

Our Night Sky for the week of October 29

The next week or two present some of the best opportunities of this year to see Jupiter at it's best. Jupiter is at opposition, the closest approach between Earth and Jupiter for about a year and this is the closet approach in 59 years, and the fairly bright moon does not rise until just about 10 pm.

Jupiter's rotation is pretty quick, the surface velocity at the equator is 45,000 KM/h so its day is short, just under 10 hours. Good chance the Great red spot will be visible. This is a century's old giant storm almost twice a large as our entire planet.

Another treat when you visit Jupiter is spotting the Galilean satellites named after Galileo in 1614. I will [post a link](#) to an app to tell you where the moons are currently and if you spot them, you will know which is which.

The Prince George observatory will be closed to public access for December and the first two weeks of January. We have some on- going maintenance and improvements to make at the observatory. We have a lot of information and internet links available on our [website Link](#) here.

And very soon you will be able to access viewing sessions at the observatory on the internet. Always learning, always exciting.