

Information from the Fairy Handbook

Trolls

Trolls are magical creatures about four feet high and almost as wide. They have eight fingers and eight toes, and live mainly in dens and caves in the woods. Trolls sleep during the day. If they get caught in the sunlight, they will turn to stone. Trolls like to pile and stack things such as leaves, stones, acorns, and branches. They are easily confused and have poor memories, often requiring constant reminders. Trolls love to search for toadstool rings. Some trolls have more than one head.

Troll Favorite Foods

The trolls' favorite foods are raisins (especially golden raisins), pumpkins (especially pumpkin cookies), and marshmallows. But in making the pumpkin cookies, they often forget ingredients so the cookies are not very good and may not even resemble pumpkin cookies by the time they are baked. All trolls have a raisin pocket. We do not know why trolls like raisins: It's just one of those things, like fairies and lemon jellybeans. But we do know why they like pumpkins and marshmallows. Trolls do all of their planting at night, since they can't be out in the sunlight. Pumpkins grow better when they are planted at night, so trolls are considered expert pumpkin growers. The reason trolls like marshmallows is because marshmallows resemble daytime clouds. The trolls like to imagine that the fluffy white marshmallows are the clouds they cannot go out and look at.

Troll Harvest Fair

Trolls hold a yearly harvest fair that is very much like a county fair. The celebration includes many games and contests centered around some of the trolls' favorite activities such as growing prize vegetables, canning, baking; and stacking, piling, and sorting things.

Troll Quarter-Moon Parties

Trolls love to have parties, and quarter-moon parties are the kinds of parties trolls love best because the moon is at its most perfect smile during that point in the cycle. Also, trolls prefer quarter-moons because they are much less bright than half and full moons; and trolls like things kind of dark.

Fancy-Wig-Peanut-Dolls

This is what Mr. Keen (the brilliant troll) calls the tiny troll dolls with brightly colored hair. Since troll children have difficulty understanding that the dolls are supposed to resemble trolls, Mr. Keen decided to give the dolls a different name. The name *Fancy-Wig-Peanut-Dolls* is something troll youngsters can understand. Troll children love the dolls. They consider them treasures and are very careful with them.

Troll Butterflies

Each as large as a newspaper when it is completely unfolded, troll butterflies are rare. They are covered with bushy blond fur that glows in the darkness; and like trolls, troll butterflies must avoid sunlight or they will turn to stone. Troll butterflies also enjoy eating pumpkins, marshmallows, and raisins, which are traditional troll favorites.