

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK EMERGENCY SERVICES**



**INFORMATION GUIDE  
FOR  
SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024**



**NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

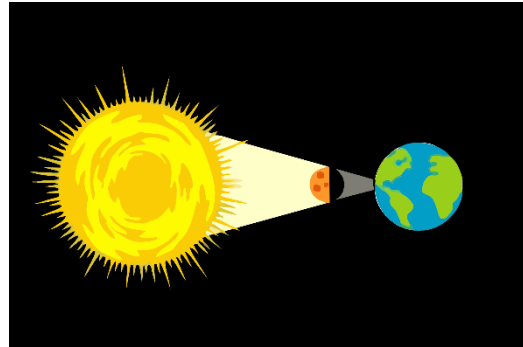
# BE PREPARED AND BE SAFE

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## What is a Solar Eclipse?

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby obscuring the view of the Sun from a small part of the Earth, totally or partially.



### Total Eclipse -Monday April 8, 2024

- Partial Eclipse Begins: 12:33 p.m. CDT
- Totality Begins: 1:51 - 1:54 p.m. CDT
- Partial Eclipse End: 3:11 p.m. CDT

### Who Can See It?

The path of the eclipse continues from Mexico, entering the United States in Texas, and traveling through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. The eclipse will enter Canada in Southern Ontario, and continue through Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Breton. The eclipse will exit continental North America on the Atlantic coast of Newfoundland, Canada, at 5:16 p.m. NDT.

## Tips for Sight Seekers

**Eclipse Begins:** Monday, April 8, at 1:51 p.m. CDT

**Anticipated Days:** Friday, 04/06 – Tuesday, 04/9

### Things to consider doing in advance:

- **Running errands and appointments**

Schedule your errands and appointments early. By scheduling your errands early, you may beat the crowds and give stores and businesses time to restock before the eclipse visitors arrive. You may want to grocery shop, visit doctors/dentist/veterinary and pick up prescriptions early.

- **Supplies**

Do not think, “We will just pick up what we need when we get there.” Supplies, cash, fuel, and restaurant meals may have limited service or have long waiting lines.

- **Heavy and Congested Traffic**

Heavy and congested travel. Arkansas has a population of around three million people. It is expected that the state will draw between one million and five million visitors to the state during this event. Keep in mind that visitors will be arriving to this area two to three days in advance.

- **Events around the city and central area**

There will be several events around the city and in neighboring cities. You should expect to see large gatherings, long lines at local businesses and gas station, excessive amounts of people and limited parking.

- For events around the area please go to Eclipse Events Viewer at <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/>
- **Cellular Service**  
Due to the high increase of cellular usage, cellular services may be delayed or unavailable.
- **Maps**  
You may want to get a paper map of the city, area or park you plan on visiting just in case you get lost and there is no cellular connection.
- **Personal Safety**  
Have good communication with your friends and family and plan a meet up location just in case someone gets separated from the group. Pick a landmark where you can reunite if someone gets separated from the group. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.
- **Emergency Plans**  
Know where local hospitals and urgent clinics are located at in the area. Call 911 if you have an emergency.
- **Eyewear**  
To view safely, you need eclipse glasses that comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Glasses will be available for purchase at the North Little Rock Welcome Center at 600 Main Street, Suite 120.
- **Do Not Litter**  
Please help keep our streets and community clean and dispose of your trash and waste properly.



- **What to Bring With You**

- Eclipse Viewing Glasses
- Water
- First Aid Kit
- Necessary Medications for you and family members
- Cash
- Sun Protection-Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Hat/Visor
- Comfortable Walking Shoes
- Folding Chair
- Paper Maps of the area being visited

### **Things You Should Do**

Experience totality, then, as soon as the bright Sun begins to reappear, replace your solar viewer to glance at the remaining partial phases.



## Tips for Local Businesses

### What You Can Do To Prepare Your Business:

Grocery stores, gas stations, hotels, restaurants, transportation services, coffee shops, retail stores, urgent care/walk-in clinics, and many other establishments will experience a jump in business.

Be prepared for more cash transactions, if you use cell service/cell wireless service for your transactions, be prepared with a backup plan. There will be a high demand for cellular service during this time period and cellular service may be delayed or suspended.

You may want to have extra supplies/inventory at your business to deal with the increase in customers.

You may want to think about having more staff on hand to handle extra customers in your business and extra staff to help with delivery services.

Be prepared for visitors, campers, backpackers that have traveled to this area and may need to use your restroom facilities. Have signs clearly posted regarding your business policy for this.



