For the first time in 38 years, a total solar eclipse is coming to the contiguous United States and Oregon State University is directly in the path of totality. The Oregon coast will be the first easily-accessible place to view the eclipse. Many experts predict that central and eastern Oregon will be among the best places in the nation to view the eclipse due to the clear skies, dry weather, and low light pollution.

The event will be clearly visible from the OSU campus as it falls in the umbra. Viewing the event can be done simply by being outside and looking up.

OSU and 16 counties in Oregon are expecting to host crowds of people viewing the rare event. Places such as Student Legacy Field, the top floor of the parking structure, quad, and various open field areas will be highly sought after viewing areas.

The eclipse will begin at approximately 9:04 am and continue until approximately 11:37 am PST, with the totality happening around 10:16 am.

Looking for more information? Head over to NASA’s information and countdown site at: eclipse2017.nasa.gov

Hopefully you are able to take some time on August 21st to view the eclipse at OSU for yourself. Keep in mind to do so safely. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact OSU Emergency Preparedness.