

**THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT** (1999)

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1. SETUP OVERLAY – OCT. 1994 – 3 Student Filmmakers Disappeared
  - a. A year later – their footage was found
2. MEET CHARACTERS –
  - a. HEATHER addresses camera –
    - i. Going to spend weekend exploring the Blair Witch
    - ii. Has some Occult books about it
  - b. JOSH and HEATHER meet up at his house
    - i. HE has the CP16 (16mm film camera)
    - ii. Heather has video camera
  - c. MEET MIKE who has sound gear
    - i. They are late
    - ii. Have lots of batteries
  - d. Go Food shopping
3. TOWNIES INTERVIEWS RE: Blair Witch
  - a. Waitress heard about it
4. FIRST SLATE – kiss the slate
  - a. Setting up gear at graveyard
5. BURKITSVILLE CEMETERY – Heather narrates on camera
  - a. Lots of kids deaths in the 1940's
    - i. The MYSTERY OF BLAIR WITCH SET UP HERE
6. TOWNIES 2 – INTERVIEWS
  - a. Old Man heard about it
  - b. Woman with kid saw on Discovery Channel
  - c. Old Man tells winter of 1940 some kids started disappearing
  - d. WOMAN with kid in arms tells story
    - i. Kid cries & swats her
  - e. Found 7 kids in Parr's basement
  - f. GUY tells – Parr brought kids into the basement in pairs
    - i. Put one facing the corner and kill the other one
      1. Then pull that kid out and kill him too [6:03]
  - g. Waitress believes in it
  - h. Old Man 2 doesn't believe in it
  - i. Old Man says the woods are all haunted up there
    - i. Mary Brown knows –
7. MARY BROWNS TRAILER –
  - a. Interview Mary Brown – saw Blair Witch as a kid
  - b. Went fishing with dad and saw woman with hair on arms
    - i. Opened up her shawl – hairy form head to toe
  - c. Driving away – they talk about Mary Brown
8. [10:00] AT MOTEL ROOM – happy about the day
  - a. Prep for tomorrow's big day
  - b. Heather acts obnoxious
  - c. They all do a shot of whiskey
9. [10:55] DAY 2 – HEATHER VIDEOTAPING BEHIND SCENES
  - a. Annoying everyone
  - b. DRIVING looking for TRAILHEAD
10. FISHERMAN – DAMN FOOL KIDS WILL NEVER LEARN
  - a. Warning from the 2 Fisherman
    - i. A girl in late 1800's got lost in woods
    - ii. 3 Days later appeared back on grandmother's porch
    - iii. Said she saw an old woman whose feet never touched the ground

- b. Fisherman saw a vapor rising out of the water
  - c. What about COFFIN ROCK?
    - i. Everyone knows this place been haunted by that old woman for years
      - 1. That's bullshit
11. [13:30] GEARING UP PACKS AT TRAIL HEAD
- a. WALKING through woods to coffin rock
  - b. JUMP ACROSS muddy brook
12. [14:30] COFFIN ROCK – HEATHER tells story of Coffin Rock
- a. 5 Men tortured and disemboweled – bodies never found
    - i. Bound to each other – indecipherable writing carved into their heads
  - b. Read form a book – validating story
  - c. AFTER – HEATHER worried about time – afternoon
    - i. Getting late
    - ii. Starts to rain
13. SETTING UP TENT IN RAIN
- a. LATER THAT NIGHT – JOKING IN TENT
14. [16:44] MORNING – JOSH HEARD NOISES IN NIGHT
- a. Definitely cackling
    - i. No one else heard it
  - b. MAP CHECK – where did we start out yesterday?
    - i. Off the map
    - ii. THEY ARE LOST [17:00]
  - c. JOSH INTERVIEWS HEATHER
    - i. How are things going so far?
      - 1. Heather happy.
  - d. THEY HIKE UP A HILL TO FIND TRAIL
15. MID DAY – HIKING/ JOKING ETC...
- a. Should be hitting Cemetery Trail in 90 minutes
  - b. LATER – looking at MAP – LOST
  - c. [19:22] LOST – CREW ARGUING with Heather
    - i. Josh takes map I can find this
  - d. MIKE says he does not trust Heather
  - e. Arguing about Heather using camera all the time

