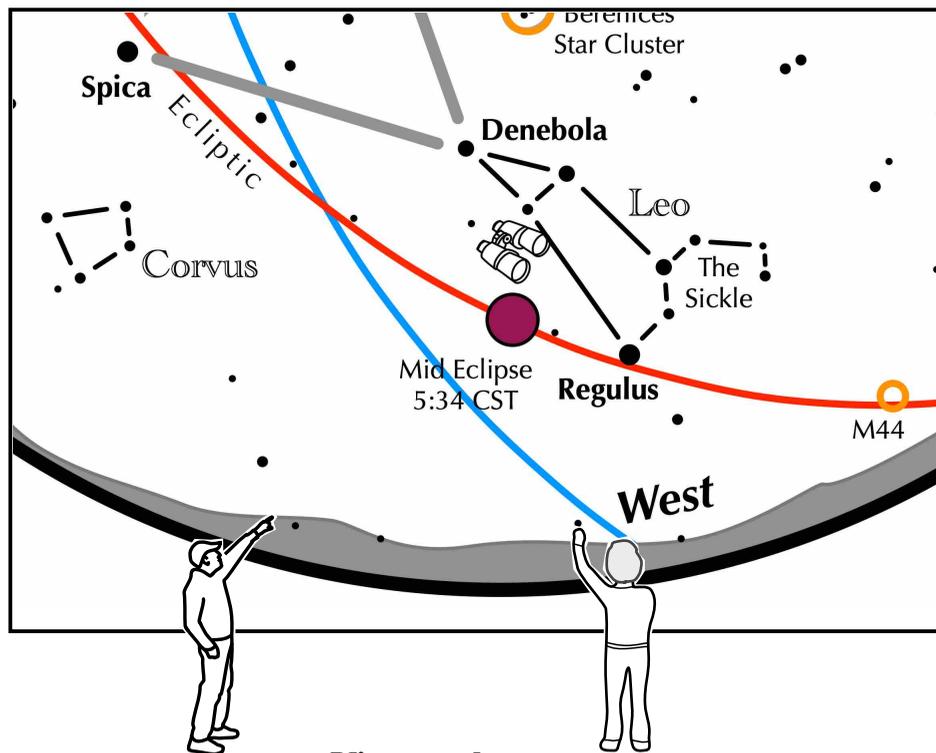


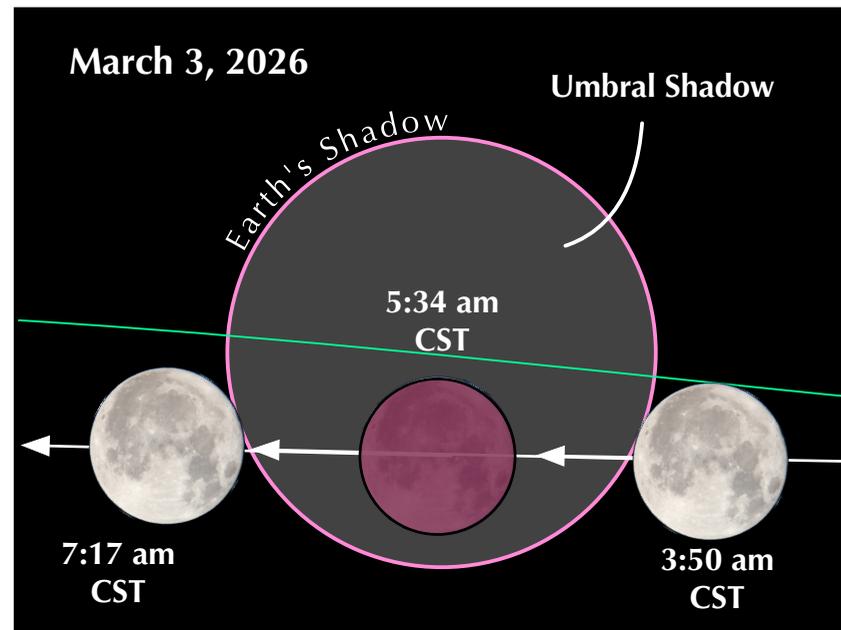
If you can observe only one celestial event in the morning this March, see this one.



**View to the west
on March 3
at 5 am CST**

Eclipse times

Partial eclipse begins: 3:50 a.m. CST
 Total eclipse begins: 5:04
 Mid eclipse: 5:34
 Total eclipse ends: 6:03
 Partial eclipse ends: 7:17



The Moon slides through a total eclipse

In the hours before dawn on March 3, the brilliant full moon slides into Earth's shadow.

- Even though the partial umbral eclipse begins at 3:50 a.m. CDT, darkening might not be noticed for another 5 minutes.
- When totality is reached, the full moon's brilliance is gone, allowing the stars to appear. Can you see that the moon lies east of Regulus and below Leo?
- At mid eclipse, what color is the moon? How red is it?
- During the partial phases, can you notice that the shadow's edge is not straight, but curved?