1959

Dumbbell Nebula

Quick Facts:

Distance: 1400 Light-years. Size: 1 Light-year.

Constellation: Vulpecula.

A large planetary nebula in Vulpecula with two bright lobes. Formed about 15,000 years ago, it has at its center one of the largest diameter (80,000 miles) white dwarfs known. Messier 27.

Find it: Sweep south of Albireo to find the arrow constellation of Sagitta. Go 3-1/2 degrees due north of the arrow's tip to find it. GOTO: NAMED OBJECTS, M (Messier).

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