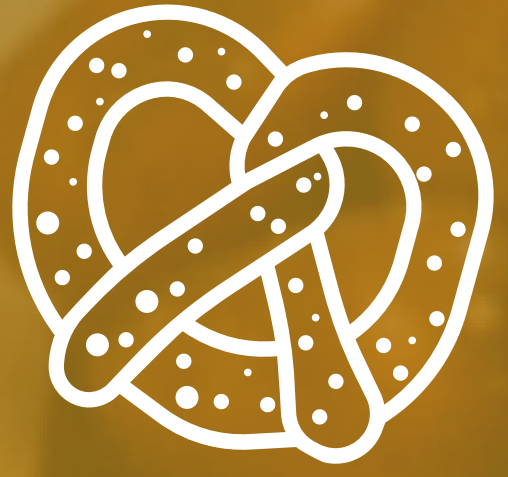

PRETZELS 101 FOR National Pretzel Day



National
Pretzel Day is
on April 26.



Pretzels
without salt are
called baldies.



The pretzel is long considered a good-luck symbol due to its religious roots.

Pretzel Park

In 2004, Manayunk Park located on the 4300 block of Silverwood Street in Philadelphia, was renamed “Pretzel Park.” The updated facility includes pretzel-like looped pathways and a pretzel-shaped art installation sculpted by Warren C. Holzman.



Average
Americans



Philadelphians

The average American consumes up to **2 pounds** of pretzels in a year. Philadelphians, however, consume up to **12 pounds** of pretzels per person per year.

Pretzels around the world

The pretzel is connected with many functions and ceremonies around the world



On New Year's Day, German children wear pretzels around their necks to symbolize a new beginning.



In 16th century Austria, pretzels were used to decorate Christmas trees.



In Switzerland, newlyweds traditionally make a wish and break a pretzel, similar to other cultures breaking a wishbone or glass.