



National Hobbit Day is Coming!??

Hobbit Day and Tolkien Week first began in 1978 by proclamation of the American Tolkien society, whose goal is to further the study and spread the appreciation of works of JRR Tolkien.

September 22 is designated as Hobbit Day because it is the birthdate of two of JRR Tolkien's main character—Bilbo Baggins and Frodo Baggins. Bilbo was the protagonist of Tolkien's hugely popular 1937 children's novel, *The Hobbit*. Frodo was the main character in the LOTR (*Lord Of The Rings*) trilogy.

I have never read the LOTR but have seen most of the movies since hubby and kids read the books. So, like some of you, I am not sure how to "celebrate" this particular day. So, here are some suggestions I found in my research:

- Host parties & feasts like the ones held in the books.
- Don't wear shoes on this day because the hobbits in the books are always barefooted.
- Attend marathon viewing sessions of the movie version of the books and participate in Hobbit & LOTR quizzes.

Ok, I'm still lost and am going to need a *little* more information. How about some basics.

What is a Hobbit? A race of imaginary creatures related to & resembling humans, characterized by their good nature, diminutive size & hairy feet. They are very short (averaging 3'6"). Their hair is usually thick, curly, & comes most often in shades of brown & blonde. They never wear shoes because they have developed thick leathery soles on hairy feet. They like for their clothes to be in bright, earthy colors. Their favorites are green and yellow.

Where do Hobbits live? They live in *The Shire* in an imaginary place called Middle-earth in underground homes built into the side of hills called Hobbit holes. The homes have round wooden doors and a full larder as they take special pleasure in eating and growing things.

How often do Hobbits eat? Their meals include: breakfast, second breakfast, luncheon, afternoon tea, dinner, and supper with many snacks in between.

What else do Hobbits do? They often smoke pipe weed from a wooden pipe. They like to drink a lot and the most popular bar in the Shire is the **Green Dragon** where Hobbits like to drink, dance, and just be hobbits after a long day's work. They usually detest adventure, but the LOTR proves that there are some exceptions. Naps and hot baths are two other things that Hobbits greatly enjoy.

Now for the important stuff...

The Week of Sept. 19-25 is:

- Hummingbird Celebration Week
- National Ballroom Dance Week
- Clean Up the World Weekend
- Farm Animal Awareness Week
- International Clean Hands Week
- International Go-Kart Week
- Farm & Ranch Safety Week
- Indoor Plant Week
- Tolkien Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

- 19th**-Talk Like a Pirate Day
Wife Appreciation Day
- 20th**-National Fried Rice Day
National String Cheese Day
- 21st**-Get Ready Day
IT Professionals Day
National Dance Day
- 22nd**-Car Free Day
Chainmail Day
Dear Diary Day
Elephant Appreciation Day
Hobbit Day
Ice Cream Cone Day
White Chocolate Day
Remote Employee Day

23rd-Checkers Day

- Sign Language Day
- American Pot Pie Day

24th-Bluebird of Happiness Day

- Hug a Vegetarian Day
- Native American Day
- Robin Hood Day

25th-Fish Amnesty Day

- International Rabbit Day
- Math Story Telling Day
- Ghost Hunting Day
- National Hunting & Fishing Day
- National Lobster Day
- National One-Hit Wonder Day
- National Quesadilla Day
- Save the Koala Day
- Save Your Photos Day

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

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A Hobbit Hole (House)