

Studying “Luna Incognita”: The Region Near the South Pole

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Abstract

A region of approximately 270 000 km² near the south pole of the Moon has not been mapped by spacecraft and Dr John Westfall of ALPO proposed the “Luna Incognita” programme in 1972 to try to cover this area. A brief summary of the problems of observing this limb region was given, together with the author’s experience using the T 60 and 1-m telescopes at Pic du Midi.

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