



TIPS FOR VISITORS

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - AUGUST 21, 2017

Eclipse Begins 9:06 AM

Total Eclipse Occurs 10:19 AM

Total Darkness for 2.02 MINS

The town of Madras has a population of approximately 6,200 which is expected to swell to 100,000+ over the weekend preceding the Solar Eclipse. Traffic will be heavy; lines for food and in stores will be long; campsites will likely be sold out...so make your reservations now, arrive a little early, come prepared, and have reasonable expectations given the situation. Once the Eclipse begins, you'll forget all about the crowds and any small inconveniences it took for you to experience this wondrous event!

General Tips:

- ⚙ Don't think, "We'll just pick up some (blank) when we get there." Supplies will be limited and high demand may mean you can't get all the things you need or want.
- ⚙ Make sure your vehicle/RV has been serviced and you're all fueled up (gas, propane, etc.).
- ⚙ Carry an ABC Fire Extinguisher in your vehicle. August is wildfire season and overheated vehicles can cause brush fires!
- ⚙ Be aware of your surroundings. Don't leave valuables in your vehicles or just lying around - including your cell phones, telescopes, binoculars, etc.
- ⚙ Text when you can to help keep cell phone lines open.

What to bring with you:

- ⚙ Water (plenty of it), Snacks/Food
- ⚙ Necessary medications
- ⚙ Cash (ATM's may run out!)
- ⚙ Eclipse Viewing Glasses (also available here for purchase)
- ⚙ Sunscreen
- ⚙ Sunglasses
- ⚙ Hat/visor
- ⚙ Light jacket or sweatshirt (for the evening hours)
- ⚙ Comfortable walking shoes (flip flops are not conducive to our desert conditions)
- ⚙ Folding chair

