

Our Night Sky for February 2 Nd, 2026

All this week from sunset until about 8: 30 Saturn is low in the southwest and hard to spot unless you have a really good view of the western horizon. Jupiter is quite the opposite, very easy to spot high in the southeastern sky. A bit further south is Orion raising from horizontal toward vertical and due south later each evening. A little left of Orion is the constellation Gemini, the twins with the two bright stars Pollux and Castor. And tucked in between the two-stick figure of Gemini is Jupiter.

Let's look Left from Gemini along the ecliptic to Cancer, again almost a stick man, arms extended up in a Y shape and another upside-down Y shape below. And one more hop left to the question mark shape that is the head of Leo anchored by the large rectangle lions' body and tonight the right front foot is touching an almost full moon. The moon was full February first with what is named the snow moon.

Not to be confused with astrology , an astronomer's night sky has twelve constellations of the zodiac, each identified by the area of the night sky we are looking at when we are looking completely away from the sun ,in other words local midnight the sky that is due south currently ,Orion is the part of the sky we are looking out on at this time of year. This is the time we are looking outward from our position in our galaxy and in the summer at midnight we will be looking toward Sagittarius and the core of the milky way arching high into our night sky