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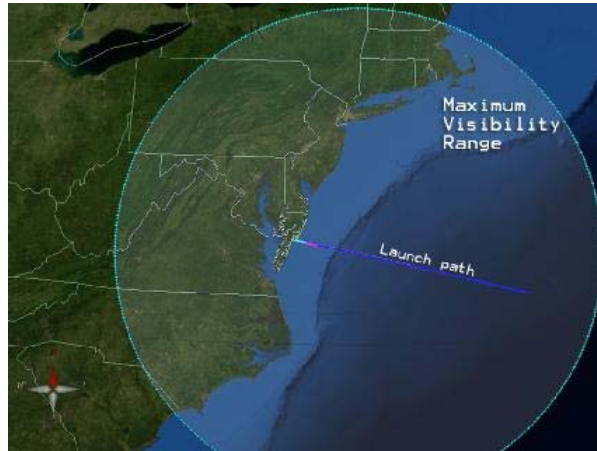


NASA's Wallops Flight Facility
The Wallops Flight Facility, located on Virginia's Eastern Shore, manages all sounding rocket launches for the agency.

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ATREX Launch Information

The ATREX launches will take place between **March 14 and April 3, 2012.**



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This map shows the projected area in which the chemical tracers released from the rockets may be visible to the public. Credit: NASA/Wallops

In order for the launches to occur, clear skies are required at three special camera sites located along the mid-Atlantic coast in Virginia, North Carolina and New Jersey.

The visible tracers may be observed for up to 20 minutes by residents in the mid-Atlantic region, and along the east coast of the United States from parts of New Jersey to South Carolina.

Launch Viewing at Wallops

The launch window each night will vary but will open no earlier than 11 p.m. EST and close no later than 6:30 a.m. The NASA Visitor Center at Wallops will be open at least one hour before the opening of the daily launch window for viewing the mission by the public. **Call 757-824-2298** to confirm opening time.

[Launch Sequence PDF](#)

Web Cast

The ATREX mission will be web cast beginning 2 hours before the opening of the launch window. Visit <http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/webcast>.

Mariners/Boaters

Information for mariners on areas to avoid on the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Wallops Island during launch operations. Visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/home/marine.html>.

ATREX Launch Status

Launch Attempt Tonight

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NASA has set the ATREX mission for launch from **2am to 5am EDT**, March 27.

Date Range: March 14 - April 3, 2012

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March 7, 2012, ATREX telecon audio

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