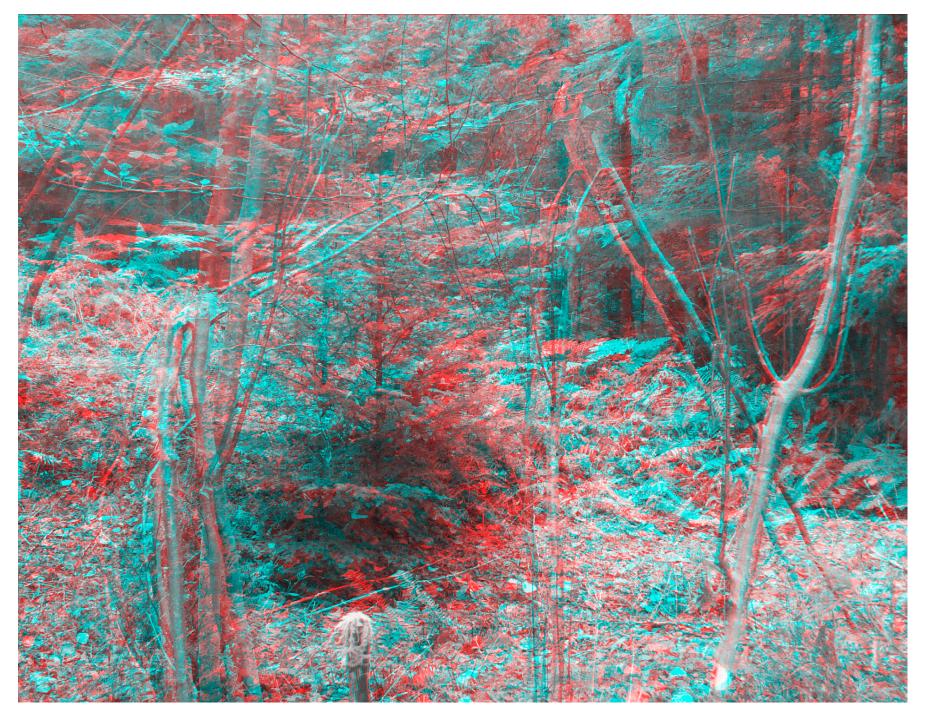


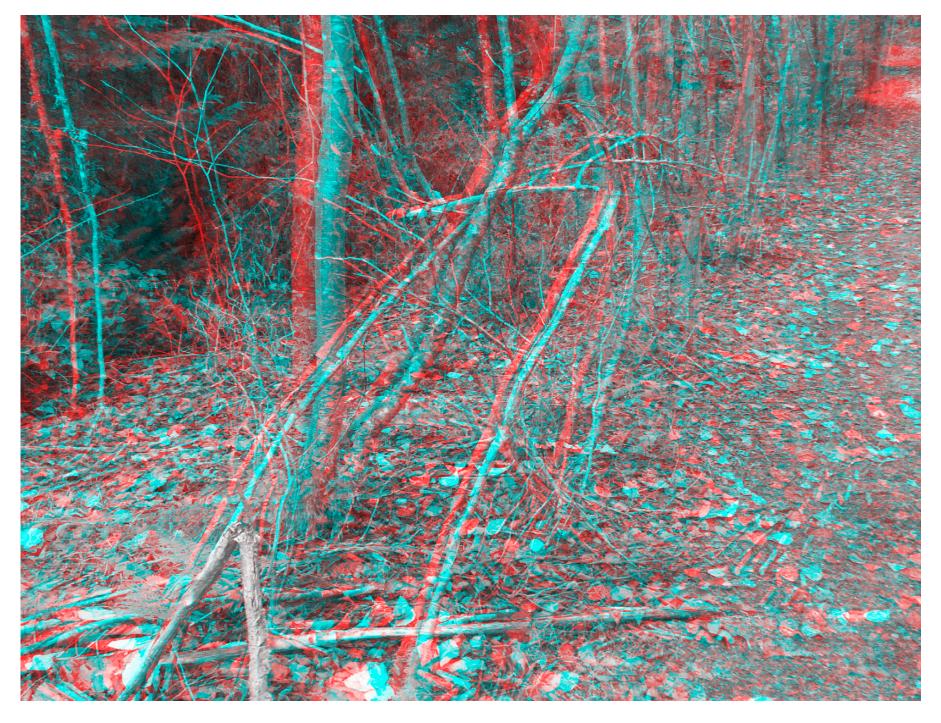


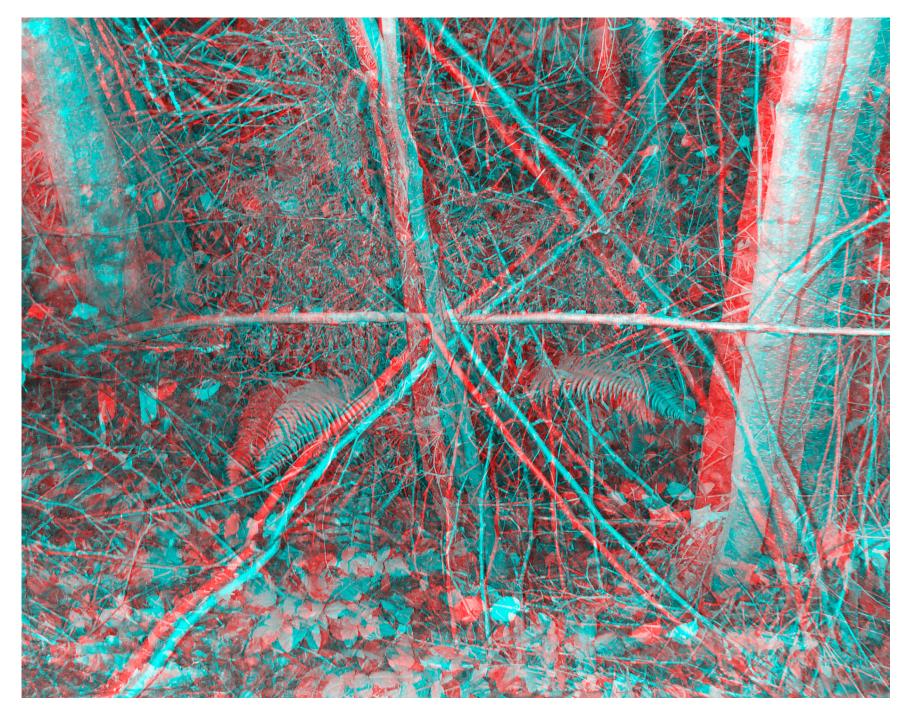


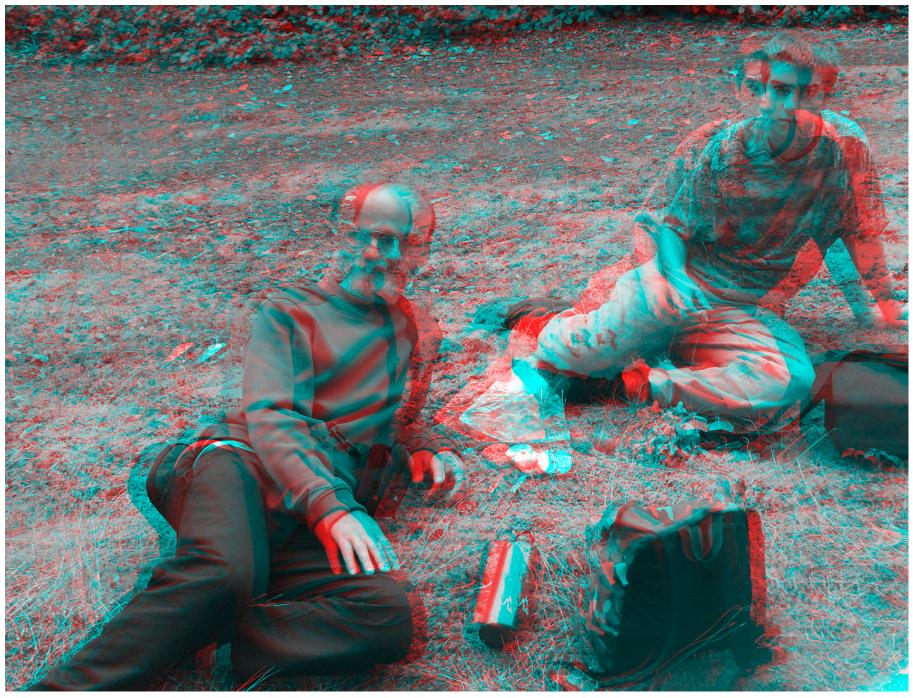










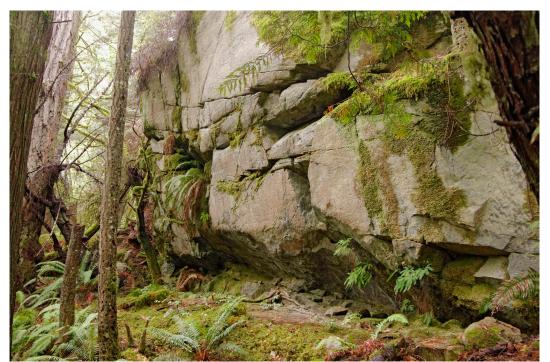


Philippe and Joshua



Joshua and Léon

The rock shelter near Secret Cove: The rock shelter was large and difficult to access. In it we found several unbroken shells among which, a mussel. Many other shells were broken. There were also a tin and sharp piece of slate as well as two sharp stones that could have served as tools. Slate seems not found naturally in the vicinity of the rock shelter: It could have been brought there from elsewhere. The shortest distance through the thick wood to the sea-shore is about 100 meters.





A turned-over clam and a mussel.



Littleneck clam (*Protothaca staminea*), edible.



On the left: cockle, *Clinocardium nuttallii*, edible. On the right: maybe a butter clam, *Saxidomus gigantea*, edible.



A complete shell left on a stone and many broken shells on the ground.

