

Virtual Field Exploration: Roman Calendar

ROMAN CALENDAR: the months of January and February

Go to *Angel, Content, The Roman Calendar* and visit two other calendar sites in addition to the one you viewed last week. Read about the history, organization, and festivals of the calendar

Using the pages reproduced from Van L. Johnson's *The Roman Origins of OUR Calendar* published by the American Classical League (1974), read about the festivals in January and February, then enter *VRoma* to visit the sites of the monuments associated with these festivals.

VROMA:

Roman Forum:

Teleport to the map of Rome by typing **@go Rome**; click on the exit at the bottom labeled **Regio 8 (Forum Romanum)**. Walk about the Forum by using the click map

1. Click on **#1** to visit the **Lacus Curtius**, a legendary site from early Rome.
2. Click on **Temple of Castor** and read about the cult and its temple; view the **Spring of Juturna** (*Juturnalia*), where the Dioscuri appeared in 497 BC.

Area Capitolina: Teleport to the site by typing **@go Area Capitolina**

1. Using the exit links at the bottom of the screen, move to the **Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus** and read about its structure, divinities, and history.
2. Look into the **Cella** and enjoy the argument of Jupiter and Juno (go to the **Sanctuary** for an English version).
3. Return to the **Area Capitolina** and walk to the **Temple of Jupiter Tonans**.

Ara Pacis: Teleport to the site by typing **@go Ara Pacis**

1. Using the exit links at the bottom of the screen walk around all sides of the **Altar to Peace**
2. Read about its creation; notice the artwork and its connection to Augustus' family.

Insula Tiberina: Teleport to the site by typing **@go Insula Tiberina**

1. Using the exit links at the bottom of the screen go to the **Vicus Censorius** and then to the **Temple of Aesculapius**
2. View the images and read about the establishment of the cult, the god, and the construction of the Temple
3. Click on the shrine of **Faunus**, founded in 196 BC

Palatine Hill:

Teleport to the site by typing **@go Area Palatina** and click on **Region X: Clivus Palatinus** to see the hill around which the *Luperci* ran in celebration of the *Lupercalia*.