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Great Hercules Cluster

Quick Facts:

Distance: 22,000 Light-years.

Size: Approx 140 Light-years.

Constellation: Hercules.

A big bright globular that can be seen with the naked eye under good conditions. M-13 is another name. Contains approx. 300,000 stars.

Find it: Star hop to it by first finding the Keystone asterism in Hercules. Look on the west side one-third of the way down from the northwestern star Eta Herculis. GOTO: M (Messier).

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