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## TRIO OF TROLLS SIGHTED NEAR SUMMIT

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A small team of witches and wizards had their research trip cut short after claiming to have seen three large trolls in the local mountainous region yesterday evening.

Members of the group, who were taking part in a specialist research expedition, told our reporters that they witnessed the trolls close to the summit of the tallest mountain. The group managed to narrowly avoid a confrontation by seeking refuge in a nearby cave.

Professor Lily Fenrin, leader of the research group, remarked, "We saw large footprints as we ascended the muddy pathway but were rather taken aback to see three of the huge beasts as we rounded the corner." She went on to state that she alerted the rest of her party, who were a few metres behind, before hearing a loud grunt and seeing one of the trolls move towards her.

Professor Archibald Drake was slightly further behind and reported seeing Fenrin and other members of the group rushing downhill towards him. "At that point, I didn't know what had happened until I caught sight of — what looked like — a mountain troll lolloping down the path towards us."

Drake then described how the team were able to secure a safe space inside



**Mountain trolls can grow to around 12 feet tall.**

a cave, which was concealed behind some rocks: "We waited in there for around half an hour; we wanted to be sure that the beasts were no longer in the vicinity before vacating the cave."

The creatures are believed to have been mountain trolls and are the largest of their breed. Wizards' Weekly have spoken to troll expert, Professor Miandra Greenock, who states that, "While mountainous terrain is the natural habitat of these trolls, it is rare to see more than one of the beasts in the same locality." She believes that the trolls, who are usually solitary creatures, may have been part of a family group.

Authorities are asking members of the public to remain vigilant while visiting the area and are advising hikers to stay near the foothills of the mountain until further notice.