

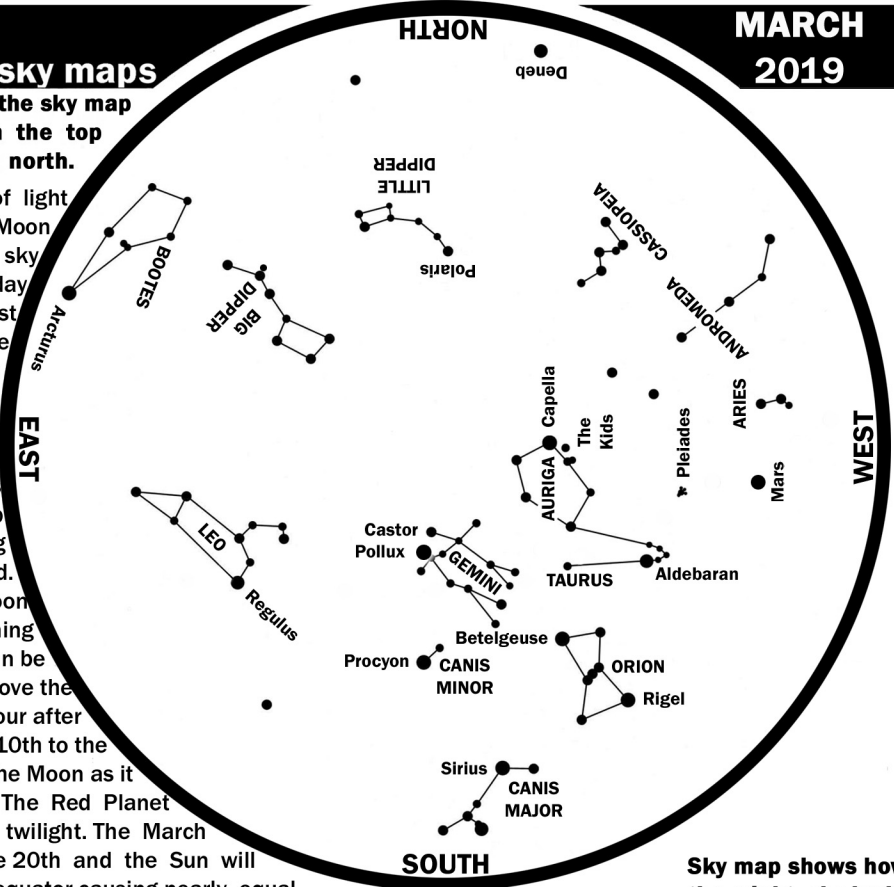
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Instructions : Hold the sky map over your head with the top of the map facing north.

Three bright points of light and an old crescent Moon adorn the southeast sky at dawn on the first day of the month. Nearest to the sunrise will be dazzling Venus, then comes Saturn, then the Moon and finally Jupiter. The crescent Moon moves across the planetary lineup to have a nice pairing with Venus on the 2nd. A very skinny pale Moon returns to the evening sky on the 7th and can be seen hovering just above the western horizon an hour after sundown. From the 10th to the 12th you can follow the Moon as it sweeps just south of The Red Planet Mars during evening twilight. The March Equinox arrives on the 20th and the Sun will shine directly on the equator causing nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. Solar activity is historically higher during the March Equinox therefore take advantage of this and enjoy the magical Northern Lights displays. The 20th also ushers in the first Full Moon of the spring season as well as the last of three Supermoons for 2019.

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**Sky map shows how the night sky looks
Early March 9 P.M.
Late March 8 P.M.**