

NEPTUNE



"THE WINDIEST PLANET"



Most of the time Neptune is the eighth planet from our Sun. Sometimes Pluto's odd orbit brings it closer to the Sun and for a few years Neptune is the most distant planet. It is also most likely the windiest planet in the solar system. Winds tear through the clouds at more than 1,200 mph (2,000 kph). The winds blew Neptune's Great Dark Spot—a storm as big as Earth—across the planet at 700 mph (1,100 kph). That spot has since disappeared. A new one appeared briefly in the planet's opposite hemisphere.

Neptune has many moons and even a faint set of rings. The largest moon, Triton, is larger and colder than Pluto. Voyager 2 discovered active geysers on Triton.



Triton and Neptune



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