

Traditional Easter Egg Games

Egg Rolling

Egg Rolling is a centuries-old Easter tradition. Traditional egg rolling involves using marbled eggs, which are wrapped in onion skins and boiled to create marbled patterns (but nowadays some organizers allow the use of eggs manufactured from hardier materials).

Traditionally, on Easter Sunday, the eggs were eaten for breakfast and surplus eggs, boiled for the purpose of rolling, were rolled down the local hill as a competition. Egg rolling still takes place throughout the UK and in other countries too, perhaps most famously, on the White House lawn in Washington, DC.

Egg and Spoon Race

Participants in the race balance an egg on a spoon and race to the finishing line. If a runner drops the egg s/he is disqualified.

Easter Egg Hunt

A fun game in which decorated eggs or chocolate eggs are hidden, supposedly by the Easter Bunny, for children to hunt for and find.

Egg Dancing

Egg Dancing is an ancient custom, nowadays rarely seen, but still practiced in parts of the UK over Easter. Brought to England by the Saxons in the 5th century, and first recorded in 1498, it involves townspeople, sometimes blindfolded, dancing around eggs laid on the ground, attempting to avoid stepping on them.

Egg Tapping

Egg Tapping, known as egg fighting, egg knocking, egg boxing, or egg jarping, just to name a few, is popular all over the world today. The game has its origins in Medieval times, where it was practiced during the Easter festival in Poland. Historically, dyed eggs were used. The game involves two people tapping their hard-boiled eggs together, each with the intention of cracking the other's egg, while keeping their own intact.

