

Total Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 21, 2017

9:04-11:37am PST



Oregon State University is in the Path of Totality for Rare Event

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.



Travel Safety Concerns

This event is rare and is expected to draw large crowds from all over the country. Be prepared for large crowds and heavy traffic.

Be mindful of spontaneous viewers, cars stopping in or along roadsides to watch the eclipse.

During the two minutes of totality, expect nighttime conditions. Be sure to turn on your headlights if you are driving at the time. Be aware of other drivers that do not.

Begin the event with a full tank of gas. Due to the high volume of visitors to Oregon, gas stations may become crowded or experience product shortages.

Keep in mind local emergency services may become inundated with calls for service.

Viewing Safety

We have learned that it is never a good idea to look directly at the sun. Doing so can cause permanent eye damage. The risk is even greater if viewed through a telescope or binoculars. Therefore, taking extra precautions when viewing a solar eclipse is a must.

Items that are **not** safe to use for viewing include:

- Polarized sunglasses
- Welding mask rated lower than #14
- Ski goggles

There are specialized viewing products that can be found online. These include:

- Cardboard glasses
- Wrap around glasses
- SUNoculars
- Eclipse Viewers



Rooftop viewing will not improve visibility. Refrain from accessing OSU rooftops during the event.

Emergencies

Fire/Medical : 9-1-1

Public Safety/State Police:
Emergency: 541-737-7000

Non-Emergency: 541-737-3010

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