## If our solar system were shrunk to the size of a yardstick







## Distances are to scale, not size. At this scale, the planets would all be too small to see.

Remember, that even traveling AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, it would still take OVER 11 YEARS to travel to Pluto.



Let's zoom out to see how far away the next closest star to our sun would be...





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This is one mile, at this scale, it represents one light year

At this scale, the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, would be 4.5 miles away, representing 4.5 light years. From our school, the nearest star would be at the base of Big Cottonwood Canyon. By the Way, they have discovered a planet orbiting this star! Even traveling <u>AS FAST AS WE</u> <u>CAN GO</u>, it would take 82,000 years to reach the closest star to our sun. THE CLOSEST!!!!

Let's keep going...

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This is two miles, at this scale, it represents two light years

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This is five miles, at this scale, it represents five light years

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At this scale, this distance is 2,000 miles (light years), the closest galaxy to ours is the Sagittarius Dwarf Elliptical Galaxy, at 70,000 light years away!!! At this scale, that is a third of the way to the moon!

## Space is **HUGE!!!**

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