SET 1

LUNAR MAPS

For Use with the Astronomical League Lunar I Observing Program

Erect Image (North Up) Maps

With Selected Expanded Views

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Preface

hese maps were created to help star gazers learn more about the moon's surface characteristics by identifying one hundred features listed by the Astronomical League's Lunar Club. The A.L. tabulates these features on their web site and provides a convenient observing form (in pdf format) for recording the lunar observations. (A copy of this form is included at the end of these maps.) Listed features include some naked eye lunar objects plus many binocular and small telescope targets. (All objects can be discerned in a good 60 mm telescope.)

However, observers must use printed maps or use lunar software to identify and find most features. This effort takes time but can have immeasurable benefits for those who really want to study the Moon. Still, inexperienced observers may find this process daunting since most published maps show many hundreds if not thousands of lunar features. Instead, the included sets of maps primarily show and identify only the one hundred A.L. features. Therefore, even novice lunar observers can easily find and identify all features on the A.L. list. This process partially sacrifices the instructive value of having to learn features by looking them up on commercially available maps. Still, by using these maps, more people are likely to take up lunar observing.

In addition, the author has used a photographic image of the Moon based on images acquired by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter for the labeled maps. This composite image more realistically illustrates the Moon that observers will view although the base image shows only one sun angle and one libration. Finally, unlike some maps that use numerical labels for features that require reference to an index, the included maps show all labels on the maps themselves.

For convenience, map sets include some enlarged sections to aid identification of some small features. The included set (called Set 1) is produced with *erect* (north up) maps. In addition, maps sets (Sets 2 & 3) are also available for *inverted views* (common for reflector telescopes), and *mirror-reversed views* (north up, common for refractors). Using these maps, the author could find and identify all features given for a given phase on the A.L.'s list within fifteen minutes or less observing time. Recommendation: Print on "high-quality" printer settings so fine detail shows. Suggestion: Insert maps into plastic sheet protectors to reduce absorption from moisture.

See the A.L.'s web site for details on the Lunar Club and other A.L. observing clubs: https://www.astroleague.org.

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Introduction

The Astronomical League's Lunar Program Introduces Amateur Astronomers to the Moon

RULES AND REGULATIONS To qualify for the **AL's Lunar Program Certificate and pin,** one must be **a member of the Astronomical League** and **observe 100 features** on the Moon. These 100 features are in three groups: 18 naked eye, 46 binocular, and 36 telescopic features. (The A.L. also conducts a more advanced lunar program, Lunar II.) The image map index lists all 100 features.

Any pair of binoculars and any telescope may be used. If you have difficulty observing features at one level, go to the next higher level. So, if you have trouble with any of the naked eye objects, move up to binoculars. If you have trouble with any of the binocular objects, then you may move up to a telescope.

OBSERVING FORM The A.L.'s Lunar I observing form lists all 100 features to observe for their Lunar Program. The map appendix includes a copy of this form. For more information go to the AL's website: **astroleague.org/al/obsclubs/lunar/lunar1.html**.

IMAGE MAPS The following pages show full image lunar maps that may help you identify features. The maps show all 100 features but some features may appear on more than one map. A few supplementary features are listed as additional aids. *Small features that may not show well on the full image maps are also shown on supplementary, enlarged maps.* Different maps illustrate features listed by the A.L. for several different lunar phases. However, maps can help identify features visible at other phases. Finally, most full image maps for each phase have two parts to reduce the number of features listed on each map.

THREE SETS OF MAPS This document contains maps only for *erect views* of the Moon with north up (Set 1). Additional maps are available as separate documents for *inverted views* with south up (Set 2), and for *mirror-reversed views* with north up (Set 3).

BASE IMAGES FOR MAPS The lunar maps used are a composite from the NASA Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC). Actual illumination and libration at the time of observation may differ from what the maps show since the map composite is made from images all shown under similar, moderate solar illumination angles. In addition, an image for an actual Full Moon taken by Howard Eskildsen (Ocala, FL) was also used as a supplementary image to help illustrate example lunar rays, which are most noticeable under high solar illumination. For more information about LROC see: www.lroc.asu.edu.

A Few Extra Resources

Commercially Available Lunar Maps and Lunar Software* (Domains and Availability Change with Time)

MAPS FROM SKY PUBLISHING CORP.

(https://shopatsky.com/collections/maps-globes/maps)

- Moon Map Laminated Item, #59198, Price: \$6.95
- Mirror Image Moon Map Laminated, Item #5921X, Price: \$6.95
- Sky & Telescope Field Map Of The Moon, Item #59228, Price: \$13.95
- Field Map of the Moon (Mirror Image) Item #59295, Price: \$13.95
- Chuck Wood's Lunar 100 Card Plastic, Item #L100P, Price: \$6.95

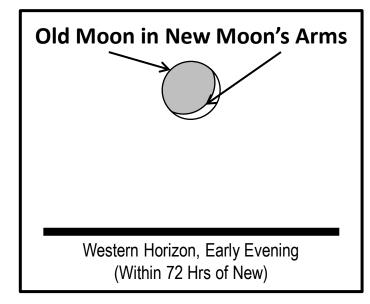
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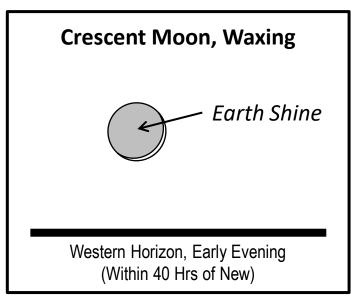
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- LunarPhase Pro: Digital Download \$39.95/CDROM \$49.95 (https://www.lunarphasepro.com) A Favorite, Many Features
- LunarMap HD for Android: \$1.49
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- Moon Atlas: for iPhone/iPad: \$5.99 (https://apps.apple.com/us/app/moon-atlas/id302171459)
- Virtual Moon Atlas Version 7.0: Free Download (https://ap-i.net/avl/en/start) Among the Very Best
- Google Moon: Online Map Also many other objects (https://www.google.com/maps/space/moon)
- LROC Quickmap: Online Map (https://quickmap.lroc.asu.edu)