ACT 2

16. [20:50] CROSSING RIVER OVER LOG –
- a. Josh Crawls with heavy gear
  - b. Mike makes it across barely
  - c. Heather crosses off camera
17. HIKING TO TRAIL – still lost – FIND THE ROCK PILES IN TREES
- a. Heather heard something about rock piles
  - b. Like an Indian burial ground
18. NIGHT AROUND FIRE – EATING WEENIES
- a. Talking about Gilligan's Island
19. LATER BACK AT THE ROCK PILES FILMING AT NIGHT
- a. [24:29] ACCIDENTALLY KNOCK OVER PILE
20. [24:58] NOISES IN TENT AT NIGHT – NOISES ALL AROUND THEM
- a. out of tents to film
  - b. Mike refuses to go down and film
    - i. Heather calls him on it – calls him scared
21. NEXT MORNING – RAIN – hiking
- a. What do you think it was?
    - i. Somebody fucking with your head

- ii. Mike Pissed off at Heather
  - b. Sounded like a bunch of kids running around
  - c. People with something wrong with them
    - i. I'm not gonna mess with that
  - d. HIKING LOOKING FOR TRAIL BACK TO CAR
    - i. Nobody speaking to Heather
  - e. Start arguing about the MAP
  - f. Later – I think we should camp
    - i. Arguing about the camera being on
  - g. MAP CHECK – they are lost
    - i. Get us home
  - h. ARGUING - Totally lost – Mike blows up at Heather
    - i. Not going to camp another night
  - i. Josh acts the voice of reason
22. [29:10] ARGUING IN THE DARK –
- a. Everyone has to be back by tomorrow
    - i. Totally late – has to work etc...
23. NIGHT NOISES 2 [30:20]
- a. Heather out filming with noises all around
  - b. Freezing cold
  - c. Sounds like deer
    - i. Wasn't like last night
  - d. Get it on DAT
  - e. MIKE starts to FREAK – what the fuck is that?
    - i. Sounds like footsteps
      - 1. That's a fucking person
    - ii. ARGUE in the dark (Black screen)
24. MORNING – ROCK PILES – AROUND TENTS
- a. Lets get out – we're not wanted here
  - b. Heather filming rock piles
  - c. GUYS yelling at her for filming
25. [34:14] MAP MISSING – Heather does not have the map
- a. Josh pissed at her
    - i. You've always had the map
      - 1. Argue about stealing the map
  - b. I gave you back the map!
  - c. MIKE walks off
  - d. Josh getting loopy hanging under the tree
  - e. JOSH reasons it out
    - i. Not going to be back
    - ii. Not going to get camera and DAT back on time
    - iii. Someone's going to be looking for us
26. CROSSING THE BROOK – JOSH GETS WET
- a. Mike laughing first time in days
  - b. HEATHER gets he shoes wet
    - i. Laughing at Heather
  - c. Asks about MAP again
  - d. They laugh at her and flip her off
    - i. Everyone PAST caring
  - e. Heather all our shoes are wet – laughing at situation
  - f. [39:22] REVEAL -- MIKE KICKED MAP INTO CREEK
  - g. Heather freaks out on him
    - i. Josh and Mike fight

- 27. LATER – AFTERMATH – fight with Heather
  - a. Compass argument

MIDDLE OF MOVIE

- 28. STOPPED IN WOODS - STALEMATE
  - a. What about plan to keep going south?
- 29. [41:50] TREE STICK FIGURES - MIKE YELLS ALL KINDS OF STUFF UP HERE
  - a. Stick figures hanging in trees all around them
    - i. Films all of the sticks
      - 1. No redneck is this creative
  - b. Heather keeps filming
    - i. They yell at her to stop
  - c. MIKE YELLING FOR HELP
  - d. HEATHER ADMITS THEY ARE LOST
- 30. NIGHT 3 - IN TENTS – NO FIRE TONIGHT
  - a. The first night we didn't light a fire and nothing followed us
  - b. [44:52] DARKNESS – VOICES in dark
  - c. Heather gets cameras ready
  - d. KID voices heard
  - e. TENT SHAKING
  - f. RUNS OUT OF TENT yelling
  - g. Turn that light off!
  - h. Dark again – breathing
    - i. Heard baby screaming
  - i. [47:44] MORNING – we should go back
- 31. BACK AT CAMP – CAMP VANDALIZED
  - a. Packs ripped open
  - b. SLIME all over the gear
  - c. Heather keeps filming
  - d. JOSH pissed at Heather
    - i. Mike attacks her for having camera
- 32. CROSSING STREAM ON LOG 3
- 33. [49:50] JOSH – VIDEO CAMERA ON HEATHER = filtered reality
  - a. Mike and Heather discuss Josh
    - i. He needs time alone
  - b. They argue about giving him some space
  - c. No cigarettes left
  - d. What was the jelly shit all over his shit?
  - e. LATER- JOSH worried and scared
  - f. Sings America The Beautiful while hiking
- 34. [52:23] THAT'S THE TREE WE CROSSED BEFORE –
  - a. Mike freaks out – Heather cries
  - b. Fuck you God!
  - c. Heather pulls it together
- 35. [53:30] FIGHTING AT RIVER – we walked south all day
  - a. Heather on camera – lets see how you like it
  - b. Lets make some movies
  - c. Please lets not fight
  - d. Set camp – mike does first watch
  - e. Josh antagonizes Heather
    - i. What do you do?
    - ii. She's still making movies
      - 1. It's all I have left!

