

Selma

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Selma belongs to Norway's Lake Seljord, where an old overturned-boat story grew into a municipal emblem. A wooden observation tower now faces the water that keeps the question open.

STATUS	Historic local tradition; creature unverified
CLASSIFICATION	STR
MATERIAL	Telemark, Norway
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / SOURCED STORY
CATEGORY	Strange Files
RECORD TYPE	Cryptids
STORY HISTORY	Written tradition dated to 1750; continuing local accounts

THE ACCOUNT

At Lake Seljord, the creature is said to show itself as a long body with humps rising above still water. Some accounts give it a horse-like head; length and color vary. The local tradition dates its earliest written episode to 1750, when a serpent reportedly overturned a boat carrying a man's household goods. The modern nickname is Selma. The lake's uncertainty has since acquired an observation tower, built for people willing to stand and watch.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

Visit Norway documents the tower and the tradition's eighteenth-century starting point. Seljord Camping supplies the boat story, while acknowledging that expeditions have failed to prove the animal exists. These are accounts of a local legend and its presentation to visitors, not independent zoological findings. The cited pages summarize the 1750 episode; an original witness document was not examined for this entry.

WHY IT STAYS WITH US

The tower is a useful piece of the story because it needs no monster to exist. It gives the act of waiting a permanent address. You can climb above the shore, look out across an ordinary lake, and understand why an unfinished account survives another generation.

WHERE THIS TELLING COMES FROM

Sea Serpent Tower

Visit Norway

<https://www.visitnorway.com/listings/sea-serpent-tower/22319/>

Sjøormen i Seljordsvatnet

Seljord Camping

<https://seljordcamping.no/sjoormen.html>

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