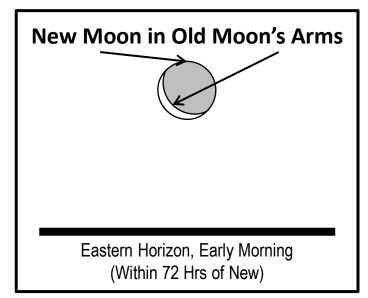
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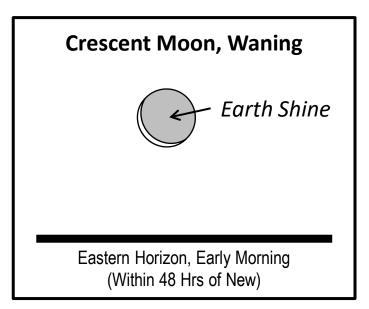
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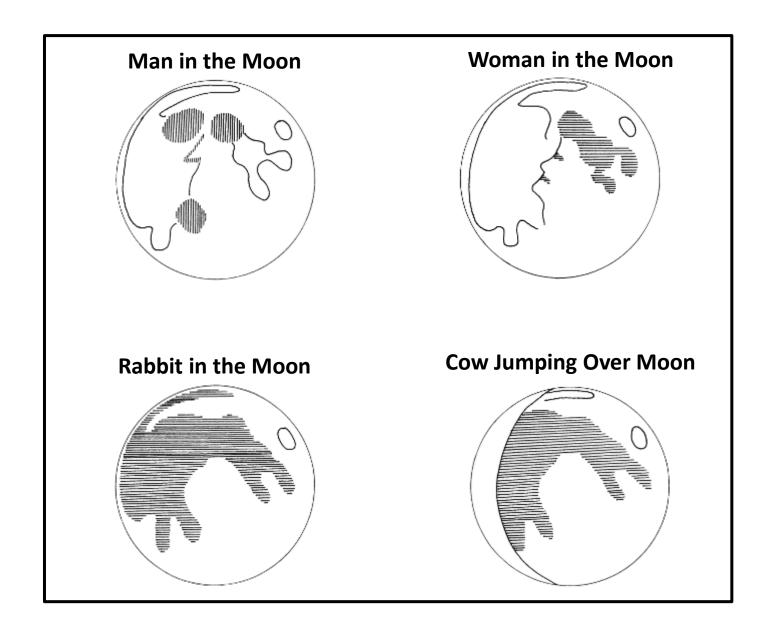
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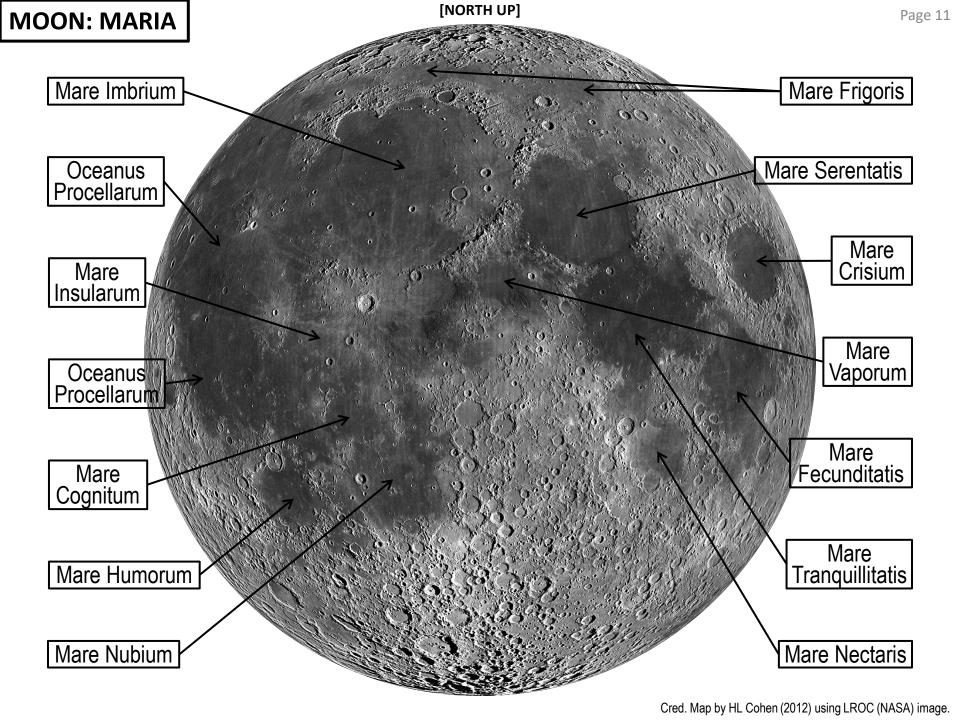


