

DON'T WAKE THE TROLLS!

In Scandinavian forests, moss-covered stones and trees were the source of myths and stories about trolls. A lot of people from Wisconsin and the Midwest can trace their ancestry back to Scandinavia, so trolls still hold a special place in our local lore.

The hills and woodlands around River Prairie resemble the Scandinavian landscape in many ways and a rumor is going around that trolls live here as well. If you use your imagination when looking at these sculptures, you may even be able to see one for yourself.

Legend has it that trolls are derived from the ice and fire giants of ancient times. They are said to be monkey-like, smelly creatures with long noses and ears, and eyes that glow like burning coals in the darkness. However, trolls can disguise themselves as anyone and can even look pretty.

Trolls are crazy for shiny stuff that glimmers and they collect treasures in the hills and along the rivers where they live. In Scandinavia, trolls usually live inside mountains, but here in Wisconsin most trolls live inside big trees and rocks. When trolls come in contact with sunlight or encounter humans, they become petrified, turning themselves into stone.

If you touch your hands to just the right places on these rocks, you might just awaken the trolls within! But, BE CAREFUL, because the more hands that touch the stone faces, the grumpier the trolls become--see for yourself!



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