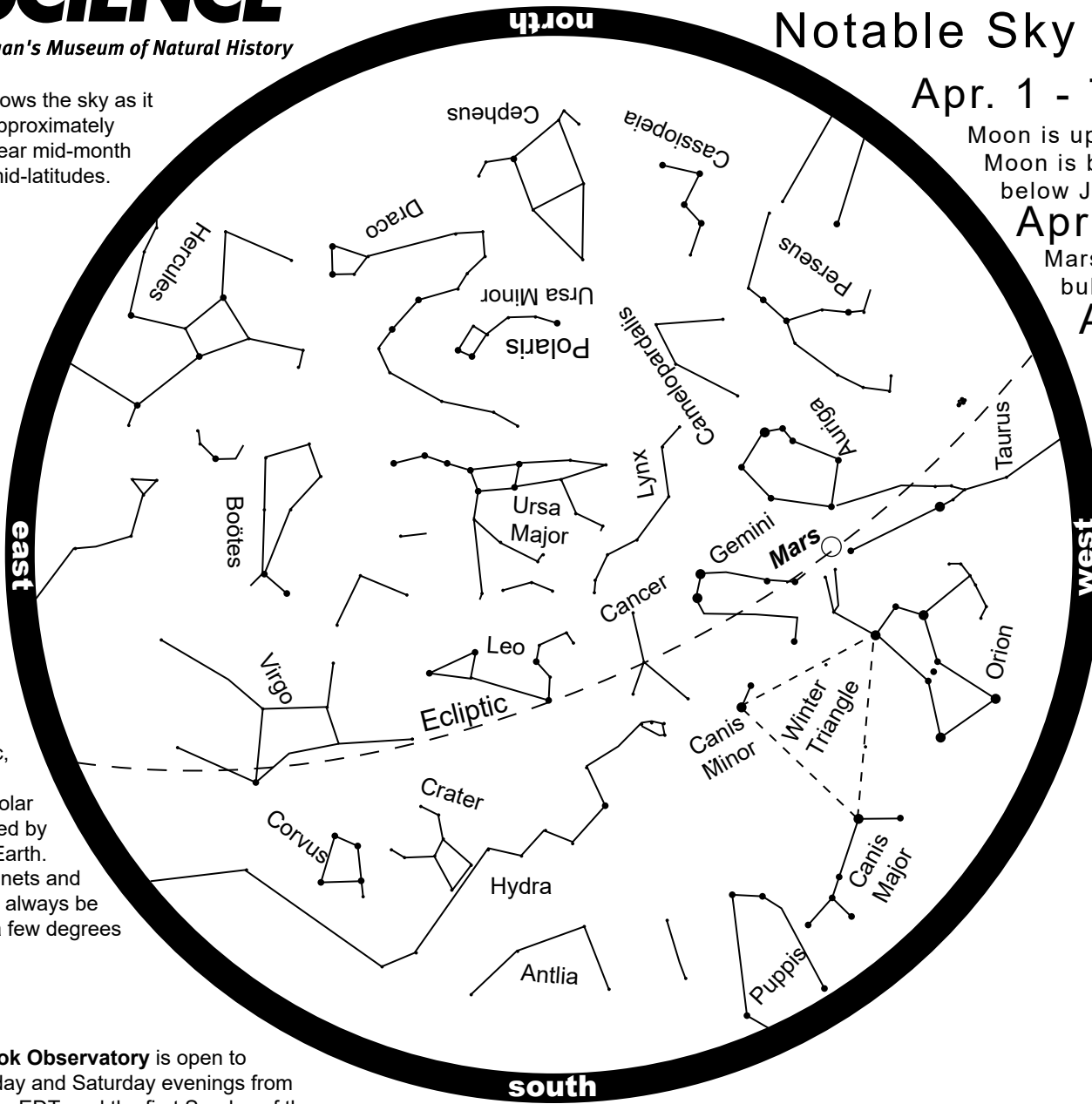


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Notable Sky Happenings



This chart shows the sky as it appears at approximately 10pm EDT near mid-month at northern mid-latitudes.



What is that dashed line? It's the ecliptic, the reference plane of the solar system, defined by the Sun and Earth. The major planets and the Moon can always be found within a few degrees of this plane.

Apr. 1 - 7

Moon is upper right of Antares on the 1st (S predawn).
 Moon is below Saturn on the 6th (SE predawn) and below Jupiter on the 7th (ESE predawn).

Apr. 8 - 14

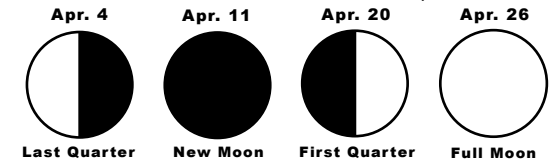
Mars is located between the horns of Taurus the bull on the 12th & 13th (W evening).

Apr. 15 - 21

Moon is below Mars on the 16th (W eve.) & upper right of Regulus on the 21st (S eve.).

Apr. 22 - 30

Lyrid meteor shower peaks the evening of the 22nd (15-20 meteors/hour). Moon is upper left of Spica on the 25th (SE eve.) and above Antares the 29th (SSW morn.).



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