

Spring Bucket List: 15 Ways to Make the Most of the Season

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These 15 springtime activities belong on every spring bucket list! Here's how to enjoy spring so you can shift into the slow lane and live intentionally in the season.

I love every season, but spring is the most fun to watch. Every day there's some new progression, some new accessory of leaf or flower, as all of creation responds to beckoning sunshine and warming winds.

How can we stand not to answer this call, too? Spring is ephemeral; if we hesitate to embrace it, the world will turn beneath our feet and we'll stumble into summer before we know it.

Sure, we're busy. This is the time of year we make a mad, overscheduled dash toward June, checking off school commitments and planning the calendar for the next season already. **But it *doesn't* take a massive, all-or-nothing commitment in order to enjoy spring.** It just takes a reasonable measure of intentionality, of slowing down to savor each day—and maybe making a few larger efforts to enjoy a bucket list activity or two.

If you want to savor springtime, start by noticing the small changes that happen every day in nature. Focus on doing outdoor activities that will be harder to enjoy when the temperature heats up. Freshen up your home—and yourself—and bloom where you're planted!

15 Spring Bucket List Ideas That Will Make You Live Intentionally This Season

1. Eat outdoors as much as possible

Make eating outdoors a regular habit for at least one daily meal...or all three, if temperatures permit! When you eat outside on your porch or lawn you might only be a few steps away from your normal dining

table, **yet the atmosphere of the meal changes entirely!** I always feel tensions and frustrations melt away when I'm dining al fresco. If you don't have "proper" patio furniture, do it anyway. Spread a blanket on the ground. Eat with your back against the front door. Just be outside!

2. Go tent camping

Spring can be the perfect time to tent camp, particularly if your part of the world gets uncomfortably hot in summer. I live in Alabama, so that's definitely the case for me. Head somewhere nearby if you only have a weekend to spend, and enjoy the lengthening days.

3. Eat produce in season

By eating seasonally, you'll save money and enjoy fruits and vegetables that are tailor-made for spring! Think of fresh, delicate produce like lettuce, peas, artichokes, strawberries, and rhubarb.

4. Scope out all the parks and nature preserves near you

There may be more nearby than you think! We moved here two years ago, and I was happy to discover several parks by driving past them or via word of mouth. But when I recently Googled "parks near me" I was surprised to see many more locations come up that I wasn't even aware of! **Spring is a prime time for scoping out these places, so you have an arsenal of go-to spots for any circumstance.** For instance, find a place you can go for a long walk, somewhere you can play when you need shade, a spot for a big family gathering, etc.

5. Check out nature field guides on regional birds and flowers

Go to the library and get a few illustrated field guides so you can observe the birds, flowers, and trees in your area as they get more active.

6. Declutter your house

I relish the decluttering bug that always seems to hit when the seasons shift.

7. Visit the farmer's market

Many states have farmer's markets that are open year round, but spring is definitely a good time to go, while the weather is nice. If you're not a regular, **don't go with the expectation or stress that you have to hound out the best price.** Instead, set aside a little budget that you can feel free to spend on whatever catches your fancy.

8. Spring clean your home

Maybe it's nesting instinct, but I am itching to deep clean our home this year! If the quickening weather of spring motivates you, capitalize on that! Throw open the windows, sip a smoothie, and enjoy sprucing up your haven!

9. Work on outdoor or peripheral home projects

Give some attention to areas that won't be as pleasant to work in once summer sets in. For instance, clear out your back yard or shed, or do an attic or garage project.

10. Take a walk while it's raining

Do you get grey, rainy spring showers? As long as there's no lightning, why not embrace those days and go for a walk, wetness and all! If you have kids, they'll also *love* an opportunity to splash in the yard on a rainy day. It tires them out for naptime, too.

11. Go to the zoo

This is the perfect time of the year to schedule a zoo visit. You'll feel more energetic since it's not muggy outside, and so will the animals. See if the zoo has a discount day, or better yet, see if you can check out a day pass from your library.

12. Line dry your laundry

Here's yet another excuse to get outside: use a clothesline! You can shave money off your energy bill, and enjoy the scent and look of clothes on the line.

13. Plant something

Even if you are not a dedicated gardener, you'll love the intentionality and participation of helping something grow. Earth Day is April 22, so that might be a fun time to schedule your planting.

14. Read a book outside

I love my fireside reading in wintertime, but when the world blooms I want to spend part of every day outside with a book!

15. Explore downtown on foot

Get to know your city better by walking it. Pick a few sites or parks that are within walking distance of each other, or just meander and see what you discover. You can also check your city's website to see if there's any festivals or art shows going on.