



## UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT REVEALS NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN CREATURE FEATURED IN ALL-NEW EXPERIENCE, HAGRID'S MAGICAL CREATURES MOTORBIKE ADVENTURE

For the First Time Ever, the “Blast-Ended Skrewt” Will Be Brought to Life Specially For the Epic New Addition to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter

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**Orlando, Fla. (April 19, 2019)** – Today, Universal Orlando Resort revealed a never-before-seen magical creature that guests will encounter in Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure – the epic new addition to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, opening June 13.

Known as the “**Blast-Ended Skrewt**,” this unique creature will be one of the most life-like animated figures Universal Orlando has ever created and was brought to life for the first time ever for this new adventure. Described as a cross between a giant scorpion and an elongated crab, this creature was created by Hagrid – one of the most beloved characters in the *Harry Potter* films and the guide of this new experience. During their journey, guests will come face-to-face (or face-to-rear) for the first time ever with the “Blast-Ended Skrewt” and its dangerous ‘blasting end.’ Here’s some fast facts about what you can expect from this rare magical creature:

- Fire ignites from its ‘blasting-end’ – so be cautious
- Measures eight ft. long, features a ten-foot tall tail with a massive stinger and weighs more than 6,000 pounds
- Produces a very powerful and signature odor created specifically for this distinctive creature
- Blast-Ended Skrewts were first introduced in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, and were also mentioned in *Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix* and *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*

Guests will also encounter other rare magical creatures along their journey, including a majestic Centaur, a swarm of mischievous Cornish pixies, Fluffy, the three-headed dog and more. For more information on the Blast-Ended Skrewt and other creatures guests will meet on Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure, visit the [Universal Orlando Blog](#).

When it opens on June 13, 2019, Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure will join the lineup of award-winning entertainment experiences in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando Resort and bring an all-new adventure inspired by J.K. Rowling's beloved stories to life. Guests will join Hagrid's Care of Magical Creatures class and fly deep into the Forbidden Forest aboard magical motorbikes to brave the mysteries and thrills beyond the grounds of Hogwarts castle to find some of the wizarding world's rarest magical creatures. Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure will be located in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter – Hogsmeade at Universal's Islands of Adventure. For more information on this new experience, visit [www.UniversalOrlando.com](http://www.UniversalOrlando.com).

### **About Wizarding World**

More than two decades ago, a young Harry Potter was whisked onto Platform 9 3/4 at King's Cross Station, and readers everywhere were swept along with him into a magical universe, created by J.K. Rowling. In the years since, the seven Harry Potter bestsellers have inspired eight blockbuster movies, an award-winning stage play, and, more recently, the start of the Fantastic Beasts five-film series. People of all ages have been enthralled by these extraordinary adventures, set within an expanding universe, inspired by the vision of J.K. Rowling.

For today's growing worldwide fan community, and for generations to come, the Wizarding World welcomes everyone to explore more of this magical universe — past, present and future. The Wizarding World also provides fans with an instant, trusted kite-mark of quality and authenticity.

### **About Universal Orlando Resort**

Universal Orlando Resort is a unique vacation destination that is part of the NBCUniversal Comcast family. For more than 25 years, Universal Orlando has been creating epic vacations for the entire family – incredible experiences that place guests in the heart of powerful stories and adventures.

Universal Orlando's three theme parks, Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal's Volcano Bay, are home to some of the world's most exciting and innovative theme park experiences – including The Wizarding World of Harry Potter – Hogsmeade and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter – Diagon Alley. Universal Orlando's hotels are destinations unto themselves and include Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, the Hard Rock Hotel, Loews Royal Pacific Resort, Loews Sapphire Falls Resort, Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort, and Universal's Aventura Hotel. Its entertainment complex, Universal CityWalk, offers immersive dining and entertainment for every member of the family.

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