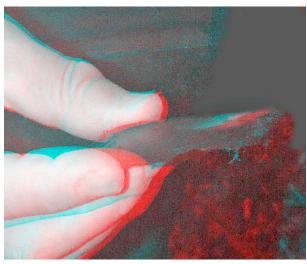
Slate

Two sharp stones



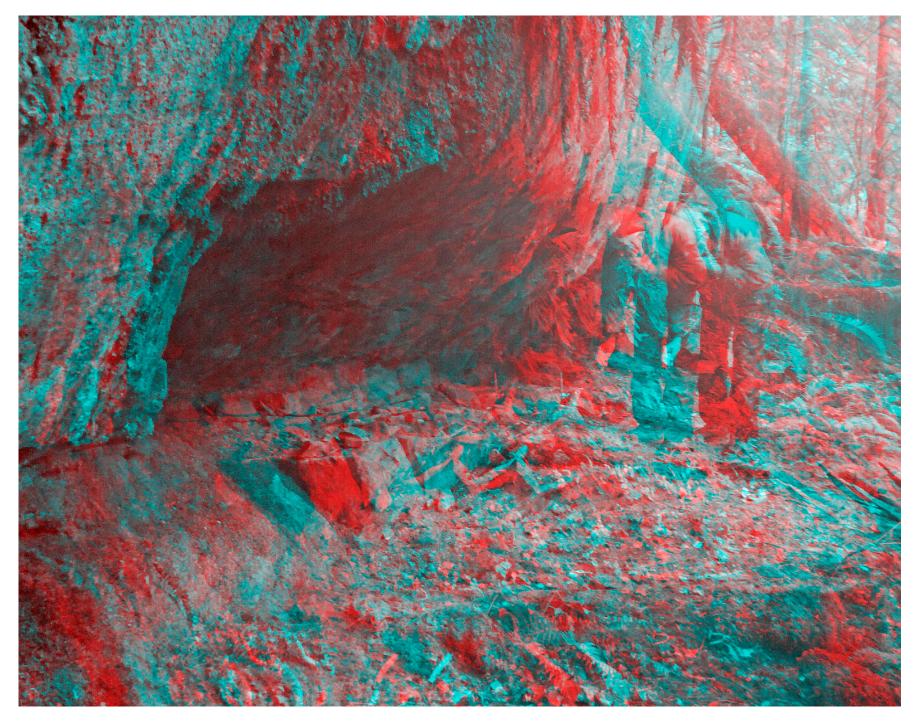










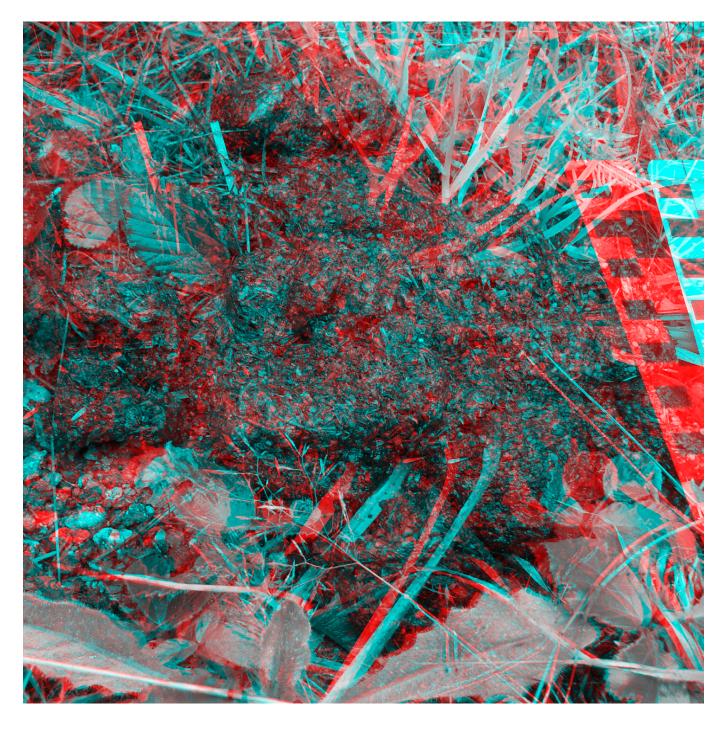


The excrement: In the dead end of the Riley Road we found a very large animal dropping. Its size was 27cmx23cm with a height of 5 to 6 cm. The average diameter of the cylindrical parts of the feces was about 4 cm. It was full of berry seeds. We thought it could be a grizzly dropping but Robert and his son Joshua said grizzlies stay in the remote mountains and do not come so near houses. Grizzly or sasquatch?

