

Wheel of the Year Study Guide for Initiates and Members  
of  
*Circulos Tenebris Matrem Arcanas*  
**Circle of the Dark and Mysterious Mother**



## Introduction

The Wheel of the Year is both a calendar of holidays and a cycle representing life, death, and rebirth. Our Tradition is adopting the Pagan Wheel of the Year because it is based on ancient traditions that map out the energetic movement of the earth through the seasons. Eight Sabbats based on the solar calendar are celebrated along with Esbats that will, in our Tradition, correspond with the new moon. While the Sabbats are more defined, the Esbats are more about what is needed energetically.

### **Eight Sabbats**

**Samhain** – 10/31 – Festival of the Dead (Spiritual New Year)

**Yule** – 12/21 – Winter Solstice – Shortest Day

**Imbolc** – 2/1 – Middle of Winter – Promise of Spring

**Ostara** – 3/21 – Spring Equinox – Return of warmth

**Beltaine** – 5/1 – Height of Spring - Fertility

**Litha** – 6-21 – Summer Solstice – Longest Day

**Lammas/Lughnasadh** – 8/1 – Fall - Harvest

**Mabon** – 9/21 - Fall Equinox - Thanksgiving

The Sabbats involve ritual, feasting, and celebration. Each has its own “personality” and can be celebrated however anyone wishes. In another study guide we will talk more about ritual, but for now, just celebrating the Holiday is enough – in whatever way one feels called.

With each Sabbat having a personality, it is also good to associate aspects of deity (Partzufim) with each. For our purposes we are associating one male and one female deity to each holiday. Feel free to take these as suggestions and use whomever you feel comfortable with for your celebration.

<b>Sabbat</b>	<b>Goddess</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>Sephirot</b>	<b>ArchAngel</b>	<b>Chakra</b>	<b>Color</b>
Samhain	Hecate	Hades	Da'ath	Metatron	Supernal	White & Black
Yule	Cerridwen	Cernunnos	Malkut	Sandalphon	Root	Red
Imbolc	Lilith	Baal	Yesod	Gavriel	Navel	Orange
Ostara	Ishtar	Tammuz	Hod	Michael	Solar Plexus	Yellow
Beltaine	Freya	Tyr	Netzach	Uriel	Heart	Green
Litha	Durga	Shiva	Tiferet	Raphael	Throat	Light Blue
Lammas	Isis	Osiris	Gevurah	Tzadkiel	Brow	Dark Blue
Mabon	Asherah	El	Hesed	Tzadkiel	Crown	Purple

At this point I feel a note of caution needs to be said... The Goddesses and Gods that we are working with are generally darker, more severe deities. This means that they are manifestations of God that promote change and introspection. If you are not doing the work of meditation and introspection, their attention can be very intense and cause physical and emotional distress. Do not begin working with the darker aspects until you have grounded yourself and prepared yourself for fast change in your life.

## Esbats

In our Tradition, Esbats will be held during the New Moon (representing the Dark Mother). These are times for ritual and fellowship that is focused more on need such as healing, development, etc. The theme for an Esbat will be decided as the Esbat approaches and not be tied to a specific movement as are Sabbats.

Date	Event	Alternate
23-Nov-18	November Full Moon 2018	Beaver or Oak Moon
7-DEC-18	DECEMBER NEW MOON 2018	MOON OF SCRYING
22-Dec-18	December Full Moon 2018	Cold or Long Night Moon
<b>Moon phases 2019</b>		
5-JAN-19	JANUARY NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE CAULDRON
21-Jan-19	January Full Moon 2019	Wolf or Storm Moon
4-FEB-19	FEBRUARY NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE CAVE
19-Feb-19	February Full Moon 2019	Snow or Ice Moon
6-MAR-19	MARCH NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE DEEP WELL
20-Mar-19	March Full Moon 2019	Worm, Crow or Seed Moon
5-APR-19	APRIL NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE SERPENT
19-Apr-19	April Full Moon 2019	Hare or Pink Moon
4-MAY-19	MAY NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE BOAR
18-May-19	May Full Moon 2019	Flower, Milk or Dyad Moon
3-JUN-19	JUNE NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE LION
17-Jun-19	June Full Moon 2019	Mead or Strawberry Moon

