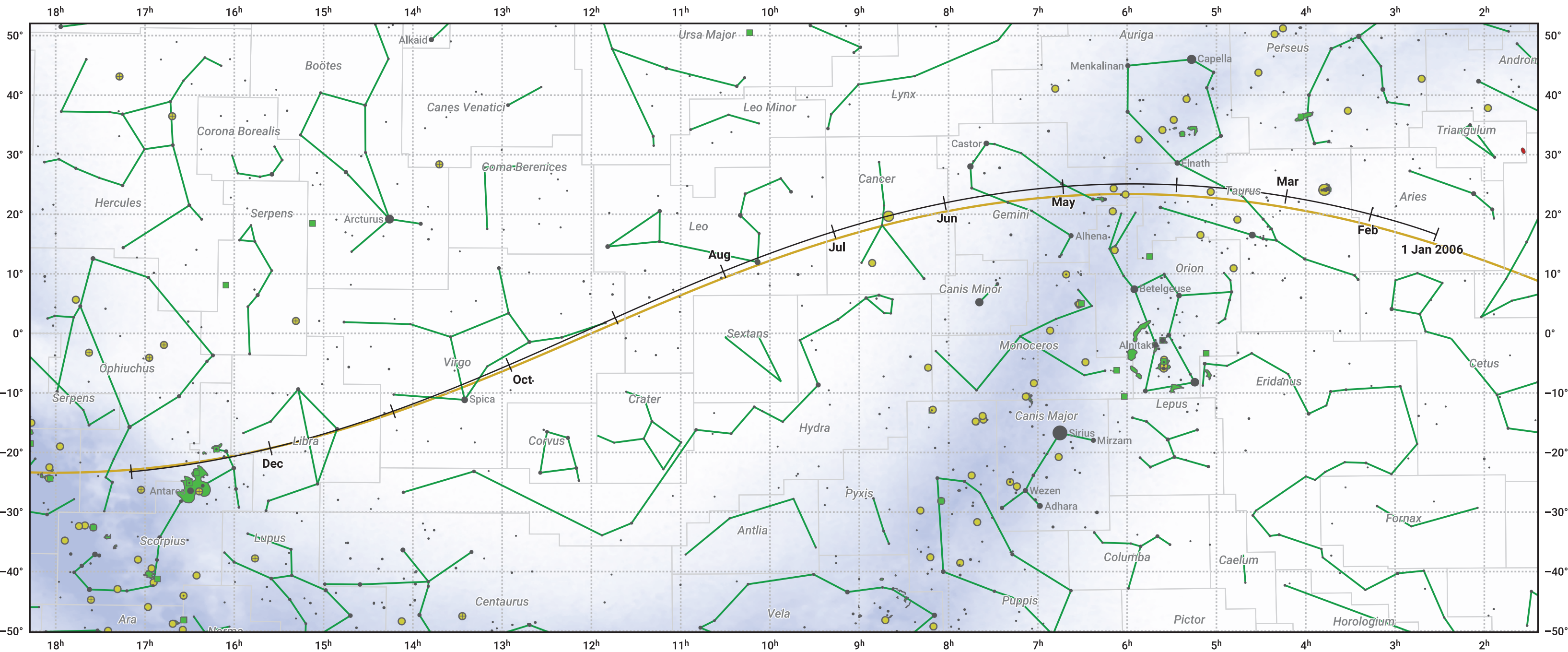


The path of Mars in 2006



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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
2006 Jan 1	-0.6	92%	12.1"
2006 Feb 10	0.4	89%	8.1"
2006 Apr 1	1.2	91%	5.7"
2006 Apr 22	1.4	92%	5.1"
2006 Jul 1	1.8	96%	4.0"
2006 Oct 1	1.7	100%	3.6"
2007 Jan 1	1.5	99%	3.9"