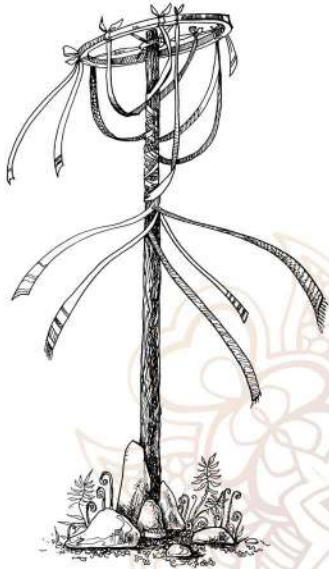


# Beltane



Maypole

**Beltane is a festival of the Celtic year which announces the return of the Sun.** Its name derives from the old Irish language, meaning “bright fire”.

**When is Beltane?** Eve of May 1st in the Northern Hemisphere. Eve of November 1st in the Southern.

**The symbolism of Beltane is renewal and resurrection.** The hunt is restarted, the conquests and the wars begin again, and it is back to work for farmers and shepherds.

## Beltane Ideas

Look at the sky, the trees, flowers and plants and give thanks for all the abundance and fertility of the earth in this season.

**Beltane Spells:** Rituals to renew love and affection or attract a new love. It is traditional to light a bonfire and jump over it to attract luck and also as a symbol of fertility and abundance.

**Activities:** Make wreaths, daisy chains, flower crowns. Wear flowers as part of your outfit. Dance around a maypole. It is a symbol of fertility and the marriage of the god and goddess. Hang colorful ribbons.

## Correspondences

**Colors:** Red, yellow, orange and green.

**Food & Drinks:** Dairy, Oatmeal, Wine, Spicy foods, Sweet breads, Apples, Honey, Ice cream.

**Crystals:** Rose quartz, Emerald, Pink tourmaline, Clear quartz, Jade, Pearl.

**Herbs & Flowers:** Willow, Roses, Jasmine, Mint, Vanilla, Chrysanthemum, Grains, Daisies, Sandalwood.