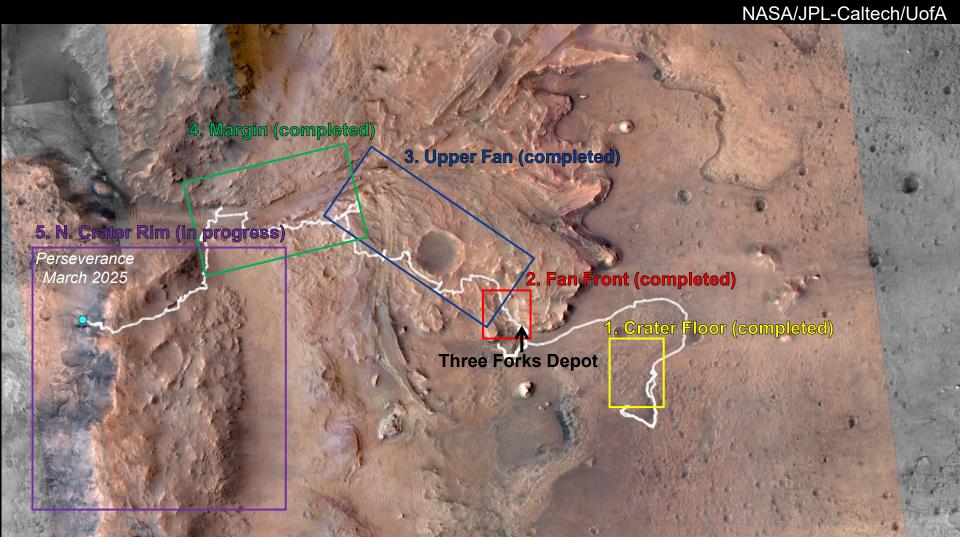


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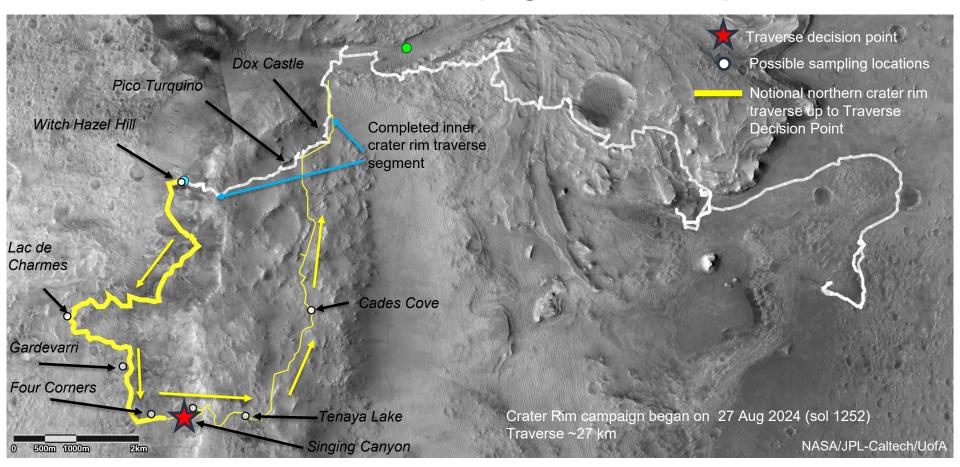
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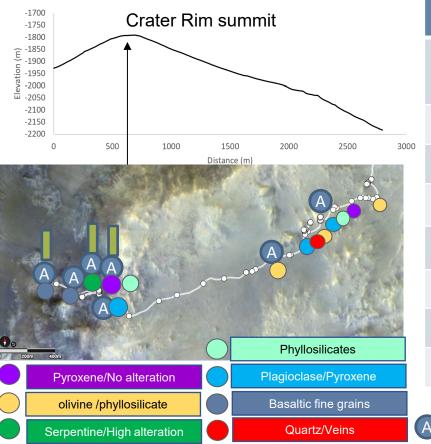
N. Crater Rim Campaign – Route Map



N. Crater Rim Campaign – Purpose

- The geology of the crater rim records a diversity of geologic processes and includes rocks from Mars' most ancient crust and widespread units of regional significance.
- Characterization and sampling of these rocks will help us understand the earliest planetary evolution processes including crust formation and evolution, the strength and timing of the dynamo and whether its evolution drove the loss of an early atmosphere, the earliest climate and weathering, hydrothermal, and alteration processes, and potential ancient habitable environments that were not exposed in the Jezero crater floor or fan.
- The regional units will address questions related to the emplacement mechanisms and timing of these units and more broadly to the geochronology derived from crater counting.

N. Crater Rim Campaign – Science Accomplishments



Sol #	Abrasion	Sample
1257	Eremita Mesa*	NA *at beginning of campaign
1315	Ranger Falls	NA
1334	Rio Chiquito	NA
1360	Cat Arm Reservoir	2 failed attempts
1376	Blue Hill	Silver Mountain
1395	Steve's Trail	NA
1404	Serpentine Lake	Green Gardens
1441	Slants River	Main River

Major Science Accomplishments

Exceptional diversity of rocks = diversity of geologic processes represented in the Noachian basement exposed by Jezero crater rim (oldest rocks ever observed in situ)

It includes:

- Primitive, unaltered pyroxene = crustal formation or major impact event
- Evolved, feldspar rich = crustal evolution
- Pure serpentine sample = alteration processes, and potential ancient habitable environments from the earliest martian times
- Quartz rich hydrothermal veins = insight into impact-related hydrothermal cells
- Potential silica or volcanoclastic fine grain sediments over 10s of m of stratigraphy = insight into potential pyroclastic processes

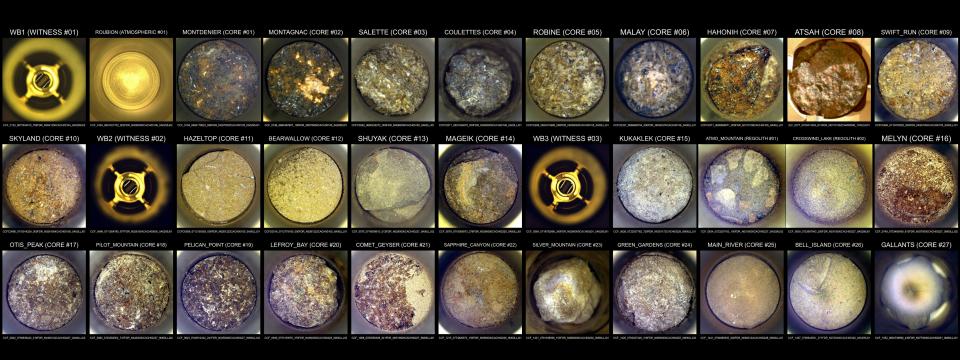
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Perseverance Sample Collection



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N. Crater Rim Campaign – Key Results

