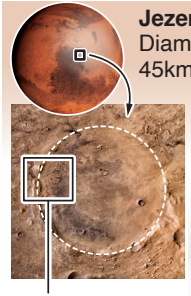
Mars rover breaks record for off-planet driving

NASA's Perseverance rover has now driven further than any other vehicle on another world, clocking 45.2km on Mars since landing in 2021

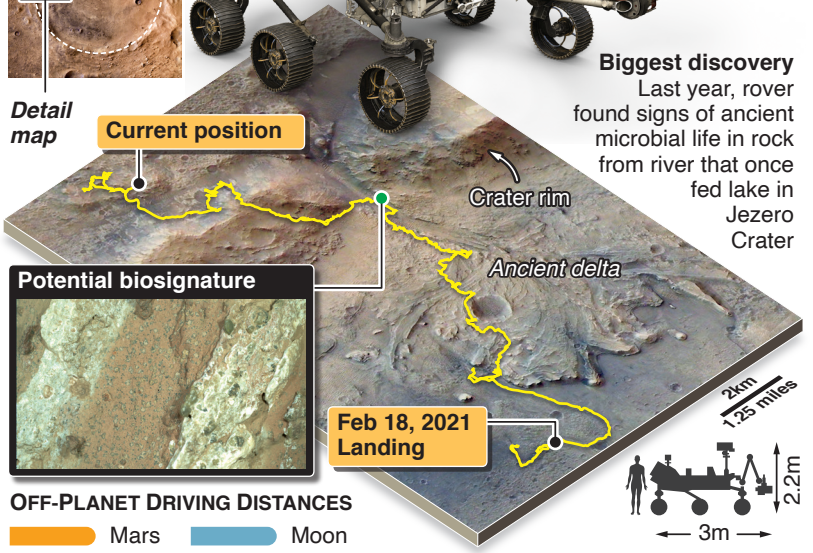


Jezero Crater
Diameter
45km

Detail map

Perseverance hits milestone five and a half years into its mission to search for signs Mars could once have supported life

Biggest discovery
Last year, rover found signs of ancient microbial life in rock from river that once fed lake in Jezero Crater



OFF-PLANET DRIVING DISTANCES

Mars Moon

Perseverance	*U.S.*	2020-	**45.22km**
Opportunity	*U.S.*	2004-18	**45.16**
Lunokhod 2	*USSR*	1973	**39.0**
Curiosity*	*U.S.*	2012-	**38.1**
Apollo 17 Lunar Rover	*U.S.*	1972	**35.7**
Apollo 15 Lunar Rover	*U.S.*	1971	**27.8**
Lunokhod I	*USSR*	1970-71	**10.5**
Spirit	*U.S.*	2004-10	**7.7**
Sojourner	*U.S.*	1997	**0.1**
Yutu 2	*China*	2019-24	**0.1**

In under six years, Perseverance has passed record set by Opportunity, which roamed Mars for nearly 15 years

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