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A VALENTINE FROM MARS



This Valentine's Day, enjoy a heartfelt greeting from Mars with this photo taken by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor.

This Valentine from Mars is actually a heart-shaped mesa on the surface of the Red Planet. The mesa, which is about 279 yards at its widest, is located in the south polar region of Mars. The mesa is a remnant of an overlying bright layer of material that has been eroded away from the

dark, rough terrain surrounding it. The heart shape is a chance result of wind erosion and the disappearance of subsurface ice.

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