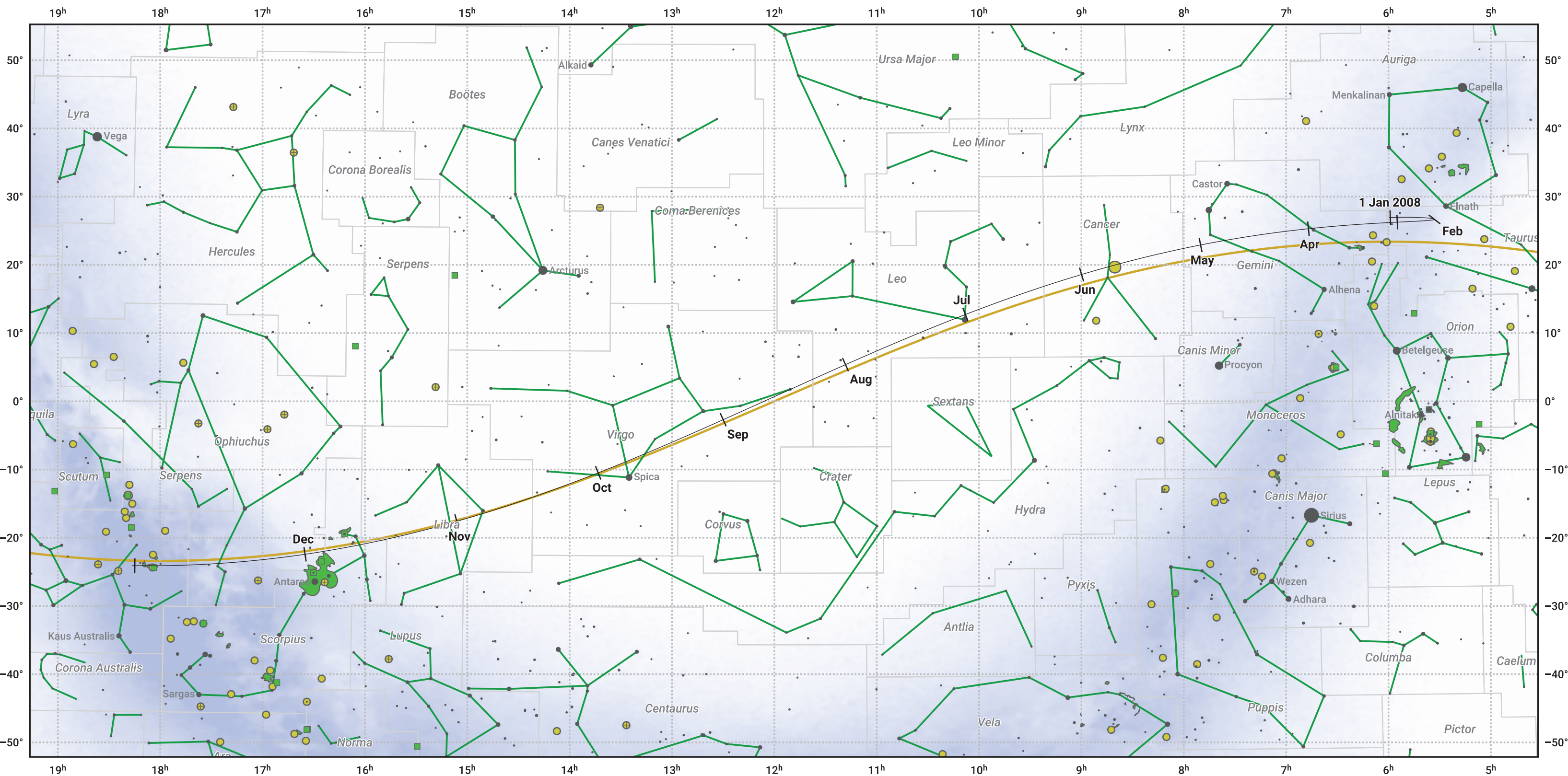


The path of Mars in 2008



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

Ecliptic Plane

Galaxy Bright nebula Open cluster + Globular cluster

Date	Mag	Phase	Angular size
2008 Jan 1	-1.5	100%	15.4"
2008 Feb 4	-0.5	94%	11.7"
2008 Mar 16	0.5	90%	7.9"
2008 Apr 1	0.8	90%	7.0"
2008 Jun 5	1.5	92%	4.9"
2008 Jul 1	1.6	94%	4.4"
2008 Oct 1	1.6	99%	3.8"
2009 Jan 1	1.3	100%	3.9"