



February 2018 Sky Events – the Planets

Conjunction of the Near Full Moon with Regulus

Late on the evening of **Wednesday, February 28th** and into the early hours of **Thursday March 1st**, a waxing gibbous **Moon** will make a close approach to the bright star **Regulus** in the constellation Leo.

Those who live in northern North America (Maine, Nova Scotia and other parts of Canada) will witness a *lunar occultation* of Regulus – with the Moon passing in front of the star.

From Asheville skies, however, the pair will be separated by less than 1/4 of a degree, forming a *very close conjunction*, which occurs about **1:00 a.m.** on the morning of March 1st.

