

## SABBATS

(Approximate dates)

- 31 October:** Samhain
- 21 December:** Winter Solstice/Yule
- 2 February:** Imbolc
- 21 March:** Spring Equinox/Ostara
- 1 May:** Beltane
- 21 June:** Summer Solstice/Litha
- 2 August:** Lughnasadh
- 21 September:** Autumn Equinox/Mabon

The Sabbats are the eight High Holidays identified to worship and revere the relationship between the sun and the earth, which are comprised of four solar holidays (solstices and equinoxes) and four agricultural holidays. The Sabbats tell the story of the dance of the Goddess and the God as they dance through the changing seasons of the year.

## ESBATS

(Full Moon)

- Dec 23—Jan 19:** Birch
- Jan 20—Feb 16:** Rowan
- Feb 17—Mar 16:** Ash
- Mar 17—Apr 13:** Alder
- Apr 14—May 11:** Willow
- May 12—Jun 8:** Hawthorn
- Jun 9—Jul 6:** Oak
- Jul 7—Aug 3:** Holly
- Aug 4—Aug 31:** Hazel
- Sep 1—Sep 28:** Blackberry
- Sep 29—Oct 26:** Ivy
- Oct 27—Nov 24:** Reed
- Nov 25—Dec 21:** Elder
- Dec 22:** Mistletoe

The Esbats are the 13 moon cycles identified to worship and revere the relationship between the moon and the earth throughout the course of the year. The Esbats are often used for personal or group spiritual work for healing, growth, and development.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Here is a resource that you may use access to learn more about Greencraft™ Wicca:

Sacred Well Congregation:

[www.sacredwell.org](http://www.sacredwell.org)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT OTHER FORMS OF PAGANISM?

For additional resources on other forms of Wicca, Paganism, and other Nature-Centered spiritual traditions, you may access the following resources:

The Pagan Federation:

[www.paganfed.org/](http://www.paganfed.org/)

Cherry Hill Seminary:

[www.cherryhillseminary.org/](http://www.cherryhillseminary.org/)

The Asatru Community (Norse/Heathen):

[www.theasatrucommunity.com](http://www.theasatrucommunity.com)

Order of Bards, Ovats, and Druids (Druid):

[www.druidry.org](http://www.druidry.org)

Hellenion (Greek):

[www.hellenion.org](http://www.hellenion.org)

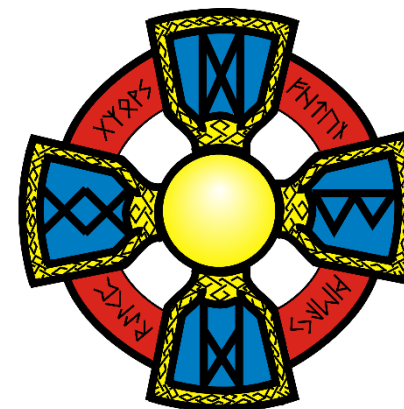
Kemetic (Egyptian):

[www.kemet.org](http://www.kemet.org)



# What is Greencraft™ Wicca?

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## WHAT IS GREENCRAFT™ WICCA...

- Greencraft™ Wicca is an experiential religion that recognizes the divine masculine and divine feminine in nature and in the world around us.
- Greencraft™ Wicca is an initiatory mystery tradition that incorporates four degrees in its training and is one branch of many commonly referred to as Traditional Craft Wicca (TCW).
- Greencraft™ Wicca is a branch of TCW that is an offshoot of Alexandrian Wicca.
- Greencraft™ Wicca is organized in groups of varying sizes in various countries. These groups are known as Covens and gather on full moons (Esbats) and the High Holidays (Sabbats) to recognize and celebrate the changing of the seasons.
- Greencraft™ Wicca strives to connect deeply with nature through the incorporation of the Celtic tree calendar, tree walks, and reverence for the tree of life.
- Greencraft™ Wicca is rooted in the recognition of Celtic and Germanic deities. However, it does not discriminate against the recognition and practices related to other deities or pantheons of deities.
- Greencraft™ Wicca holds an annual convention in Europe open to all initiated members to gather, socialize, celebrate, and engage in workshops together.
- Greencraft™ Wicca is closely related to Sacred Well Congregation (SWC), serving as the path followed by the senior leadership of SWC. While SWC provides the space for public services for Nature-Centered beliefs and practices, Greencraft™ Wicca provides the space for tradition-specific services.

## WHAT WE DO...

Greencraft™ Wicca is a branch of Traditional Craft Wicca which traces their practices to earlier groups, holding the following characteristics:

- Coven based groups, that impart training and workings within the coven setting or individually.
- Initiatory and oathbound in their teaching and workings of the tradition of Greencraft™ Wicca. Individuals who desire to join the Greencraft™ Wicca tradition undergo training through a teaching coven, and initiation through three degrees, requiring an oath to only reveal tradition-specific secrets to others within the Greencraft™ Wicca tradition.
- Greencraft™ Wicca is organized around a group of priests and priestesses who come together as a group or as an individual to practice witchcraft and magic, as well as honor the gods, goddesses, spirits, ancestors, and other entities.

Greencraft™ Wiccan practices:

- Use a shared form to structure and guide individual and group ritual practices based on Western hermetic magical traditions (the use of the classical four elements, a ritually cast circle, and a set of specific tools representing magical, cosmological, and psychological meanings).
- Embrace the concept of magic (the art and science of conforming will to action) as a force of change in ourselves and the world around us.
- Recognize the presentation of gods, goddesses, spirits, ancestors, and other entities as manifestations, archetypes, and narrative

representations for the purposes of worship and magical practice. At times, these representations are the focus of reverence and worship, while at other times they are recognized as patrons or sought to aid the magical workings of the practitioner.

Addressing biases and assumptions:

- Wicca is only one of many traditions that engage in the practice of Witchcraft.
- Witchcraft in various forms has been present throughout human history, in almost every culture.
- Witchcraft can be both theistic and nontheistic.
- Each Nature-Centered spiritual tradition has a different organizational structure. Witchcraft is often separated into solitary, covens, study groups, and open circles.
- Generalizations and absolutes do not represent the traditions or their practitioners well.
- Not all Nature-Centered Spiritual Practitioners or Pagans identify Wiccan.

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