

The Hunter's Moon Glides Past Saturn

The waxing gibbous Hunter's Moon glides past the gas giant planet Saturn in the constellation Capricornus (the Sea Goat) on the nights of **October 4 & 5**. This year the Hunter's Moon is "full" on October 9th.

On these nights, Saturn is located some 859 million miles (or 77 light minutes) behind the Moon.

This month is still a great time to view Saturn 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 a few of its 83 moons, including its largest moon Titan.

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