

# Groundhog Day

Today's a big day in PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pennsylvania. About 7:30 this morning (ET) Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his winter's nap at a place called Gobbler's Knob and—communicating in his native language, groundhogese, a language understood only by the local Groundhog Club president—Phil reported that he couldn't find his shadow, heralding an early spring. (In fact, he was looking for a mate.)

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### Groundhog Day results 2020: No shadow! Phil predicts early spring is coming

– USAtoday (2 February 2020)



[Wikipedia](#)

**The groundhogese interpreter also reported that  
Phil thinks we should pay more attention to  
Greta Thunberg.**

[Greta Thunberg on FaceBook](#)

**The Groundhog Day celebration is rooted in a German superstition that says if a hibernating animal casts a shadow on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, winter will last another six weeks.**

If no shadow is seen, legend says, spring will come early.” Thousands show up for the event each year in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania (and other places around the country).

Others point out that the February 2<sup>nd</sup> tradition predicting the arrival of spring actually predates any groundhog link, stretching back to the ancient Christian holiday of Candlemas. According to an old English rhyme:

“If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another flight;  
But if it be dark with clouds and rain,  
Winter is gone, and will not come again.”

David Maxwell/European Pressphoto Agency

**You can eat groundhog. . . .**

[Groundhog Recipes -- Tastes Like Chicken!](#)

Braised Groundhog Recipe -- Food Republic

A Groundhog Stew -- Forager Chef

Groundhog Day Recipes: Don't Forget To Remove The Scent Glands

How to Clean and Skin a Groundhog (Woodchuck)

Groundhog recipes for Groundhog revenge

People of German heritage in Western Pennsylvania (“Pennsylvania Dutch”—who are actually German—celebrate with *Fersommling*, festive gatherings at which only German is spoken (people speaking English at the events must pay a modest fine).

Phil's official forecast is officially predicted on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at sunrise at Gobbler's Knob

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Past predictions

**In 2013 Ohio prosecutors ‘indicted’ Punxsutawney Phil over early spring forecast, seek death penalty**

"In 2013, Phil issued a forecast for an early spring, but bitter cold and snow gripped the eastern U.S. into March that year. The prosecuting attorney in Butler County, Ohio went as

far as to seek the death penalty for Phil for “misrepresentation of early spring” before a Pennsylvania law firm came to Phil’s defense, claiming the Ohio attorney had no jurisdiction to prosecute the Groundhog.” -- The Washing Post, 02 February 2015

[Punxsutawney Phil: The Groundhog Behind the Myth](#)

-- [Live Science](#) (01 February 2010)

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-- [Wikipedia](#)

**Enjoy the Super Bowl.**

Best Regards,

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