



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

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 the 25th and 26th. In the evening, **Saturn** and **Mars** are the brightest star-like objects. **Mars** is in high in the west after sunset and is close to and about the same magnitude as Aldebaran, the angry red eye of Taurus, the bull. The First Quarter Moon will be next to **Mars** on March 5th. The Moon in waxing gibbous phase will be closest to **Saturn** on the 10th. **Saturn** remains very close to the beautiful Beehive star cluster in the constellation Cancer, the crab. **Mercury** returns to the eastern morning sky at the very end of March. **Jupiter** rises by 10:30pm in the constellation Libra, the scales. **Jupiter** begins a retrograde loop on March 5th, moving westward against the background stars.

