

November 2026 Meteor Showers

Taurid fireballs and the Leonids · peak nights and Moon conditions for the United States

Southern Taurids

Night of Nov. 4–5

Moon

Waning crescent, about 18% lit

Rate

About 5 meteors an hour; known for bright fireballs

When to look

Best around midnight, low in the east before that

Northern Taurids

Night of Nov. 11–12

Moon

Thin crescent, about 7% lit

Rate

About 5 an hour, slow and bright

When to look

Best around midnight; the darkest skies of the month

Leonids

Night of Nov. 16–17

Moon

First quarter, sets around midnight

Rate

About 15 an hour at best, fast meteors

When to look

After the Moon sets, from midnight to dawn

Moon phases, November 2026 (Eastern Time)

Last quarter

Sunday, Nov. 1, 3:28 p.m. EST

New moon

Monday, Nov. 9, 2:02 a.m. EST

First quarter

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:48 a.m. EST

Full moon (Beaver Moon)

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 9:53 a.m. EST

Peak nights and rates: American Meteor Society. Moon phases: U.S. Naval Observatory. Rates assume a dark sky far from city lights; expect fewer from suburbs. Give your eyes 20 minutes to adjust and look about halfway up the sky.