

The target for the Hubble Deep Field was a carefully selected piece of sky near the handle of the Big Dipper (part of the northern circumpolar constellation Ursa Major — the Great Bear). The field is far from the plane of our galaxy and so is “uncluttered” of nearby objects, such as foreground stars. The target field is, by necessity, in the continuous viewing zone (CVZ) of Hubble’s orbit, a special region where Hubble can view the sky without being blocked by Earth or interference from the Sun or Moon.

