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Winter solstice! If you lived on the Arctic Circle on this date, the sun would just rise and then set immediately. This is because, on this date at 1:06 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, the sun has reached its most southerly point; or to put it another way, the sun at noon is lowest of any day of the year and the shadows are longest. Astronomers reckon their winter from this date. Although, if there are no clouds, the sunlight is less than on any other day of the winter, it is seldom anywhere near the coldest day. Most intense cold comes later in the winter, in January or even February.