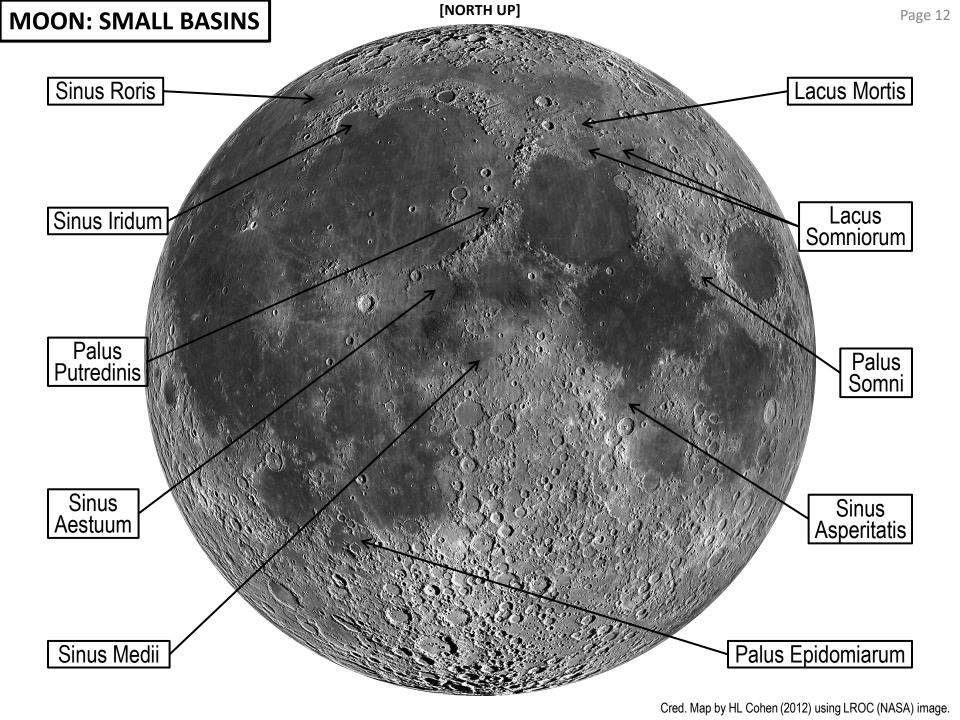


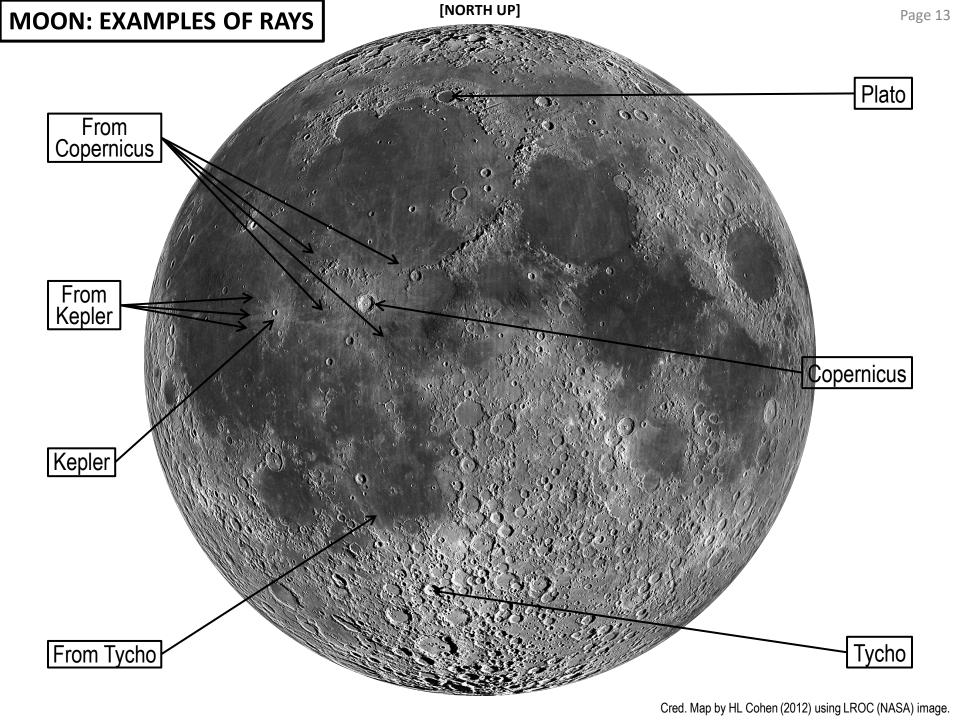


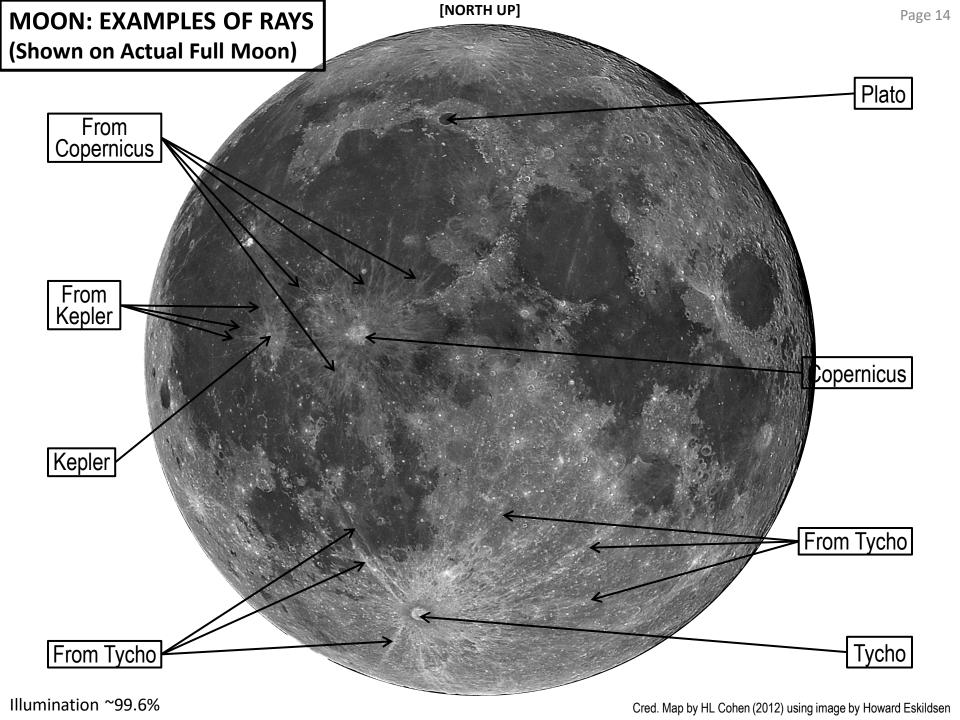
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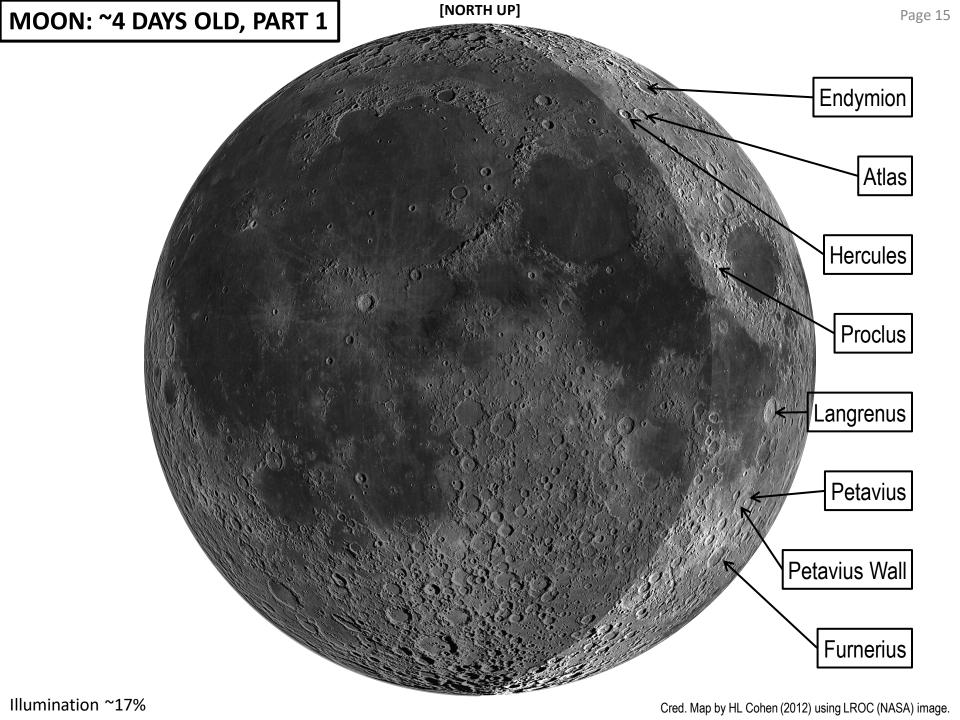
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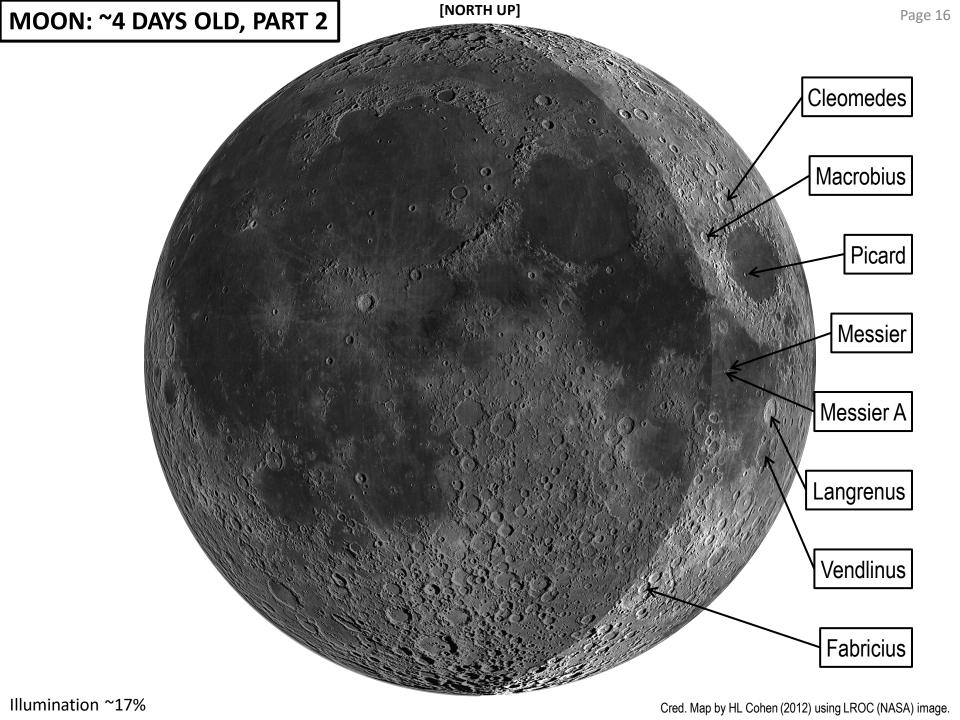


