

## Groundhog Day • February

### What Happens at Gobbler's Knob on February 27

In the very early hours of February 27, a viewing terrace 5 ft and 6 in. in the gully to "the knob" are covered in lights to guide the sea of feet down the hill. In the past, the lights have been on for several days around the Punxsutawney Club building. Now, they are on for the night of the event. The lights are on for the night of the event. The lights are on for the night of the event.

At 7 a.m., the Inner Circle, led by President, begins the ceremonial "Feed to Gobbler's Knob." Once the men are gathered around Punxsutawney Phil during the president's feed, the men are gathered around Punxsutawney Phil during the president's feed. The men are gathered around Punxsutawney Phil during the president's feed.

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**100% Phil's Accuracy is Legendary**

Metemorphosis around the globe are amazed that Phil has retained his record of 100% accuracy for more than 120 years. Despite the gawking of some experts, no one has been able to discount the precision of the Phil's legendary forecasts. Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow and predicted as more weeks of winter. 14 times more often than he has not seen his shadow, thus forecasting an early spring. There were nine days that they predicted winter was not required for unknown reasons.



### The Guys in the Top Hats: Punxsutawney Phil's Caretakers

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The Inner Circle is one of the most recent traditions of the holiday. It was started under Groundhog Club president Sam Light in the early 1950s. Light set that when dealing with Phil, such as Punxsutawney Phil, the Gobbler was a sign of respect. The top hat has now become a much-recognized symbol of Groundhog Day.

**Why Is It Called GOBBLER'S KNOB?**

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## Welcome To Gobbler's Knob!

This is the site where—on Groundhog Day, February 2—Punxsutawney Phil makes his prediction of the length of winter: Will it be six more weeks of cold and snow or is spring just around the corner?

### How Did Groundhog Day Get Started?

As the story goes, back in 1886, a group of men from Punxsutawney gathered each summer for a groundhog hunt. For some reason—perhaps it was the thought of a long winter without much to do—the hunt was replaced with a winter event based on the European tradition of Candlemas Day, which is February 2. According to tradition, the weather conditions on that day—the midway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox—could indicate how much longer winter weather would last, a forecast that was helpful for farmers.

In Germany, the forecasting on Candlemas Day was left to a hedgerow, an animal similar to a groundhog. It was believed that if the animal came out of its burrow on that day and saw its shadow, it would be frightened and run back underground for six more weeks. If not, the hedgerow, being no shadow, it was time to start above ground for spring and snow. The folklore was passed on and grew.

If Candlemas Day be sunny and bright,  
Winter will have another flight.  
If Candlemas Day be showery and rainy,  
Winter is gone and will not come again.

The men of Punxsutawney thought America could have a groundhog with a groundhog performing the forecasting duties. Thus, Groundhog Day was born. Obviously, the first time to Gobbler's Knob for the Punxsutawney groundhog's prediction was held in 1887.

The morning of black kumquat and top hat by the men of the Inner Circle is one of the most recent traditions of the holiday. It was started under Groundhog Club president Sam Light in the early 1950s. Light set that when dealing with Phil, such as Punxsutawney Phil, the Gobbler was a sign of respect. The top hat has now become a much-recognized symbol of Groundhog Day.

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### Punxsutawney Phil, The World's Oldest Living Celebrity

According to the legends of Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil has been doing his job for more than 120 years. He is the oldest living groundhog in the world. He is the oldest living groundhog in the world. He is the oldest living groundhog in the world.

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## Things to See & Do in Punxsutawney

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### Some other area attractions to see during your visit

- Punxsutawney Area History Museum** is the home of the Punxsutawney Club. It is the home of the Punxsutawney Club. It is the home of the Punxsutawney Club. It is the home of the Punxsutawney Club. It is the home of the Punxsutawney Club.
- Punxsutawney Weather Discovery Center** is a fun way to learn about the history and science of weather. It is a fun way to learn about the history and science of weather. It is a fun way to learn about the history and science of weather. It is a fun way to learn about the history and science of weather. It is a fun way to learn about the history and science of weather.
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