

Online Information

Adventure to the Planet Mars

Fascinating Facts

Mars

1. There are 687 Earth days in a Martian year.
2. The Martian volcano Olympus Mons is the largest volcano in our solar system. It is about the size of Arizona and is three times taller than Mount Everest.
3. The Martian canyon Valles Marineris is the largest canyon in our solar system, stretching the distance from Los Angeles to Chicago. It covers over one fourth of the Martian surface!
4. The Martian atmosphere is made primarily of carbon dioxide—which is toxic in large quantities to life on Earth!
5. Mars has two moons unlike Earth's one moon. Their names are Phobos and Deimos.
6. The Martian moons are both about 20 kilometers wide.
7. Mars is named after the Roman God of War.
8. Temperatures on the Martian surface are generally very cold. The temperature on Mars ranges from about 220 degrees below zero to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The average temperature is below zero.
9. Mars is about 137 million miles from the sun.
10. Mars has approximately the same surface area as Earth!

