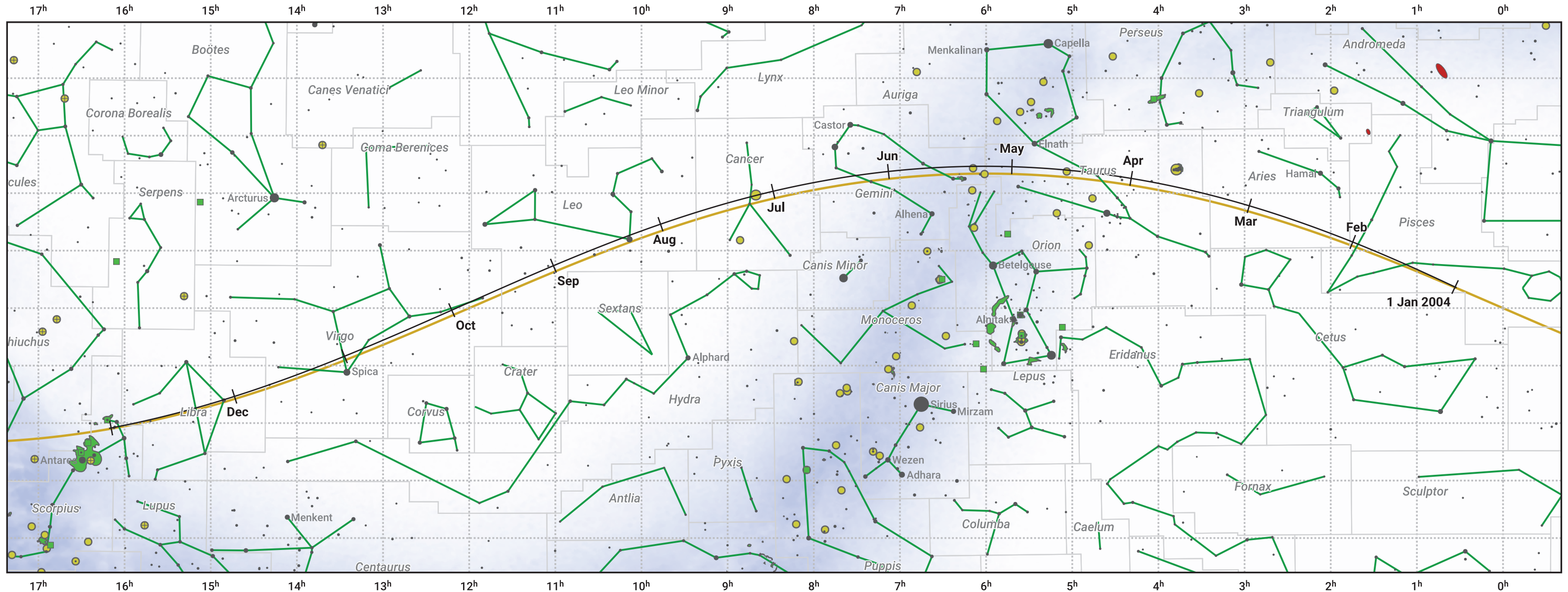


# The path of Mars in 2004



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Magnitude scale:  -5.0  -4.0  -3.0  -2.0  -1.0  0.0  -1.0  -2.0

Ecliptic Plane

Galaxy  Bright nebula  Open cluster + Globular cluster

Date	Mag	Phase	Angular size
2004 Jan 1	0.2	87%	8.4"
2004 Mar 11	1.2	91%	5.4"
2004 Apr 1	1.4	93%	4.9"
2004 Jul 1	1.8	98%	3.7"
2004 Oct 1	1.7	100%	3.5"
2005 Jan 1	1.6	96%	4.2"