2-JUL-19	1ST JULY NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE SWORD
16-Jul-19	July Full Moon 2019	Wort, Hay or Buck Moon
31-JUL-19	2ND JULY NEW MOON 2019	BLACK MOON
15-Aug-19	August Full Moon 2019	Sturgeon or Barley Moon
30-AUG-19	AUGUST NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE SCYTHE
13-Sep-19	September Full Moon 2019	Corn or Harvest Moon
28-SEP-19	SEPTEMBER NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE ATHAME/ BOLINE
13-Oct-19	October Full Moon 2019	Blood or Hunter's Moon
27-OCT-19	OCTOBER NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF THE ABYSS
12-Nov-19	November Full Moon 2019	Beaver or Oak Moon
26-NOV-19	NOVEMBER NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF REFLECTION
12-Dec-19	December Full Moon 2019	Cold or Long Night Moon
26-DEC-19	DECEMBER NEW MOON 2019	MOON OF SCRYING
<b>Moon phases 2020</b>		
10-Jan-20	January Full Moon 2020	Wolf or Storm Moon
24-JAN-20	JANUARY NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE CAULDRON
9-Feb-20	February Full Moon 2020	Snow or Ice Moon
23-FEB-20	FEBRUARY NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE CAVE
9-Mar-20	March Full Moon 2020	Worm, Crow or Seed Moon

24-MAR-20	MARCH NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE DEEP WELL
7-Apr-20	April Full Moon 2020	Hare or Pink Moon
22-APR-20	APRIL NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE SERPENT
7-May-20	May Full Moon 2020	Flower, Milk or Dyad Moon
22-MAY-20	MAY NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE BOAR
5-Jun-20	June Full Moon 2020	Mead or Strawberry Moon
6/21/2020 LITHA	JUNE NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE LION
4-Jul-20	July Full Moon 2020	Wort, Hay or Buck Moon
20-JUL-20	JULY NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE SWORD
3-Aug-20	August Full Moon 2020	Sturgeon or Barley Moon
18-AUG-20	AUGUST NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE SCYTHE
2-Sep-20	September Full Moon 2020	Corn or Harvest Moon
17-SEP-20	SEPTEMBER NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE ATHAME/ BOLINE
1-Oct-20	1st October Full Moon 2020	Blood or Hunter's Moon
16-OCT-20	OCTOBER NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF THE ABYSS
10/31/2020 SAMHAIN	2nd October Full Moon 2020	Blue Moon
15-NOV-20	NOVEMBER NEW MOON 2020	MOON OF REFLECTION
30-Nov-20	November Full Moon 2020	Beaver or Oak Moon

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23-Jul-21	July Full Moon 2021	Wort, Hay or Buck Moon
8-AUG-21	AUGUST NEW MOON 2021	MOON OF THE SCYTHE
22-Aug-21	August Full Moon 2021	Sturgeon or Barley Moon

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20-Sep-21	September Full Moon 2021	Corn or Harvest Moon
6-OCT-21	OCTOBER NEW MOON 2021	MOON OF THE ABYSS
20-Oct-21	October Full Moon 2021	Blood or Hunter's Moon
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19-Nov-21	November Full Moon 2021	Beaver or Oak Moon
4-DEC-21	DECEMBER NEW MOON 2021	MOON OF SCRYING
18-Dec-21	December Full Moon 2021	Cold or Long Night Moon
<b>Moon phases 2022</b>		
2-JAN-22	JANUARY NEW MOON 2022	MOON OF THE CAULDRON
17-Jan-22	January Full Moon 2022	Wolf or Storm Moon
2/1/2022 IMBOLC	FEBRUARY NEW MOON 2022	MOON OF THE CAVE
16-Feb-22	February Full Moon 2022	Snow or Ice Moon
2-MAR-22	MARCH NEW MOON 2022	MOON OF THE DEEP WELL
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1-APR-22	1ST APRIL NEW MOON 2022	MOON OF THE SERPENT
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<b>27-AUG-22</b>	<b>AUGUST NEW MOON 2022</b>	<b>MOON OF THE SCYTHE</b>
10-Sep-22	September Full Moon 2022	Corn or Harvest Moon
<b>25-SEP-22</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER NEW MOON 2022</b>	<b>MOON OF THE ATHAME/ BOLINE</b>
9-Oct-22	October Full Moon 2022	Blood or Hunter's Moon
<b>25-OCT-22</b>	<b>OCTOBER NEW MOON 2022</b>	<b>MOON OF THE ABYSS</b>
8-Nov-22	November Full Moon 2022	Beaver or Oak Moon
<b>23-NOV-22</b>	<b>NOVEMBER NEW MOON 2022</b>	<b>MOON OF REFLECTION</b>

Remember that anything in our study guides are suggestions and every practitioner can modify as they need. This is about your personal spiritual journey and not dogma.