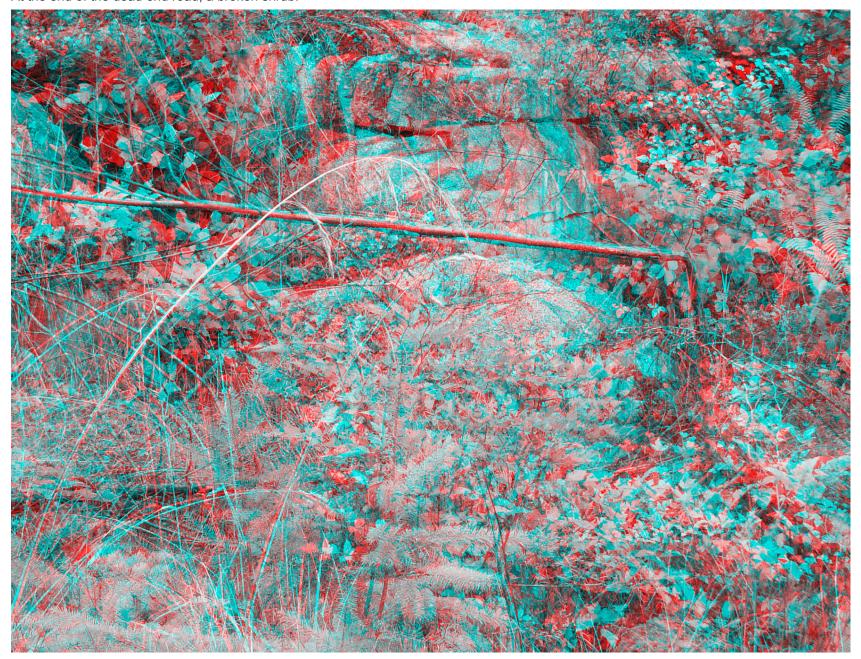


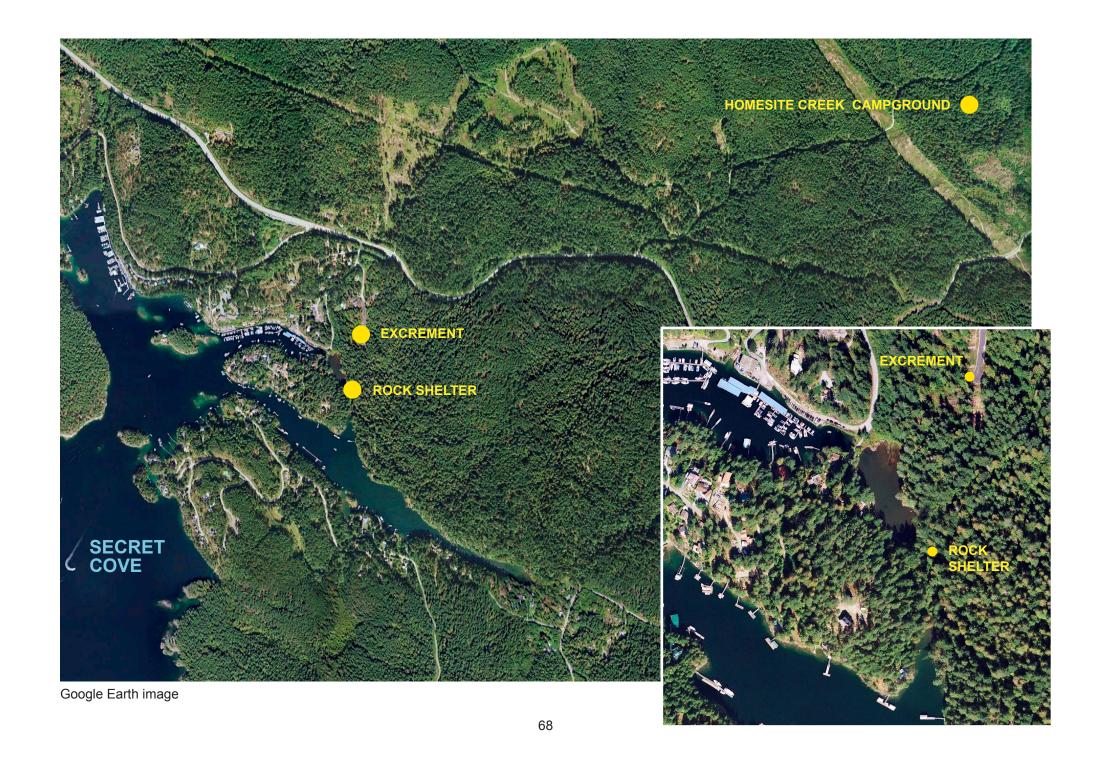






At the end of the dead end road, a broken shrub.



