

# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Groundhog Day**



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## Information

Release **Title:** Groundhog Day , 7<sup>th</sup> May 1993  
(United Kingdom)

From:

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Release date: United States -2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1993  
(Dubois, Pennsylvania, premiere)

Genres: Comedy, Drama, Fantasy, Romance

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Certification: PG

Duration: 1h 41m

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Region: 2

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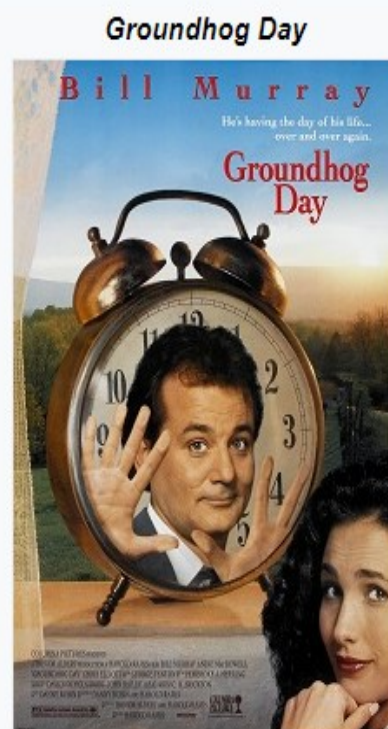
Languages: English, French, Italian

Filming locations: 344 Fremont St, Woodstock, Illinois, USA  
(Bed & Breakfast)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital, Dolby Atmos

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by [Harold Ramis](#)

Screenplay by [Danny Rubin](#)  
[Harold Ramis](#)

Story by [Danny Rubin](#)

Produced by [Trevor Albert](#)  
[Harold Ramis](#)

Starring [Bill Murray](#)  
[Andie MacDowell](#)  
[Chris Elliott](#)

Cinematography [John Bailey](#)

Edited by [Pembroke J. Herring](#)

Music by [George Fenton](#)

Distributed by [Columbia Pictures](#)

Release dates [February 4, 1993 \(Fox Village Theatre\)](#)  
[February 12, 1993](#)

Running time [101 minutes](#)

Country [United States](#)

Language [English](#)

Budget [\\$14.6–30 million](#)

Box office [\\$105 million](#)

## Storyline

On February 1, television weatherman Phil Connors reassures his Pittsburgh viewers that an approaching blizzard will miss Western Pennsylvania. Alongside his new producer Rita Hanson and cameraman Larry, Phil travels to Punxsutawney for his annual coverage of the Groundhog Day festivities. He makes no secret of his contempt for the assignment, the small town, and the "hicks" who live there, asserting that he will soon be leaving his station for a new job.

On February 2, Phil awakens in the Cherry Street Inn to Sonny & Cher's "I Got You Babe" playing on the clock radio. He gives a half-hearted report on the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil and the festivities. Contrary to his prediction, the blizzard strikes the area, preventing all travel out of Punxsutawney, and although he desperately searches for a way to leave, he is forced to spend the night in the town.

The next morning, Phil wakes once more to "I Got You Babe" and the same DJ banter on the radio in his room at the Cherry Street Inn. Phil experiences the previous day's events repeating exactly and believes he is experiencing *déjà vu*. He again unsuccessfully attempts to leave the town and retires to bed. When he awakes, it is again February 2. Phil gradually realizes that he is trapped in a time loop of which no one else is aware. He confides his situation to Rita, who directs him to a neurologist, who in turn directs him to a psychologist; neither can explain his experiences. Phil gets drunk with locals Gus and Ralph and then leads police on a high-speed car chase before being arrested and imprisoned. The next morning, Phil awakens in the Cherry Street Inn.

Realizing that there are no consequences for his actions, Phil begins spending loops indulging in binge eating, one-night stands, robbery, and other dangerous activities, using his increasing knowledge of the day's events and the town residents to manipulate circumstances to his advantage. Eventually, he focuses on seducing Rita, using the loops to learn more about and manipulate her. No matter what steps he takes, Rita rebuffs his advances, particularly when Phil tells her he loves her; Rita asserts that he does not even know her.

