

Gale Crater. Another great glimpse of Mars – the world next door – from NASA’s Curiosity rover.

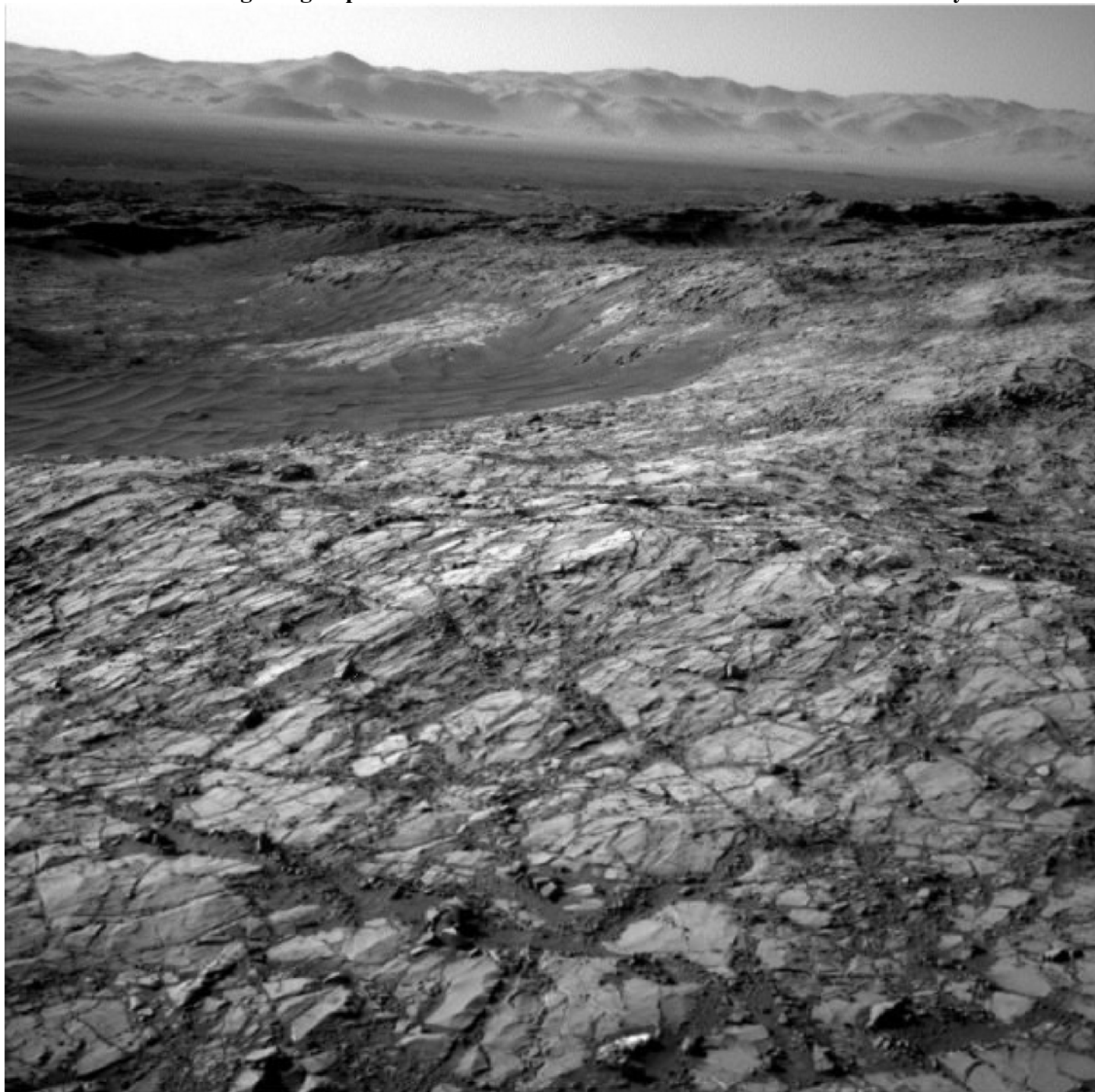
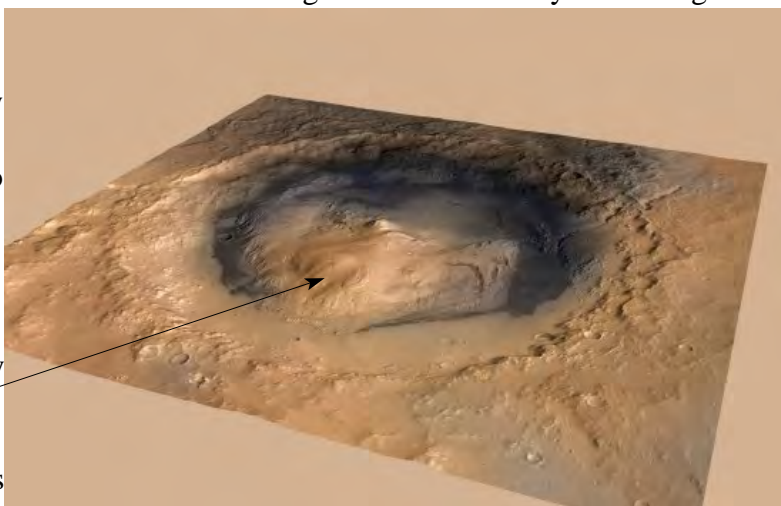


Image acquired by the Mars Curiosity rover on Friday 6th November 2015, via NASA / JPL / Malin Space Science Systems.

Here’s a wonderful new image from Mars, looking across Gale Crater using the Mars Curiosity rover’s right NavCam. The rover captured this image on November 6, 2015, which was Sol 1,155, the rover’s 1,155th day on Mars. The scene is certainly dried out, desiccated clay layers, laid down in the very remote past, approximately 4 billion years ago when Mars was much warmer and wetter, with a far denser atmosphere than now. In the distance is the 4,850-meter northern rim of Gale Crater. The crater itself is 154 km wide. Gale Crater on Mars, its central peak is unofficially called Mount Sharp, officially Aeolis Mons. North is down in this image.



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