

Our Night Sky for June 15 th, 2026

As we have observed several time during the last few weeks Jupiter and Venus are both close together just after sunset. They set about two hours behind the sun so if you have a good view of the western horizon and you time it just right you could be rewarded with a lovely view of Venus and Jupiter. If you also spotted this conjunction two or three weeks ago you will notice now that Gemini has moved ahead of the two planets and is already mostly set by the time it is dark enough to spot Pollux and Castor.

I have mentioned before that amateur astronomers try and spot the new moon as early as possible. Tonight it is an extreme challenge. The new moon is just a few hours old as it first touches the horizon in the west just behind sunset. The moon is too close to the sun to be spotted un-aided, but it can be spotted on a carefully adjusted telescope set at exactly the right location to see the barely illuminated limb of the new moon.

If you're hoping to enjoy some of the coming summer nights and maybe purchasing a telescope. Do a search for The Best smart telescope. There are smart telescopes available that might be in your price range. Smart telescopes are able to automatically locate their position on the earth and with a few keystrokes locate any objects in the skies overhead with built in automation. They also photograph what you have found and with your phone you can save and share these photos. A nice shortcut to help you enjoy Our Night Skies.