

2020 AstroCalendar for Seattle, WA

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January				% Moon Illuminated at Meridian	Beginning of One-Hour Period											
	astronomical twilight begin	end	moon rise	set	Evening 6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	Next Morning 12:00 AM	1:00 AM	2:00 AM	3:00 AM	4:00 AM	5:00 AM
Day					moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
1	605	1820	1147	2319	40%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
2	605	1821	1207	0	49%	First Qtrr	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
3	605	1822	1226	21	59%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
4	605	1823	1247	125	68%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark
5	605	1824	1309	230	77%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark
6	605	1825	1336	336	86%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
7	605	1826	1408	445	92%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
8	605	1827	1449	553	97%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
9	605	1828	1539	659	100%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
10	604	1829	1641	759	NA Full	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
11	604	1830	1753	851	100%	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
12	604	1831	1910	933	97%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
13	603	1832	2029	1007	91%	sun	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
14	603	1833	2148	1037	83%	sun	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
15	603	1834	2306	1102	73%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
16	602	1835	0	1127	61%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
17	602	1837	22	1151	50%	Last Qtrr	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon
18	601	1838	138	1217	38%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon
19	601	1839	252	1246	27%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon
20	559	1840	405	1321	18%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon
21	559	1841	514	1402	10%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
22	559	1843	617	1451	5%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
23	558	1844	711	1547	1%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
24	557	1845	756	1649	0%	New	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
25	556	1846	833	1753	1%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
26	556	1848	903	1858	4%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
27	555	1849	929	2003	9%	sun	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
28	554	1850	951	2106	15%	sun	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
29	553	1852	1011	2209	23%	sun	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
30	552	1853	1030	2311	31%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
31	551	1854	1050	0	41%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
February				% Moon Illuminated at Meridian	Beginning of One-Hour Period											
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					moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
1	549	1856	1111	15	50%	First Qtrr	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
2	547	1858	1135	119	60%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	
3	546	1859	1204	225	70%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	
4	545	1900	1239	333	80%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
5	544	1902	1324	439	88%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
6	543	1903	1420	542	94%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
7	541	1905	1527	637	99%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
8	540	1906	1643	724	NA Full	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
9	539	1907	1804	803	100%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
10	537	1909	1927	835	98%	sun	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
11	536	1910	2048	904	93%	sun	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
12	534	1912	2208	929	86%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
13	533	1913	2326	954	76%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
14	531	1914	0	1020	66%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	moon	moon	moon
15	530	1916	43	1049	54%	Last Qtrr	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	moon	moon	sun
16	528	1917	157	1122	43%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
17	527	1919	308	1201	32%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
18	525	1920	412	1247	22%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
19	523	1922	508	1340	14%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
20	522	1923	555	1440	8%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
21	520	1925	634	1543	3%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
22	518	1926	706	1647	1%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
23	517	1927	732	1752	0%	New	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark
24	515	1929	755	1856	2%	sun	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
25	513	1930	815	1959	5%	sun	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
26	511	1932	835	2101	10%	sun	sun	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
27	509	1933	854	2204	16%	sun	sun	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
28	508	1935	914	2308	24%	sun	sun	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun
29	506	1936	936	0	33%	sun	sun	moon	moon	moon	dark	dark	dark	dark	dark	sun

About This Calendar

This calendar was created using data from sunrise-sunset.org and timeanddate.com. My usual source, the U.S. Naval Observatory, was unavailable. The Twilight and Moon Rise/Set times are given in military time (e.g., 2148 is 9:48 PM) for Pacific Standard Time. If Daylight Savings Time is in effect, these times are one hour behind local time.

The left side of the calendar gives the times of beginning and end of astronomical twilight, the moon rise and set times, percent illumination of the moon when it crosses the meridian, and the four primary moon phases (for Pacific time). Shading of specific dates provide a quick means of finding the best nights for deep sky observing. Note that on some dates the moon does not cross the meridian, and percent illumination is given as NA.

Also note that moon rise (or set) time is given as "0" when the moon does not rise (or set) on that day (under Pacific Standard Time).

-  Darkest blue shading is applied to New Moon dates.
-  Dark blue shaded dates are the best nights for deep sky observing.
-  Light blue shaded dates are "marginal" deep sky observing nights.

In determining which dates to shade, I gave preference to dates for which moonless conditions occurred shortly after the end of astronomical twilight. Also, I took into account the moon's level of illumination. This process was not automated, and so my judgements may not always agree with yours.

The right side of the calendar gives more detail on exactly when there will be moonless conditions. The cell labels and shading were automated. The column headings refer to the beginning of an hourly interval; for example, 6 PM refers to the hour beginning at 6 PM and ending at 7 PM. Three entries are possible for each cell under these hourly headings, as described below.

-  sun Astronomical twilight has not yet ended, or has begun (for the following morning). In some cases, the sun may even be above the horizon.
-  moon The moon is above the horizon.
-  dark Full astronomical darkness is in effect and the moon is below the horizon.

Note that for a given hourly interval, a cell will be labeled "dark" if there is at least 30 minutes of full, moonless darkness during that hour.

The cell labels are a convenience to allow the user to quickly see when best conditions for observing will occur. The details can be discerned from the actual data.

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