

2026 MILKY WAY CALENDAR - WEST COAST USA (CA)

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Date	Moon			Sun		Milky Way			Galactic Center Visibility			Galactic Center Position
	☾ Illumination	🌑 Moonrise	🌒 Moonset	🌇 Sunset	🌄 Sunrise	🌌 Start	🌌 End	🕒 Hours	🌌 Start	🌌 End	🕒 Hours	🌌 Average elevation
3-Jan	100%	17:32	8:39 +1	17:05	7:17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-Jan	45%	1:10 +1	11:26	17:11	7:17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-Jan	0%	7:28 +1	16:15	17:18	7:15	5:29	5:44	0:15	5:29	5:44	0:15	Arch (10°)
24-Jan	45%	10:47 +1	23:49	17:25	7:12	5:01	5:42	0:40	5:01	5:42	0:40	Arch (10°)
31-Jan	100%	16:21	7:10 +1	17:32	7:07	4:34	5:38	1:03	-	-	-	-
7-Feb	60%	23:57	10:20 +1	17:40	7:00	4:06	5:32	1:26	-	-	-	-
14-Feb	5%	6:02 +1	15:04	17:47	6:53	3:39	5:26	1:47	3:39	5:26	1:47	Arch (10°) - Arch (30°)
21-Feb	30%	9:23 +1	22:51	17:54	6:45	3:11	5:18	2:07	3:11	5:18	2:07	Arch (10°) - Arch (35°)
28-Feb	95%	15:15	5:42 +1	18:01	6:36	2:44	5:10	2:25	-	-	-	-
7-Mar	80%	23:44	9:50 +1	19:07	7:26	3:16	6:00	2:43	-	-	-	-
14-Mar	15%	5:32 +1	14:52	19:13	7:16	2:49	5:50	3:01	2:49	5:50	3:01	Arch (10°) - Arch (45°)
21-Mar	15%	9:01 +1	22:51	19:19	7:06	2:21	5:39	3:18	2:21	5:39	3:18	Arch (10°) - Arch (45°)
28-Mar	80%	15:14	5:14 +1	19:25	6:56	1:54	5:28	3:34	5:14	5:28	0:13	Arch (50°)
4-Apr	90%	22:32	8:23 +1	19:31	6:46	1:26	5:17	3:50	-	-	-	-
11-Apr	30%	4:01 +1	13:40	19:37	6:36	0:59	5:05	4:06	0:59	5:05	4:06	Arch (10°) - Arch (55°)
18-Apr	5%	7:39 +1	21:46	19:43	6:27	0:31	4:54	4:23	0:31	4:54	4:23	Arch (10°) - Vertical (60°)
25-Apr	70%	14:14	3:46 +1	19:49	6:19	0:04	4:43	4:39	3:46	4:43	0:57	Arch (50°) - Vertical (65°)
2-May	100%	21:23	7:00 +1	19:55	6:11	23:36	4:33	4:56	-	-	-	-
9-May	45%	2:28 +1	12:30	20:01	6:04	23:09	4:23	5:14	23:09	2:28	3:19	Arch (10°) - Arch (50°)
16-May	0%	6:17 +1	20:36	20:07	5:58	22:41	4:15	5:33	22:41	4:15	5:33	Arch (10°) - Vertical (75°)
23-May	55%	13:11	2:15 +1	20:12	5:54	22:13	4:08	5:54	2:15	4:08	1:52	Arch (55°) - Vertical (80°)
30-May	100%	20:15	5:40 +1	20:17	5:50	22:06	4:02	5:56	-	-	-	-
6-Jun	60%	0:56 +1	11:22	20:21	5:49	22:12	3:58	5:46	22:12	0:56	2:44	Arch (20°) - Arch (50°)
13-Jun	0%	4:57 +1	19:25	20:25	5:48	22:16	3:57	5:40	22:16	3:57	5:40	Arch (25°) - Vertical (90°)
20-Jun	40%	12:04	0:42 +1	20:27	5:49	22:19	3:57	5:38	0:42	3:57	3:15	Vertical (60°) - Vertical (-85°)
27-Jun	95%	19:06	4:24 +1	20:28	5:51	22:19	4:00	5:40	-	-	-	-
4-Jul	75%	23:25	11:18 +1	20:27	5:54	22:18	4:04	5:46	22:18	23:25	1:06	Arch (40°) - Arch (55°)
