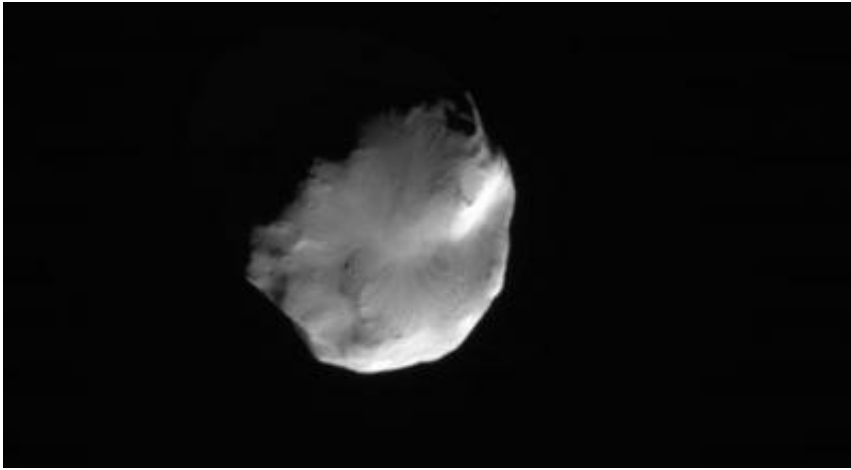


Cassini sends back postcards of Saturn moons

February 1 2011



This image of Saturn's moon Helene was obtained by NASA's Cassini spacecraft on Jan. 31, 2011. Image credit: NASA/JPL/SSI

(PhysOrg.com) -- On Jan. 31, 2011, NASA's Cassini spacecraft passed by several of Saturn's intriguing moons, snapping images along the way.

Cassini passed within about 60,000 kilometers (37,282 miles) of [Enceladus](#) and 28,000 kilometers (17,398 miles) of Helene. It also caught a glimpse of Mimas in front of Saturn's rings. In one of the images, Cassini is looking at the famous jets erupting from the south polar terrain of Enceladus.

To see more raw images, go to saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/photos/raw/ and click

on "Search Images."



This image of Saturn's moon Mimas was obtained by NASA's Cassini spacecraft on Jan. 31, 2011. It shows the bright, icy moon in front of Saturn's delicate rings. Image credit: NASA/JPL/SSI

The Cassini-Huygens mission is a cooperative project of NASA, the European [Space](#) Agency and the Italian Space Agency. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, manages the Cassini-Huygens mission for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Washington. The Cassini orbiter and its two onboard cameras were designed, developed and assembled at JPL. The imaging team is based at the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colo.

Provided by JPL/NASA

Citation: Cassini sends back postcards of Saturn moons (2011, February 1) retrieved 1 May 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2011-02-cassini-postcards-saturn-moons.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.