

The Eastern Portion of Cerberus Fossae

Visible in this observation is a section of Cerberus Fossae, which are comprised of a series of rifts present located in Elysium Planitia just north the Martian equator. The fossae (Latin plural for a 'ditch' or 'depression') are in close proximity and related to the formation of Athabasca Valles, which lies to the west. These rifts are collapse features believed to form by volcanic and tectonic processes.

