Messier 2 Globular

Quick Facts:

Distance: 33,000 Light-years.

Size: Approx 175 Light-years.

Constellation: Aquarius.

One of the largest Milky Way globular clusters, first resolved by William Herschel (discoverer of Uranus) in 1783.

Find it: In the sky west of the Water Jar in Aquarius. Start there and find the brighter star Sadalmeik a few degrees west of the Jar. Now sweep about 8 degrees due west to find M-2 GOTO: M (Messier).

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