

## The Hunter's Moon Glides Past Saturn and Jupiter

The waxing gibbous Hunter's Moon glides past the gas giant planets Saturn and Jupiter, in the constellation Capricornus (the Sea Goat), on the nights of **October 14 & 15**. This year the Hunter's Moon is "full" on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

On these nights, Saturn and Jupiter are located some 896 million miles and 412 million miles (or 80 light minutes and 37 light minutes), respectively, behind the Moon.

This month is still a great time to view these two showpiece planets in the telescope eyepiece. Even the smallest telescopes, on a steady tripod and using an eyepiece that yields about 60 magnification, will reveal both Saturn's rings and Jupiter's banded disk with its 4 Galilean moons.

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