

# **THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING**

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If there's anything I've learned over the years in the **Hoosier state**, it's that the first day of spring and the **first Spring day** are not one in the same. In fact, they have little to do with each other at all.

The first day of spring may exhibit the same characteristics as the **last day of winter** – chilly, blustery, maybe with a bit of rain or snow thrown in. The first day of spring is a calendar event some ancient folks – who spent too much time looking at the **sun** – thought up.

But the first Spring day appears without a care for the **calendar**. Occurring anywhere from late **February** to the end of **March**, no one can easily predict it, yet everyone knows when it has arrived. You can tell by the warm sun, a few wispy clouds against a stunning blue sky, maybe a bit of a breeze and **millions of smiles**. The appearance is always accompanied by gleeful shouts of “Love this weather” or “Man, I gotta get outside!”

**The first day of Spring makes life worth living.**

*"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."*

**Henry Van Dyke – American author**



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