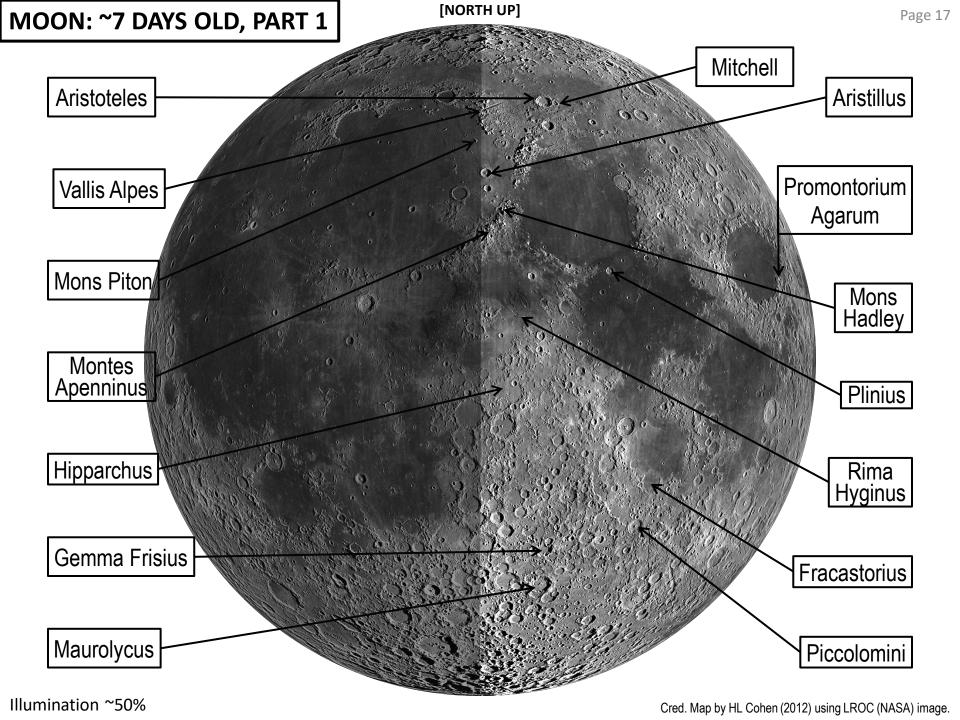


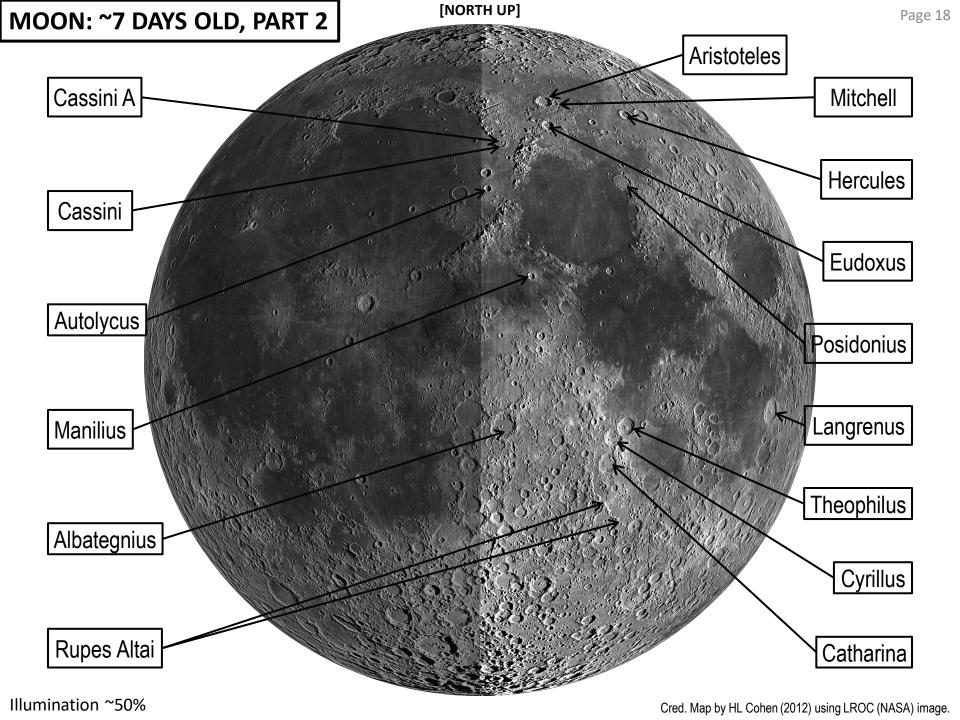


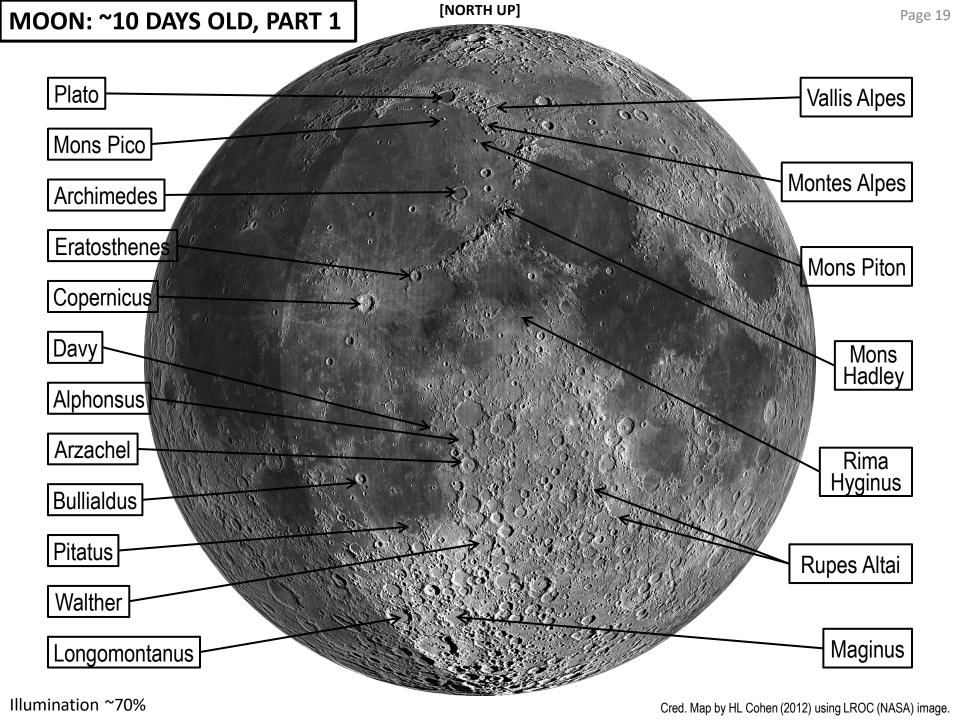


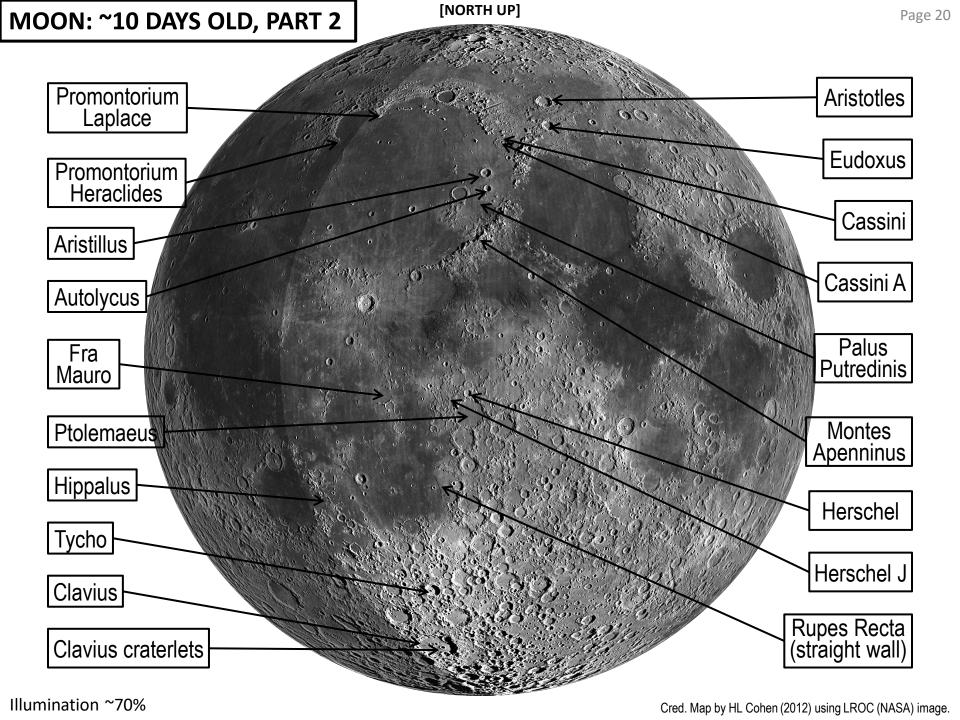


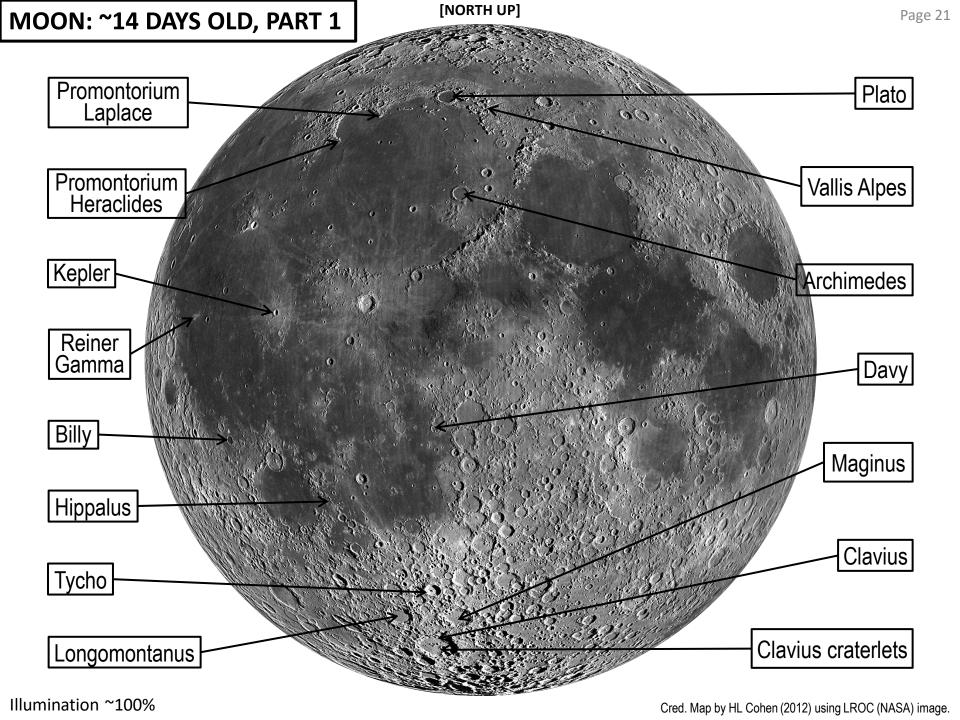


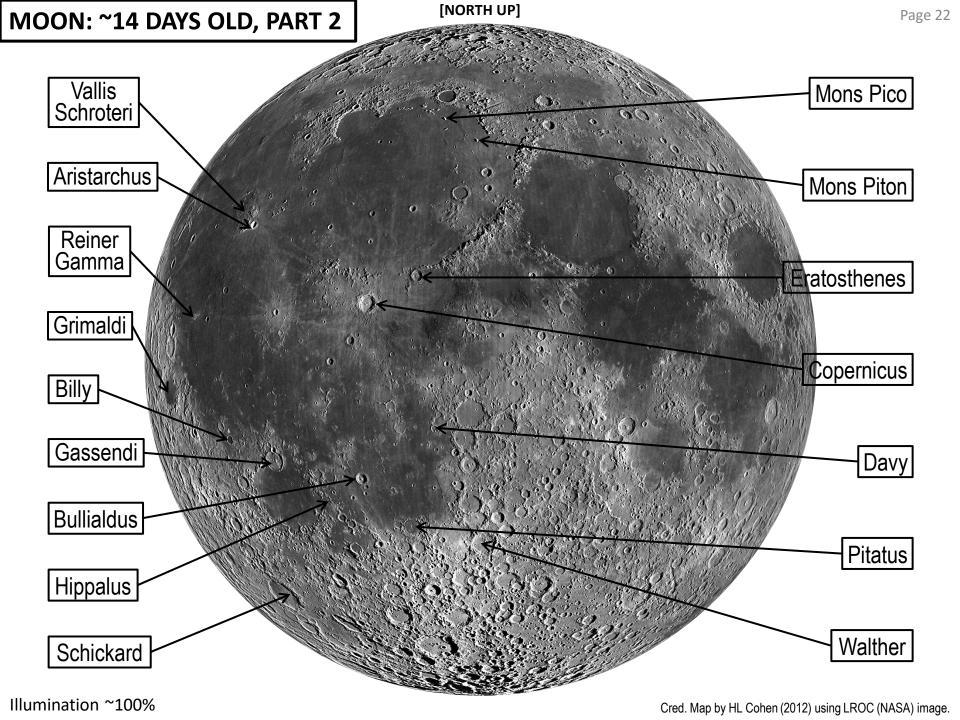






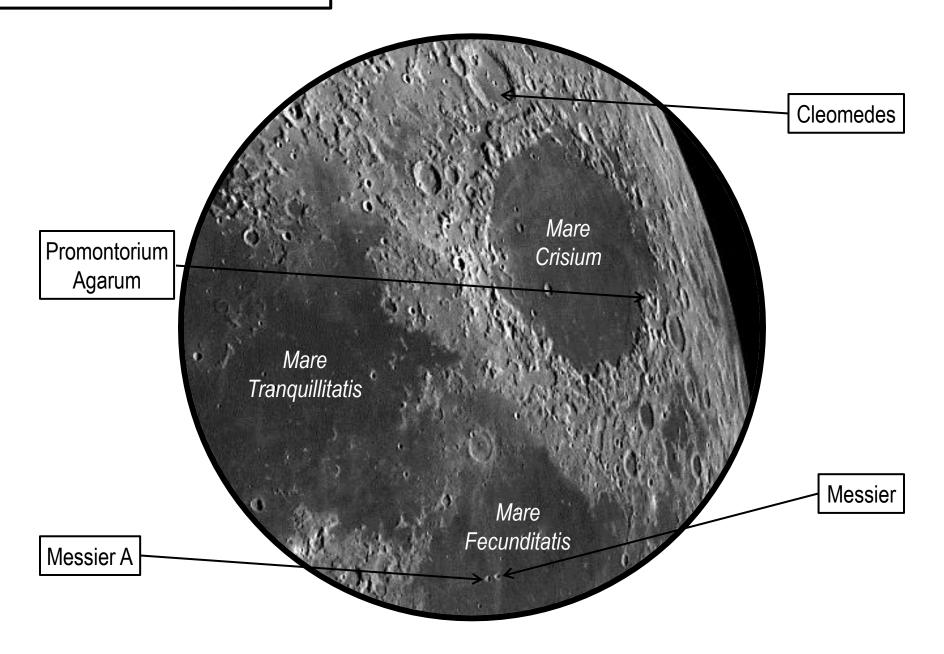


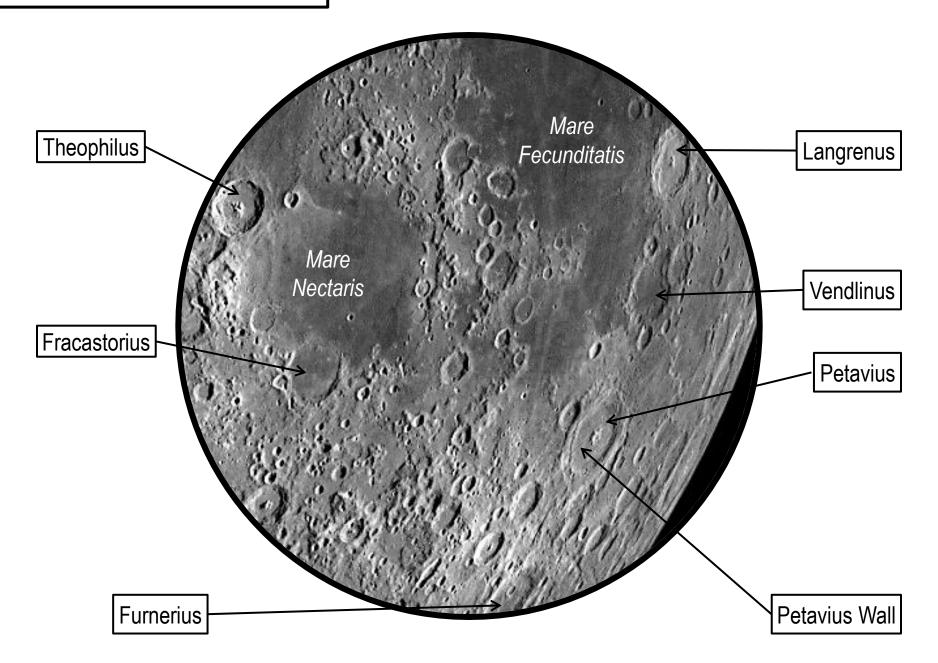


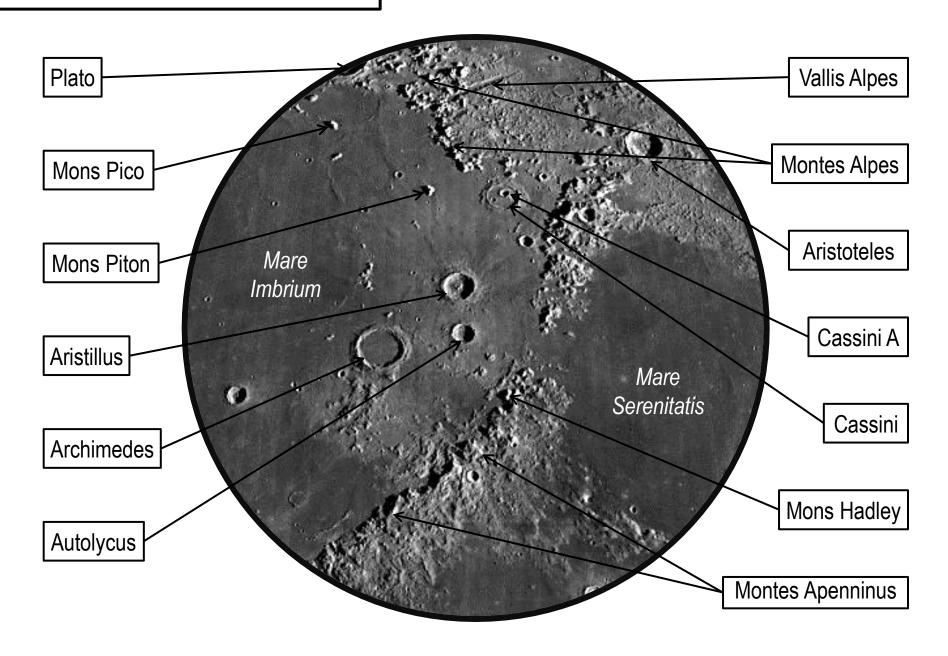


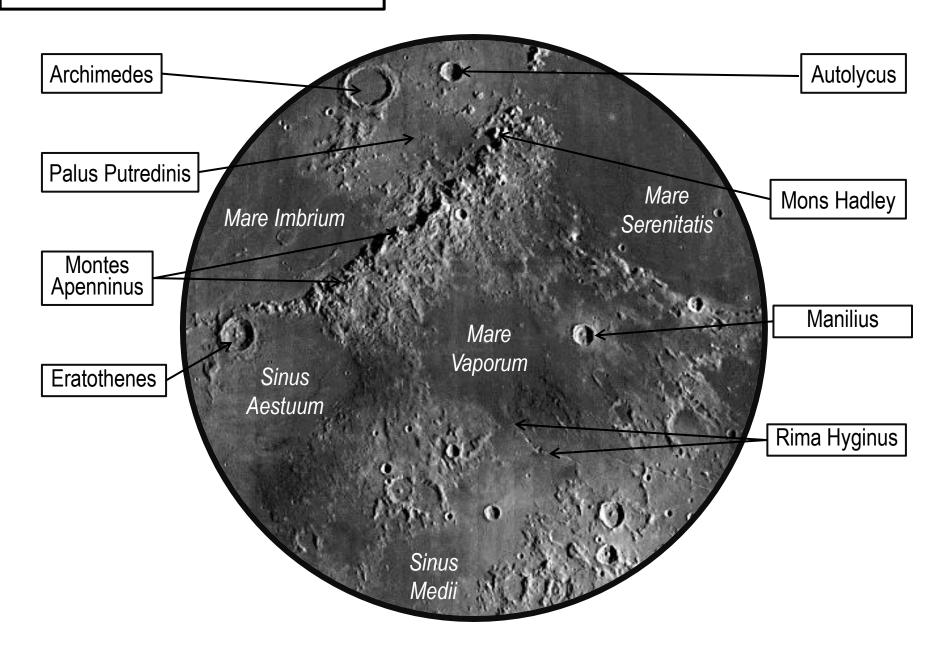
