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APRIL 7, 2020 (PINK) SUPERMOON

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April 7, 2020 Supermoon as viewed from Potato Creek State Park, Indiana. April's full moon is also nicknamed "Pink Moon" and it held true as it reflected the sunset during its rising above Worster Lake.

Supermoon - April 7, 2020 April 7, 2020 Supermoon as viewed from Potato Creek State Park, Indiana.

On April 7th we were able to observe a Supermoon, and in fact, the largest and brightest Supermoon of 2020. Although not an astronomical term, Supermoon was first used by astrologer, Richard Nolle, in 1979. Generally speaking, a Supermoon is a full moon that occurs near the same time as when the Moon is also at the point in its monthly orbit that's closest to the Earth. It's during this closeness to the earth that gives the appearance of being larger by about 7% and brighter by about 15%, than an average full moon.

April's full moon is often called the "Pink Moon". In northern Indiana, and where I was at Potato Creek State Park, it certainly kept with its nickname "Pink Moon", at least for a while after it started rising and the sunset waned. It was a clear evening with a beautiful sunset, and the sun reflected off the full moon as it often does with clouds, giving it a pink glow. Featured Photographs 1 reflects this pink glow during the first 15 minutes of the moon rising. Featured Photograph 2 shows the Supermoon after it had risen above the horizon about 50 minutes.

Although we might like to think that April's Pink Moon has to do with the color of the moon, this is not the case. It was so nicknamed because the Full Moon corresponds with the early springtime blooms of North America's Creeping Phlox or Moss Phlox, sometimes referred to as "Moss Pink". It's this seasonal association with April's Full Moon that it came to be called the Pink Moon. It so

happened this year that it truly was pink for the first 25 minutes, or so, of rising above the horizon.

An Interesting Fact:
The first Full Moon after the March equinox is called the Paschal Full Moon. It's the Paschal Full Moon that determines the date of Easter. Generally, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon. This year, the March equinox occurred on March 19th and the first Full Moon (the Paschal Full Moon) occurred on April 7th, making Easter Sunday, April 12th.

Next month I'll share photography from Canyonlands National Park in Utah.

Two (2) Featured Photographs (20% Off)

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