

National Do Nothing Day
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This un-event, first observed in 1973, was created to provide Americans with one national day when they could just sit without celebrating, observing, or honoring anything. My question is, are we actually suppose to celebrate, or by celebrating would we be doing something and defeating the whole purpose of a holiday for doing nothing? Whatever, we'll have to wait for January 16 to do it (or not do it!)

If you like food and holidays (who doesn't?), you're in luck. There's a national day set for just about every favorite food there is. You may have missed National Ice Cream Day (July 17), when we had the chance to eat all the ice cream we wanted without apologies, but National Apple Dumpling Day (September 17) and National Cheeseburger Day and National Rice Krispies Treats Day (September 18) are coming. (And National Homemade Cookie Day is October 1!)

But life is more about food. National Collect Rocks Day (September 16) is upon us. Collect them from the beach, the woods, your neighbors' yard. (they don't need them anyway.) Then get ready because next is Figure Out What To Do With A Big Heap Of Rocks Day.

On a more serious note, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed this year on September 16. Many Americans use the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

Sunday, September 18 is National Back to Church Day. Thousands of churches will open their doors and welcome everyone who would like to rediscover church. This is not just to fill seats, but to share faith and fellowship and an encounter with the living Lord.

Most are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited, and most who drop out of church haven't lost their faith in God, they simply fell out of the habit of churchgoing. This day is a special challenge to church members to come and invite others to share in a worship experience. September 28 is National Ask A Stupid Question Day. If not for a chance to get all of our stupid questions out of the way, no one would have ever asked, "Do you think we can have a National Answer Your Cat's Questions Day?" (January 22) And see how well that turned out for all of us? So go ahead, let loose with all of those questions you've been too embarrassed to ask.

And don't miss National Bathtub Day on October 7. Rub-a-dub-dub! Hop in the tub!