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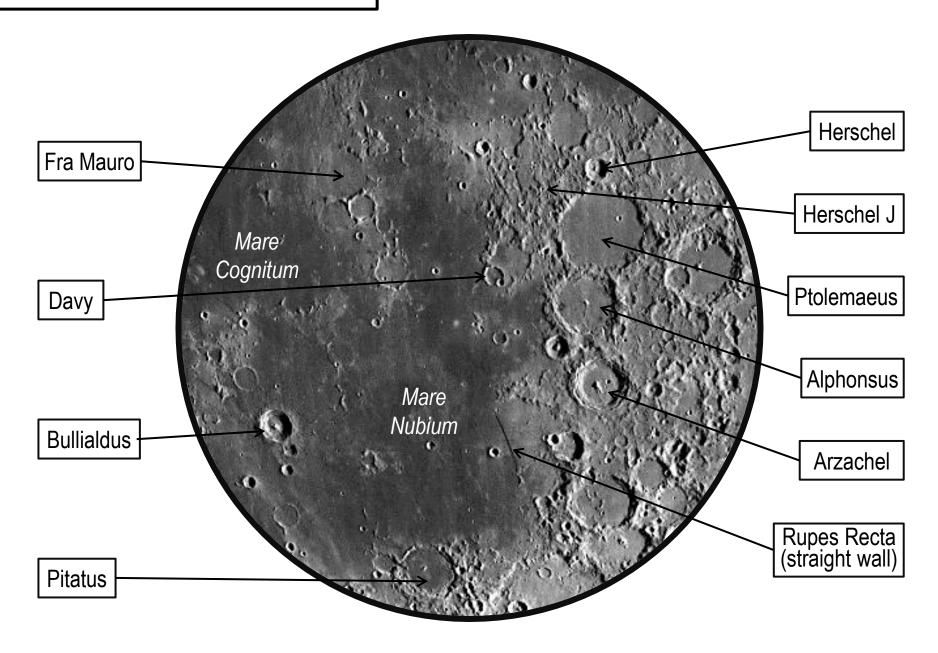
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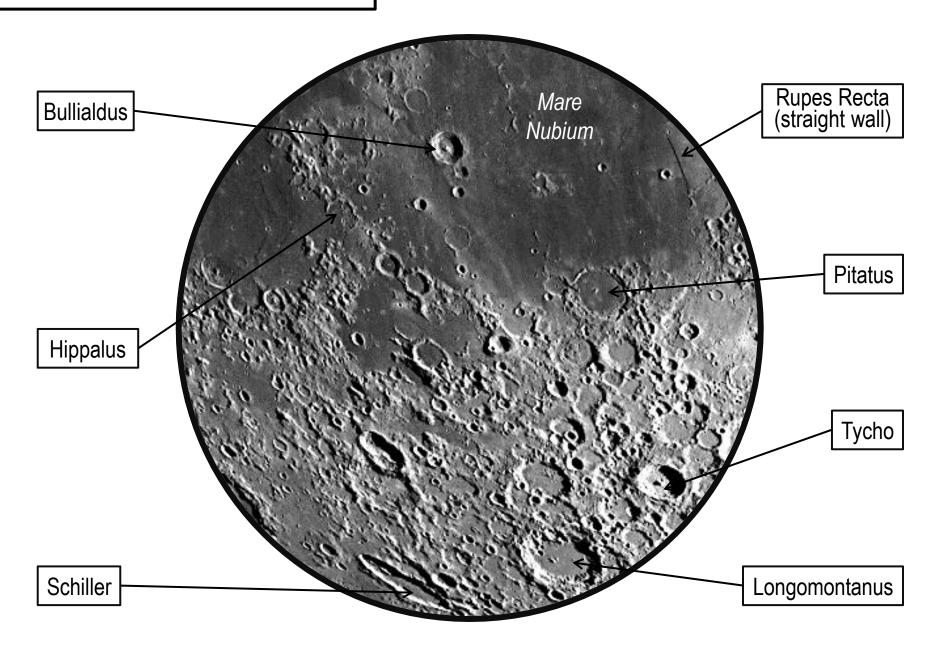


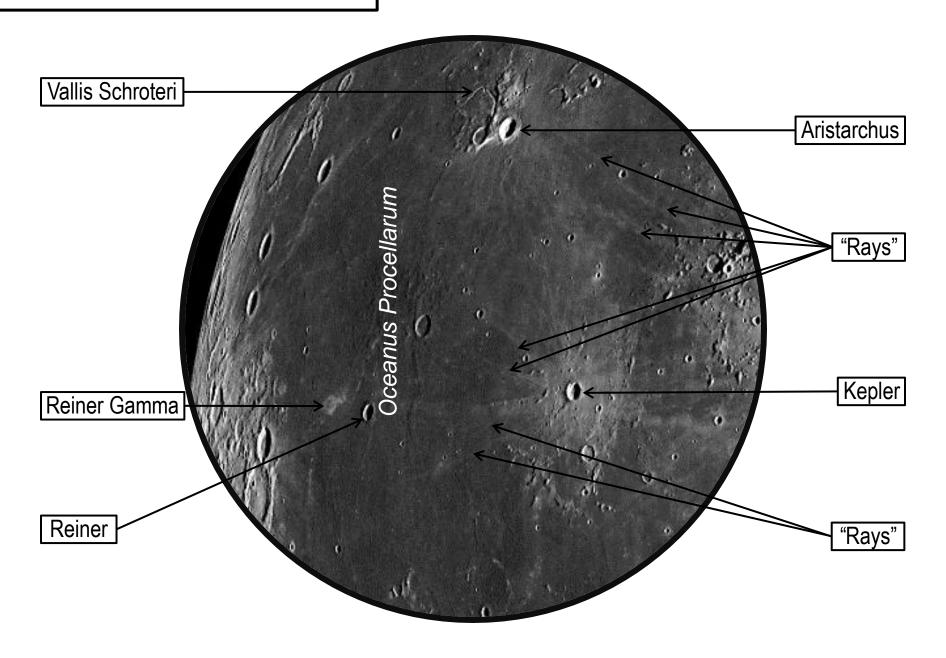












Appendix

- Lunar Feature Glossary –
- Some Maria and Similar Features

Lunar Feature Glossary

basin large, bowl-shaped depression probably of impact origin

caldera large crater formed by volcanic explosion or by collapse of a volcanic cone

catina (pl. catinae) crater chain

cliff high, steep, or overhanging face of rock

craterlets small craters

craters bowl-shaped depression or basin usually of impact origin

domes rounded hill probably of volcanic origin often capped with small crater **graben** elongated depression or channel caused by vertical geologic faults

lacus (pl. laci; Latin lake) dark, isolated irregular patch

libration slow apparent lunar oscillation in latitude (abt. 7°) and longitude (abt. 8°); allows 59% of surface to be seen

mare (pl. maria; Latin sea) large dark basin

mons (Latin mountain) a mountain; sometimes the walls of large basins

montes mountain range or group of mountains

oceanus large dark region (cf. mare)

palus (pl. pali; Latin swamp or marsh) small plain (or "marsh")

peak pointed mountain summit

promontory high ridge

rille

ray light-colored, linear features extending radial from (usually younger) lunar craters; conspicuous near Full Moon

