

<u>Meeting Date</u>	May 17, 2026 (Moved 1 week due to Mother's Day)	
<u>Night Begins</u>	10:52 PM EDT	<i>Note: Astronomical Twilight Ends</i>
<u>Solar Noon / Midnight</u>	1:31 EDT	<i>Note: on Meeting Date</i>
<u>Moon Quarters</u>	Full 05/01, Last 05/09, New 05/16, First 05/23, Full 05/31 (Blue Moon)	
<u>Q-Day -1</u>	Waning 05/07/2026, Waxing 05/22/2026	
<u>Darkest Evenings</u>	05/07 – 05/21	<i>Note: 2 days before Last Quarter thru 2 days before First Quarter</i>

<u>Viewing Resources</u>	Evening Sky Maps	http://skymaps.com/
	Astronomy Forecasts	https://oaklandastronomy.net/WeatherInfo/
	Charles Wood, 21 st Century Atlas of the Moon, ISBN 978-1-938228-80-3	
	Andrew Planck's Blog, S&T Field Map, and What's Hot on the Moon Tonight?	
	http://andrewplanck.com/	http://andrewplanck.com/shop/

<u>RASC Explore the Moon</u>	EtM	https://rasc.ca/observing/explore-the-moon-observing-certificate
	Moon at Noon	https://rasc.ca/moonatnoon

Featured Lunar Targets:

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada: Explore the Moon, Q-Day -1, Moon Age 6 & 20

RASC EtM Explore the Moon (Telescope & Binocular) Q-Day -1, Moon Age 6 & 20						
Label	Feature Name	Bino	Description	NES	S&T	Size
27	Aristoteles	Yes	Crater located at the South edge of Mare Frigoris	N	NE D11	87
45	Eudoxus	Yes	Neighbor of Aristoteles	N	NE E11	67
M S	Mare Serenitatis (Serenity)	Yes	Impact basin predating Mare Imbrium, filled with Imbrium Era mare material	N	NE G11	700
32	Bessel		Sharp crater near the center of Mare Serenitatis	N	NE G11	16
K	Haemus Mountains		Raised edge forming the SW shore of Mare Serenitatis	E	NE H11	400
64	Manilius		Fairly large crater, located in a relatively crater-free area directly E of Mare Vaporum	E	NE H10	39
56	Julius Caesar		Lava filled eroded crater West of Mare Tranquillitatis	E	NE J11	85
42	Delambre		Sharp crater with terraced rim to the SW of Mare Tranquillitatis	E	SE K11	52
16	Apollo 16 landing site		[Optional]	E	SE K11	0
66	Maurolycus		Large crater with terraced walls	S	SE P11	114

Explore the Moon – Telescope	https://rasc.ca/sites/default/files/EtM_Telescope_V4_1.pdf
Explore the Moon – Binocular	https://rasc.ca/sites/default/files/EtM_Binoculars_V4_0.pdf
EtM Photo Album	https://www.rasc.ca/sites/default/files/Photographic%20Album%20of%20the%20RASC%20Explore%20the%20Moon%20Features_sm.pdf