



This map shows the sky at 8:30 pm in mid-April.

Orient the map so that the direction you are facing is at the bottom and then hold the map overhead.

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### March Sky Events

**Venus** remains in the morning sky where it will be close to the waxing crescent Moon on April 24th. In the early evening, **Saturn** and **Mars** are the brightest star-like objects. **Mars** is high in the west after sunset above Orion and close to the two bright stars Castor and Pollux in Gemini, the twins. **Saturn** remains very close to the beautiful Beehive star cluster in the constellation Cancer, the crab. The **Moon** is close to Mars on April 6th, and Saturn on April 9th. **Mercury** is very low in the eastern morning sky for the first two weeks of April and is best viewed around April 8th. At the beginning of April, **Jupiter** rises by 9:30pm in the constellation Libra, the scales. By the end of the month, **Jupiter** is visible after sunset and will be close to the double star Zubenelgenubi on April 25th.