11-Jul	5%	3:40 +1	18:15	20:25	5:59	22:14	3:55	5:41	22:14	3:55	5:41	Arch (45°) - Vertical (-75°)
18-Jul	35%	11:57 +1	23:08	20:22	6:03	22:08	3:27	5:19	23:08	3:27	4:19	Vertical (60°) - Vertical (-75°)
25-Jul	90%	17:54	3:10 +1	20:17	6:08	22:01	3:00	4:59	-	-	-	-
1-Aug	85%	21:54	10:15 +1	20:11	6:14	21:52	2:32	4:40	21:52	21:54	0:01	Vertical (60°)
8-Aug	15%	2:29 +1	17:06	20:04	6:20	21:42	2:05	4:22	21:42	2:05	4:22	Vertical (60°) - Vertical (-75°)
15-Aug	20%	10:43 +1	21:33	19:56	6:25	21:32	1:37	4:05	21:32	1:37	4:05	Vertical (65°) - Vertical (-75°)
22-Aug	75%	16:38	1:56 +1	19:48	6:31	21:21	1:10	3:49	-	-	-	-
29-Aug	95%	20:23	9:10 +1	19:38	6:36	21:09	0:42	3:33	-	-	-	-
5-Sep	25%	1:26 +1	15:58	19:28	6:42	20:58	0:15	3:17	20:58	0:15	3:17	Vertical (75°) - Vertical (-75°)
12-Sep	10%	9:30 +1	19:59	19:18	6:47	20:46	23:47	3:01	20:46	23:47	3:01	Vertical (75°) - Vertical (-75°)
19-Sep	60%	15:18	0:43 +1	19:07	6:52	20:35	23:20	2:45	-	-	-	-
26-Sep	100%	18:51	8:04 +1	18:57	6:58	20:24	22:52	2:28	-	-	-	-
3-Oct	40%	0:28 +1	14:47	18:47	7:04	20:13	22:25	2:11	20:13	22:25	2:11	Vertical (85°) - Vertical (-75°)
10-Oct	0%	8:18 +1	18:27	18:37	7:10	20:03	21:57	1:53	20:03	21:57	1:53	Vertical (90°) - Vertical (-75°)
17-Oct	50%	14:32 +1	23:30	18:28	7:16	19:54	21:30	1:35	-	-	-	-
24-Oct	100%	17:18	6:53 +1	18:19	7:22	19:46	21:02	1:16	-	-	-	-
31-Oct	55%	23:32	14:11 +1	18:11	7:29	19:39	20:35	0:55	19:39	20:35	0:55	Vertical (-80°)
7-Nov	0%	6:09 +1	15:57	17:05	6:36	18:33	19:07	0:33	18:33	19:07	0:33	Vertical (-80°)
14-Nov	35%	12:03 +1	21:19	16:59	6:43	18:29	18:40	0:10	-	-	-	-
21-Nov	90%	14:44	4:40 +1	16:55	6:50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28-Nov	70%	21:32	11:45 +1	16:53	6:57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-Dec	5%	5:04 +1	14:29	16:52	7:03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12-Dec	20%	10:33 +1	20:11	16:52	7:08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-Dec	75%	13:10	3:27 +1	16:55	7:13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26-Dec	85%	20:25	10:14 +1	16:59	7:16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

-  Best days to photograph the Milky Way
-  Days where the Milky Way is only visible for a short time
-  Days where the Milky Way is not visible

NOTE: Milky Way calendar created for Big Sur (California) and locations along the 36° North latitude line. To download other Milky Way calendars, visit: capturetheatlas.com

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