

The Meaning of Spring

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Spring can mean different things to different people. The world revives after the cold winter months. Sleeping plants begin to grow during Spring and new seedlings sprout on the ground. Animals also awaken after sleeping all winter.

There are two equinoxes each calendar year: March 22nd and September 22nd. Equinox occurs around March 22nd in the Northern Hemisphere and September 22nd in the Southern Hemisphere. Spring is the period between the spring equinox and the summer solstice.

Animals that hibernate in winter come out of their dens, many travel to warmer places. Many animals give birth in the spring. Some change color to blend in with their surroundings.

The increased rainfall may bring flooding concerns as melting snow overwhelms rivers. Spring can also fuel storms, as warm air collides with cool air.

The first true sign of spring is the presence of tree buds. Flowers of different shapes, sizes, and forms come with distinct and individual protection. These buds remain close throughout the winter, surviving the cold, until it is time to come alive in spring, making a vibrant emergence.