(alt. rima) well-defined, long, narrow valley or cleft with sides approximately parallel

arcuate rille curved rille, often concentric; confined within circular mare

sinuous rille
 long, winding steep walled valley; often discontinuous; likely lava channels; V-shape

strait (linear) rille strait rille that appears to be a linear graben; flat floors

rima (pl. rimae) a rille, crack or fissure (see rille)

rupes (pl. rupes) a lunar scarp

scarp (escarpment) steep slope or long cliff often from faulting or erosion

sinus (bay, pl. sini) indentation in edge of high ground; protrusion from dark area valles (valley) elongated lowland between mountain ranges, hills, or uplands

Some Marian & Similar Features

(Most named for water bodies — not all on A.L. Lunar I Feature List)

•	Lacus Mortis	(Lake of Death)
•	Lacus Somniorum	(Lake of Dreams)
•	Mare Anguis	(Sea of Snake)
•	Mare Australe	(Southern Sea)
•	Mare Crisium	(Sea of Crisis)
•	Mare Fecunditatis	(Sea of Fertility)
•	Mare Frigoris	(Sea of Cold)
•	Mare Humboldtianum	(Sea of Humboldt)
•	Mare Humorum	(Sea of Moisture)
•	Mare Imbrium	(Sea of Rain)
•	Mare Insularum	(Sea of Islands)
•	Mare Nectaris	(Sea of Nectar)
•	Mare Nubium	(Sea of Clouds)
•	Mare Sernitatis	(Sea of Serenity)

Mare Smythii	(Smyth's Sea)
Mare Spumans	(Foaming Sea)
Mare Tranquillitatis	(Sea of Tranquility)
Mare Vaporum	(Sea of Vapors)
Mare Undarum	(Sea of Waves)
Oceanus Procellarum	(Ocean of Storms)
Palus Epidemiarium	(Marsh of Disease)
 Palus Nebularum 	(Marsh of Mists)
 Palus Putredinus 	(Marsh of Rot)
Palus Somni	(Marsh of Sleep)
Sinus Aestuum	(Seething Bay)
Sinus Iridium	(Bay of Rainbows)
Sinus Medii	(Central Bay)
Sinus Roris	(Bay of Dew)

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A.L. Lunar Program

Complete Information at https://www.astroleague.org/al/obsclubs/lunar/lunar1.html

Official A.L. Lunar Check List Follows

Download Excel Version From

https://www.astroleague.org/files/u220/Lunar%20Checklist.xlsx

X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	d-Eye Objects n 72 Hrs of new)			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
[]	Old Moon in New Moon's Arms				o (best)		
[]							
[]	New Moon in Old Moon's Arms						
(Withir	1 40 Hrs of new)						
[]	Crescent Moon, Waxing						
[]	Crescent Moon, Waning						
(When	full)						
[]	Man in the Moon						
[]	Woman in the Moon						
[]	Rabbit in the Moon						
(When	gibbous)						
[]	Cow Jumping Over the Moon						
Maria							
[]	Crisium						
[]	Fecunditatis						
[]	Serenitatis						
[]	Tranquillitatis						
[]	Nectaris						
[]	Imbrium						

X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
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[]	Nubium						
[]	Humorum						
[]	Oceanus Procellarum						
X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Binoc	ular Objects nents Used			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		20.110.11002
[]	Lunar Rays						
[]	Sinus Iridum						
[]	Sinus Medii						
[]	Sinus Roris						
[]	Palus Somnii						
[]	Palus Epidemiarum						
[]	Mare Vaporum						
Craters	s - ~4 Days old						
[]	Langrenus						
[]	Vendelinus						

Х	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	ular Objects s - ~4 Days old (continued)			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
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[]	Cleomedes						
[]	Atlas						
[]	Hercules						
[]	Endymion						
[]	Macrobius						
~7 Day	s old						
[]	Piccolomini						
[]	Theophilus						
[]	Cyrillus						
[]	Catharina						
[]	Posidonius						
[]	Fracastorius						
[]	Aristoteles						
[]	Eudoxus						
[]	Cassini						

X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	ular Objects s - ~7 Days old (continued)			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
[]	Hipparchus						
[]	Albategnius						
[]	Aristillus						
[]	Autolycus						
[]	Maurolycus						
~10 Da	ys old						
[]	Plato						
[]	Archimedes						
[]	Ptolemaeus						
[]	Alphonsus						
[]	Arzachel						
[]	Walther						
[]	Maginus						
[]	Tycho						
[]	Clavius						
[]	Eratosthenes						

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[]	Longomontanus						
[]	Copernicus						
[]	Bullialdus						
[]	Aristarchus						
[]	Gassendi						
~14 Da	ys old						
[]	Kepler						
[]	Grimaldi						
X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	copic Objects nents Used			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
[]	Sinus Aestuum						
[]	Lacus Mortis						
[]	Palus Putredinis						
[]	Promontorium Laplace						
[]	Promontorium Heraclides						

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Promontorium Agarum

X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Teleso (contin	copic Objects nued)			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
[]	Montes Alpes						
[]	Montes Apenninus						
[]	Mons Hadley						
[]	Mons Piton						
[]	Mons Pico						
[]	Rupes Altai						
[]	Rima Hyginus						
[]	Vallis Schroteri						
[]	Vallis Alpes						
[]	Rupes Recta (straight wall)						
Crater	s - ~4 days old						
[]	Picard						
[]	Furnerius						
[]	Petavius Wall						
[]	Messier/Messier A						
[]	Proclus						

X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Teles: Craters	copic Objects s - ~4 days old (continued)			E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
[]	Fabricius						
~7 Day	s old						
[]	Plinius						
[]	Mitchell						
[]	Cassini A						
[]	Manilius						
[]	Gemma Frisius						
~10 Da	ys old						
[]	Davy						
[]	Pitatus						
[]	Billy						
[]	Fra Mauro						
[]	Clavius craterlets						
[]	Hippalus						
[]	J Herschel						
~14 Da							
[]	Schickard						
[]	Reiner Gamma						

X	FEATURE	DATE	TIME	SEEING	TRANSP.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Optio Naked	nal Objects - each counts as Eye:	2 observ	ations/	E, VG, G, F, P	1 (worst) to 6 (best)		
[]	Estimate first quarter phase within eight hours.						
[]	Estimate third quarter phase within eight hours.						
[]	Estimate full moon within thirty-six hours.						
[]	Plot moon's position against the stars for three consecutive days.						
[]	Compare the size of the full moon on the horizon with the full moon on the meridian using a dime held at arm's length.						
[]	Find the thinnest phase by which you can read newsprint.						
Binocu	lar:						
[]	Sketch libration - use Mare Crisium or Grimaldi for examples.						
[]	Sketch a lunar map - use any scale for binoculars only.						
Telesco	ppic:						
[]	Plot the moon's hourly motion against the stars for two hours or more.						
[]	Measure the height of a lunar mountain - need to calculate the sun's elevation at the mountain and estimate the shadow length - try Mt. Piton.						