**10-Mile Walk on the Moon**

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NASA hasn’t landed astronauts on the moon since the 1972 Apollo 17 mission (任务). Last year, NASA announced (宣布) its new moon landing program Artemis. With the Artemis program, NASA will send the first woman and the next man to the moon in 2024.

Not long ago, news about NASA’s Artemis program showed that the astronauts are going for a pretty long moonwalk. After they reach the moon, they are going to walk 10 miles. This is over 16 times further than how far the first men to land on the moon walked. The astronauts are going to land on the South Pole (南极) of the moon. They will be looking for ice and water there.

Such a long walk will come with lots of difficulties. It takes longer to walk a mile on the moon than on earth because of lower gravity (重力). According to Apollo astronauts’ walking speed of around 1.4 miles an hour, it will take over seven hours to walk 10 miles. However, NASA is said to be using a kind of new spacesuits (航天服). They will be lighter and more comfortable. They will help astronauts walk freely and keep them warm on the moon.

“This is where we’re going to test out technologies. We are working hard for further lunar exploration (月球探索),” said NASA engineer Natalie Mary.