Phil gradually becomes depressed and desperate for a way to escape the loop. He commits suicide in a variety of ways, even kidnapping Punxsutawney Phil and driving them both off a cliff. Each time, he reawakens on February 2 to "I Got You Babe". He eventually tries to explain his situation to Rita again, using his detailed knowledge of the day to accurately predict events. Convinced, Rita spends the rest of that day's loop with Phil; she encourages him to think of the loops as a blessing instead of a curse. As they lie on the bed together at night, Phil realizes that his feelings for Rita have become sincere. He wakes alone on February 2. Phil decides to use his knowledge of the loop to change himself and others: he saves people from deadly accidents and misfortunes and learns to play the piano, sculpt ice, and speak French. Regardless of his actions, he is unable to save a homeless old man from dying of natural causes.

During one iteration of the loop, Phil reports on the Groundhog Day festivities with such eloquence that other news crews stop working to listen to his speech, amazing Rita. Phil continues his day helping the people of Punxsutawney. That night, Rita witnesses Phil's expert piano-playing skills as the adoring townsfolk regale her with stories of his good deeds. Impressed by his apparent overnight transformation, Rita successfully bids for him at a charity bachelor auction. Phil carves an ice sculpture in Rita's image and tells her that no matter what happens, even if he is trapped in the loop forever, he is finally happy because he loves her. They share a kiss and retire to Phil's room. He wakes the next morning to "I Got You Babe" but finds Rita is still in bed with him and the radio banter has changed; it is now February 3. Phil tells Rita that he wants to live in Punxsutawney with her.

Overview: A weather man is reluctantly sent to cover a story about a weather forecasting "rat" (as he calls it). This is his fourth year on the story, and he makes no effort to hide his frustration. On awaking the 'following' day, he discovers that it's Groundhog Day again, and again, and again. First he uses this to his advantage, then comes the realisation that he is doomed to spend the rest of eternity in the same place, seeing the same people do the same thing every day.—Rob Hartill

## Cast

Bill Murray as Phil Connors

Andie MacDowell as Rita Hanson

Chris Elliott as Larry the cameraman

Stephen Tobolowsky as Ned Ryerson

Brian Doyle-Murray as Buster Green  
Marita Geraghty as Nancy Taylor  
Angela Paton as Mrs. Lancaster  
Rick Ducommun as Gus  
Rick Overton as Ralph  
Robin Duke as Doris the waitress  
Carol Bivins as Anchor woman  
Willie Garson as Phil's Assistant Kenny  
Ken Hudson Campbell as Man in Hallway  
Les Podewell as Old man  
Rod Sell as Groundhog Official  
Tom Milanovich as State Trooper  
John M. Watson Sr. as Bartender (as John Watson)  
Peggy Roeder as Piano Teacher

As well as the main cast, Groundhog Day features Ken Hudson Campbell as the man in the hotel hallway, David Pasquesi as Phil's psychiatrist, and Richard Henzel and Rob Riley as the radio hosts waking Phil every morning. Hynden Walch and Michael Shannon portray the newly married couple Debbie and Fred. Les Podewell plays the homeless old man and Rod Sell appears as a Groundhog Day official. Director Harold Ramis cameos as a neurologist. Punxsutawney Phil is portrayed by a groundhog known as Scooter.

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:PG Brazil:12 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:G (Nova Scotia/Quebec) Chile:TE Denmark:7 Egypt:R (self-applied) Finland:K-10 France:Tous publics Germany:6 Hungary:12 Iceland:L India:U Indonesia:17+ (self-applied) Ireland:15 Ireland:PG (re-rating) Israel:18 (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Mexico:A Netherlands:AL (original rating) Netherlands:6 (re-rating) New Zealand:PG Norway:7 (Amazon Prime self-rating) Norway:11 (dvd) Norway:10 (1993, cinema rating) Philippines:PG (self-applied) Poland:b.o. Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Singapore:PG South Korea:15 (1994, video rating) South Korea:12 (1993, theatrical rating) Spain:T Sweden:7 Taiwan:P (self-applied) Thailand:u 13+ (self-applied) Turkey:7+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United States:PG (certificate #31714) United Arab Emirates:PG-15 (self-applied)

**Sex & Nudity** –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Mild **Profanity** – Mild **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Mild

MPAA Rated PG for some thematic elements

