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Frozen boa constrictor found

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MIDDLETOWN Four workers clearing debris along the Great Miami River in southwest Ohio found a frozen 8-foot boa constrictor Monday morning.

"We never expected this to happen," said Chris Miller, who was working with other McGraw-Kokosing workers. "We've been entertaining ourselves. It's been a lot of fun, really."

The snake was stretched out when found near a bike path along the river.

"It's very unusual," Miller said. "It'd be like finding an alligator down here."

Boas generally don't coil when cold, said Niki Treadway, a saleswoman at Jacks Aquarium & Pets in Middletown.

Snakes also are unable to generate their own body heat and survive by taking heat from external sources, such as the sun or rocks.

In November, an 8-foot Colombian red-tail boa worth \$2,000 was stolen, along with two other snakes, from a Middletown tattoo parlor. But owner Edward Morris said the snakes had been returned.



AP John Agliata, Middletown Journal

SURPRISING FIND Construction worker Ron Newman displays an 8-foot boa constrictor snake he found frozen near the Great Miami River bike path Monday morning in Middletown, Ohio.