2. You gonna write us a happy ending Heather?
36. [56:50] NIGHT 4 - IN TENT – APOLOGIZE
- a. Talk about food – eating cheeseburgers
  - b. Mashed potatoes
37. JOSH MISSING – MORNING
- a. Searching for Josh
  - b. Remember what he said yesterday
    - i. About the shit on his bag?
  - c. We gotta go find him
  - d. All his shit is here – the camera and pack etc...
  - e. Later – how do you feel about east?
    - i. Wicked witch of the west?
  - f. Putting up tent
38. [1:00:00] Sitting around talking about food – NIGHT 5
- a. What's your favorite thing to do on a Sunday?
    - i. Used to be hiking...
39. LATER - Voices in night – JOSH screaming in darkness
- a. Get up using camera – call out to Josh
  - b. Searching the darkness for Josh
  - c. LATER IN TENT – Mike – don't fall asleep
  - d. If that was Josh he would have said where he was.
40. [1:03:58] MORNING – BUNDLE –
- a. Tosses bundle away from tent
  - b. Mike found cigs at bottom of pack
  - c. They share a cig and sit
  - d. [1:05:50] JOSH'S BLOODY TEETH WRAPPED IN THE STICKS
    - i. Heather freaks out
  - e. Washes hand in stream
  - f. Puts gloves on hands
    - i. Crying – hysterical
  - g. Lies to Mike about seeing teeth in bundle
    - i. Hair caught in pack
41. LATER – WALKING IN WOODS
- a. Stops to use compass
  - b. LATER - MIKE SITS NODDING OFF
  - c. WALKING AFTERNOON – later
  - d. AT STREAM sitting
    - i. Mike eats a leaf
  - e. Sun setting
42. [1:09:20] NIGHT 6 – HEATHER APOLOGIZES IN CAMERA
- a. Sorry to everyone – very naïve
  - b. It is my fault – because it was my project
  - c. Insisted on everything
    - i. Not lost
    - ii. Keep going
    - iii. Walk south
  - d. Scared to close my eyes – scared to open them
  - e. We're gonna die out here

ACT 3

43. [1:12:00] LATER IN DARK – JOSH CALLS OUT
- a. They get cameras and follow sounds in darkness
    - i. It can't be him

- b. [1:13:00] HOLY SHIT! It's a HOUSE!
- 44. AT HOUSE IN WOODS
- 45. HOUSE IN WOODS – WALK AROUND LOOKING FOR JOSH
  - a. SYMBOLS and sticks all around
  - b. INSIDE HOUSE
  - c. MIKE FILMS EMPTY ROOMS
  - d. SMASHED FIREPLACE
  - e. WHERE IS HE?
  - f. HEATHER USES CP16 –
  - g. UPSTAIRS – I hear him!
  - h. Kid handprints all over walls
  - i. Josh yells from basement
    - i. I hear him downstairs!
  - j. Runs down TO BASEMENT
  - k. Josh is that you?
    - i. [1:16:04] BANG- MIKE knocked out
  - l. Heather screams – runs through house
  - m. Heads down past symbols etc...
  - n. Rushes into basement
  - o. MIKE STANDS FACING CORNER
  - p. HEATHER KILLED
  - q. Film runs out. [1:16:58]