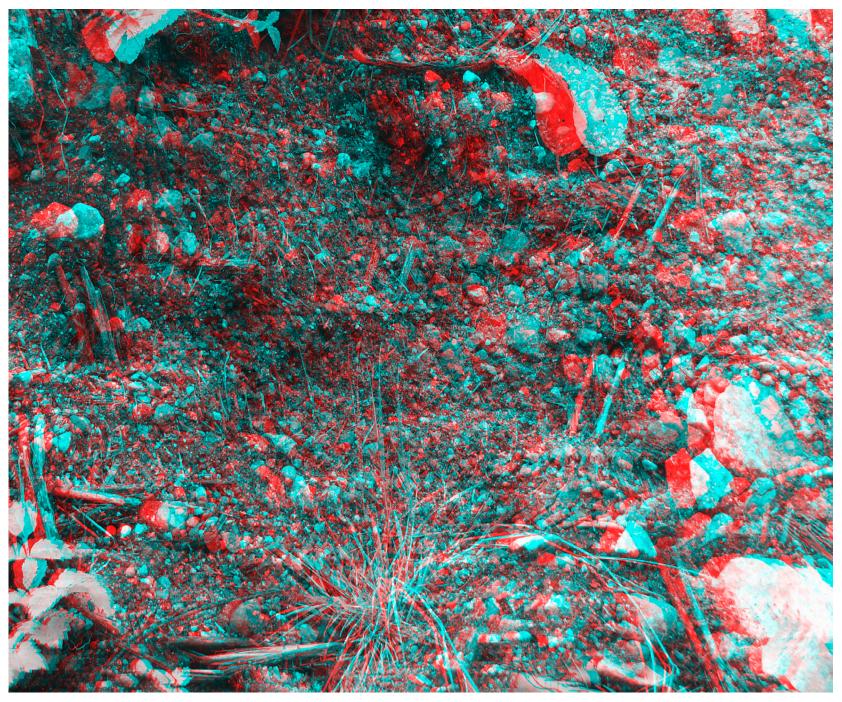


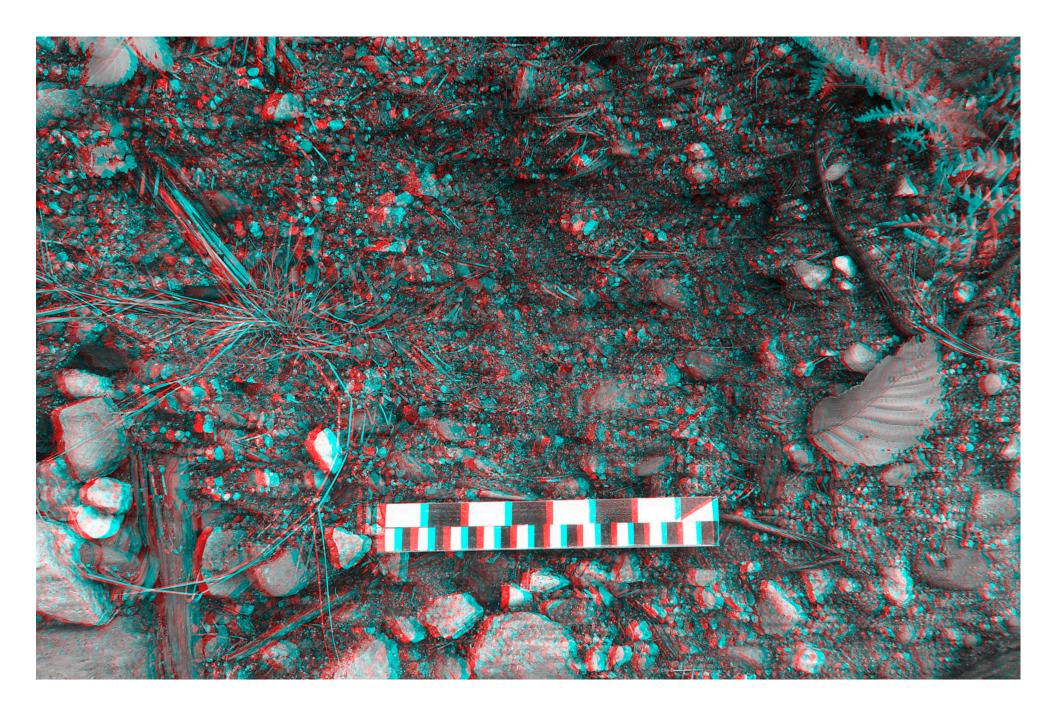
## A footprint in the sand:

At GPS 49°29'45.3»N 123°41'07.3»W we found a footprint going upward in the sand toward the clearing. The fifth toe and the heel were not seen.











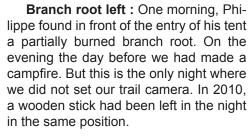
Litter piles in the woods: in the forest part of the Homesite Creek campground we found two trash heaps: a plastic bag with food remains and a pile of empty cans and an empty paint spray bottle clearly prepared for separate collection but without their plastic bag. A black bear scat was found at two meters from there.

**Apples:** In Sechelt we found a very large amount of fresh apples on the beach just in front of the totems. We were puzzled and thought it could be an offer to entities represented on the totem by the Sechelt Natives. A sasquatch?













Wooden stick left during the night in 2010.

**Localisation of the thermal picture :** In August or September 2012, Thomas Kennedy took a thermal photo of what looked like a sitting bigfoot. He had forgotten the exact place where he took the photo. We think we found this place in the Homesite Creek campground.









Google Earth image

**Conclusions :** The principal results of this expedition are the following:

- A second « collection » of objects strangely similar to the one found the previous year.
  - A rock shelter with sharp stones and broken shells.
  - A four meters long reed bed.
- Stones thrown near our tents during night with various sound emissions. A stone seems also to have been thrown behind Philippe during day.
- The objects with biting marks found in the wood in the Kennedy's campground.
  - The enormous excrement.
- The thermal picture of a silhouette partially hidden behind a tree shot in the wood.

