



Fun Facts About February!



When you think of February, the first thing that comes to mind is Valentine's Day, followed by dead Presidents and winter storms. Oddly enough, even though it's just another period on the calendar, there's a lot more to this month of romance and love than meets the eye!

So without further ado, here are some fun and interesting facts about February, and how it came to be the shortest month.

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Why is February Only 28 Days?

There's a rumor that the reason why February is the shortest month is because Roman king Augustus Caesar stole a day from February to add to the month named after him — August. However, the real reason February is shorter begins with the fact that the first calendar was only 10 months long. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar to align with the lunar cycle, he needed to add two more months for the math to work out. February—the last month added—was assigned 28 days (and 29 days every fourth year) so the total would add up to 365 days.e.

Where Does "February" Come From?

The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum" which means purification. February was named after a purification ritual, which in early Rome consisted of a spring cleaning festival.

Where's My Full Moon?

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

Leaping Leaplings!

The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day are called "leaplings."

Start Off on the Right Foot!

February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.

Topsy Turvy!

In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. But in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. Between the North and South Hemispheres, February is the equivalent of August.

Spell This!

Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release.

Black History Month -- How it Began!

February has been Black History Month for over 40 years. It began as "Negro History Week," created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

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COVID-Friendly Valentines Ideas



Even during the best of times, Valentine's Day can feel a little...pressured. And this year, with us all quarantined, there's a whole new layer to planning. If you're dating or in a relationship, and Valentine's Day is something special to you, here are some ideas to celebrate the holiday without going to your favorite romantic restaurant.

1. Create your own Happy Hour.

Who needs a bar experience when wine and liquor stores exist? Splurge on something you've been wanting to try or buy something you miss. This might be a night for 18-year-old Scotch, or a perfectly aged red.

2. Have a Spa Experience.

We may not be booking massages like before, but that doesn't mean you can't massage each other. Get the oil ready, dim the lights, hit your romance playlist, and let your fingers do the walking!

3. Take a Long Drive.

Fill up your gas tank, pack snacks and (non-alcoholic) drinks, and ride around your local area. Stop at a secluded area like a park or favorite hangout. If the weather allows, enjoy some time outside.

4. Channel your First Date.

Do you remember when you first looked into each other's eyes? Recreate that moment, and modify it if needed. For instance, if you went out to eat in your neighborhood, schedule delivery or carryout from that restaurant (or a similar one). If you went for a walk in the park, well, get going!

5. Dance it Out.

Show off your best moves, or learn some new ones via YouTube tutorials. Or scroll through TikTok to try out trendy dances together.



Fun Days To Celebrate in February

- February 1 National Dark Chocolate Day
- February 2 National Ukulele Day
- February 3 National Women Physicians Day
- February 6 National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- February 8 National Boy Scout Day
- February 10 National Umbrella Day
- February 11 National Clean Out Your Computer Day
- February 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 15 Singles Awareness Day
- February 17 Random Act of Kindness Day
- February 20 National Love Your Pet Day
- February 24 National Tortilla Chip Day
- February 28 National Chocolate Souffle Day

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