

Andromeda Galaxy



Location: In the constellation 'Andromeda'
Distance from Earth: 2.5 million years
1 light year = 6 trillion miles or almost 10 trillion kilometers

The picture is located here for better appreciation: <http://tinyurl.com/3txn3kc>

The following is an excerpt from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andromeda_Galaxy

The closest spiral galaxy to the Milky Way, and the largest galaxy in what is known as the 'Local Group' (group of more than 30 galaxies including the Milky Way).

With more than an estimated trillion stars, it's vast but not as massive as the Milky Way – we may

have more dark matter.

The Andromeda Galaxy is expected to collide with our Milky Way in about 4.5 billion years – we have time to enjoy the view. It sits in the northern skies from June to February and is visible to the naked eye in areas with moderate light pollution on moonless nights. The picture above is an ultra-violet image of the Andromeda Galaxy, and the inspiration for the colorway 'Andromeda'.

Andromeda the constellation is also known as 'The Chained Lady', and 'Persea' (Perseus' Wife). In Greek Myth, she was chained to a rock to be eaten by the sea monster Cetus. She was rescued by Perseus.

