

Re: Observing Plato's craterlets with smallish scopes

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On Tue, 8 Aug 2006 14:52:32 -0700 (PDT), Brian Tung wrote:

My experience is similar to David. I saw the central craterlet as such in my 5-inch SCT under excellent seeing conditions, at a low solar angle, and was able to detect, trivially, the Big Four with ordinary seeing, at a high solar angle, with the same telescope.

I can see the "bowl" of the central craterlet, IIRC, under good seeing with my 12.5 inch dob. This is much as Rod Mollise stated. I am not sure I see much of them at all with a moon at, or just past, full. The 9 day old moon seems to work best for me. Then again, I hardly qualify as much of a lunar observer. I am just starting to turn my attention to it now as my dark skies have been ruined by that "roundabout" thing I cited a few months back.

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