



## The Pits of Elysium Mons

Here near the summit of the giant volcano Elysium Mons, is a chain of pits likely formed by the collapse of a lava tube after it drained. Or perhaps it formed by a tectonic process, such as a rift in the rocks below that drained loose material from the surface. (NASA/JPL/University of Arizona: 272 km above the surface and less than 5 km across.)

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