

LIGHTS IN THE SKY!

THEY'RE BACK!

Teddy Evans

When they appeared in the sky on the night of July 26, they were witnessed by dozens of people. Neither researchers nor witnesses have yet figured out what locals saw in the event now dubbed "the Northwoods Lights."

New York City resident Les Thomson and his family are among the witnesses who have come forward to talk about the lights. They first saw the lights while looking north from their tent on a camping trip close to Duck Lake.

"The light got brighter and brighter. Closer and closer. When it got here, we realized it wasn't just a bright light but an object. An actual craft."

Les said that when the giant disc-shaped craft passed directly over him, the area fell dead silent. "It was like time had stopped almost. Only this thing kept on going."

His wife, Kari, who also saw the aerial show, said the silence of the craft meant they knew the thing they saw was "not man-made".

Les said he and his son experienced a two-hour gap of missing time and his son

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Caption: An artist's impression of the view out on Duck Lake that night. Kari says the photos she snapped all came back blank.



CROP CIRCLES APPEAR OUTSIDE NORTHWOODS

EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL MESSAGE OR ELABORATE HOAX?

Crop circles that look like they could have been left by UFOs have been found in a field close to Northwoods, leaving locals mystified.

Discovered on July 21st, the 7 perfect circles make up a design over 150ft from top to bottom and range in size from 10 to 50 feet.

This is not farmer Terry's first run-in with the mystery. A similar design was left ten years ago in the same field. The farmer said: "It's more complex than the last one," adding "There's no way someone got into and out of that field without leaving tracks. No person, anyway."

A clip of the circles was posted on video sharing site YouTube, where it has been viewed over 12,000 times.

Crop circles are patterns produced by flattening crops but there is much discussion as to the creators of the strange displays. Are they man-made or are more mysterious forces behind the patterns?

"We usually see the formations appear just after there's lights in the sky," said one anonymous source. "Some say that's the local kids going out as soon as they hear reports of lights, but I'm not convinced."

The formation is drawing attention of thrill seekers and UFO hunters from miles around, causing problems for Terry. "It's taking me two ours to do a one-hour job with everyone in the way."

In August 2005 the *Gazette* reported that an

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Is there life in the universe or is it just us. "Either option is terrifying, but the math tells us E.T. is probably out there."

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