## When to Call 911



**Call 911 when life or property is in danger or you could become endangered if the situation continues.**

An **EMERGENCY** is any situation that requires immediate assistance from police, fire, or ambulance.

- Reporting a crime or emergency
- Reporting a fire or immediate threat to life or safety
- Involved or witness to an accident with injury or entrapment
- Having difficulty breathing, symptoms of a heart attack or stroke
- Experiencing sudden, severe pain or severe bleeding
- Having an allergic reaction or other medical emergency

**CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK  
NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**501-340-5446**

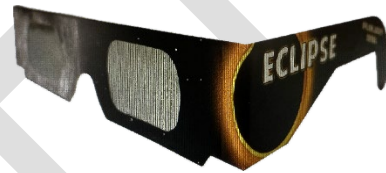


## How to View the Eclipse

You never want to look directly at the sun without appropriate protection except during totality. That could severely hurt your eyes

### Safety Eye Protection (Eclipse Viewing)

Looking directly at the Sun is unsafe except during the brief total phase of a solar eclipse (“totality”) when the Moon entirely blocks the Sun’s bright face while in the narrow path of totality. What You Can Do: The only safe way to look directly at the unclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses” or hand held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun.



### Things You Should Not Do

Look at the unclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical devices.



Look at the Sun through a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device with your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and enter your eye(s), causing serious injury. Remove your solar filter before the Moon completely covers the Sun’s bright face and it is entirely dark.

## **Safety: Transportation, Travel, and Parking**

### **What to Expect**

- Expect traffic delays and traffic to be backed up.
- Expect traffic changes such as some road closures or officers directing traffic.
- Stop and/or move over for all Emergency Vehicles such as Police, Fire, and Ambulance.
- Visitors will begin arriving to this area 2 to 3 days in advance.
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.
- Be prepared for large crowds and limited parking.
- Keep your gas tank filled.
- Expect increase activity on roadways, neighborhoods, public facilities, restaurants, parks hotels and campgrounds.
- If taking public transportation-check Rock Region Metro website for any delays or travel changes.

## Garbage and Sanitation

Leave No Trace • Deposit Waste • Do Not Litter



Check the North Little Rock Sanitation webpage (<https://nlr.ar.gov/departments/sanitation/>) for any changes to the garbage pickup and recycling schedules

## Local Medical Facilities

### **Baptist Hospital**-North Little Rock

3333 Springhill Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72117

Main Phone Number  
501-202-3000

### **Baptist Hospital**-Little Rock

9601 Baptist Health Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Main Phone Number  
501-202-2000

### CHI **St. Vincent**-North (Sherwood)

2215 Wildwood Avenue  
Sherwood, AR 72120

Main Phone Number  
501-552-7100

### CHI **St. Vincent** Infirmary (Little Rock)

2 St. Vincent Circle  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Main Phone Number  
501-552-3000

### Arkansas **Children's** Hospital

1 Children's Way  
Little Rock, AR 72202

Main Phone Number  
501-263-2180

### Univ. of AR for Medical Sciences (**UAMS**)

4301 West Markham  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Main Phone Number  
501-686-8000

## First Aid

Knowing how to treat minor injuries can make a difference in an emergency or helping yourself, your family, or your friends. You may consider taking a first aid class, but simply having a basic first aid kit will better prepare you to help yourself or others if they are hurt.

## Rules and Etiquette

With so many people gathering to witness this event, here are some tips to make sure the eclipse event is fun and safe for everyone.

### Trespassing

Do not trespass on private land.

Do not trespass on public lands that are closed to the event. Sensitive habitat areas and other public locations that could be damaged by visitors will be closed.

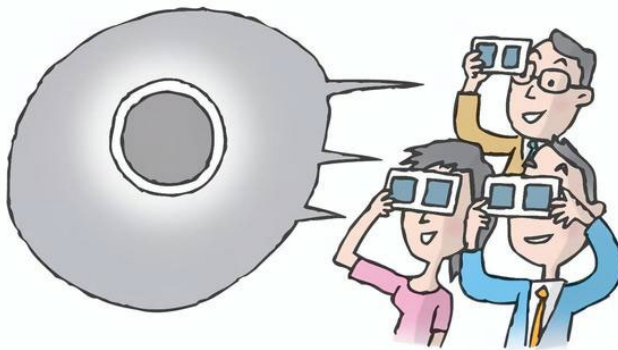
### Parking and Transportation

Parking will be very limited; be ready for long walks to where you are headed.

When parking, do so legally. Do not park in bike lanes, do not block driveways or roadways; doing so could hamper public safety from reaching those who need help.

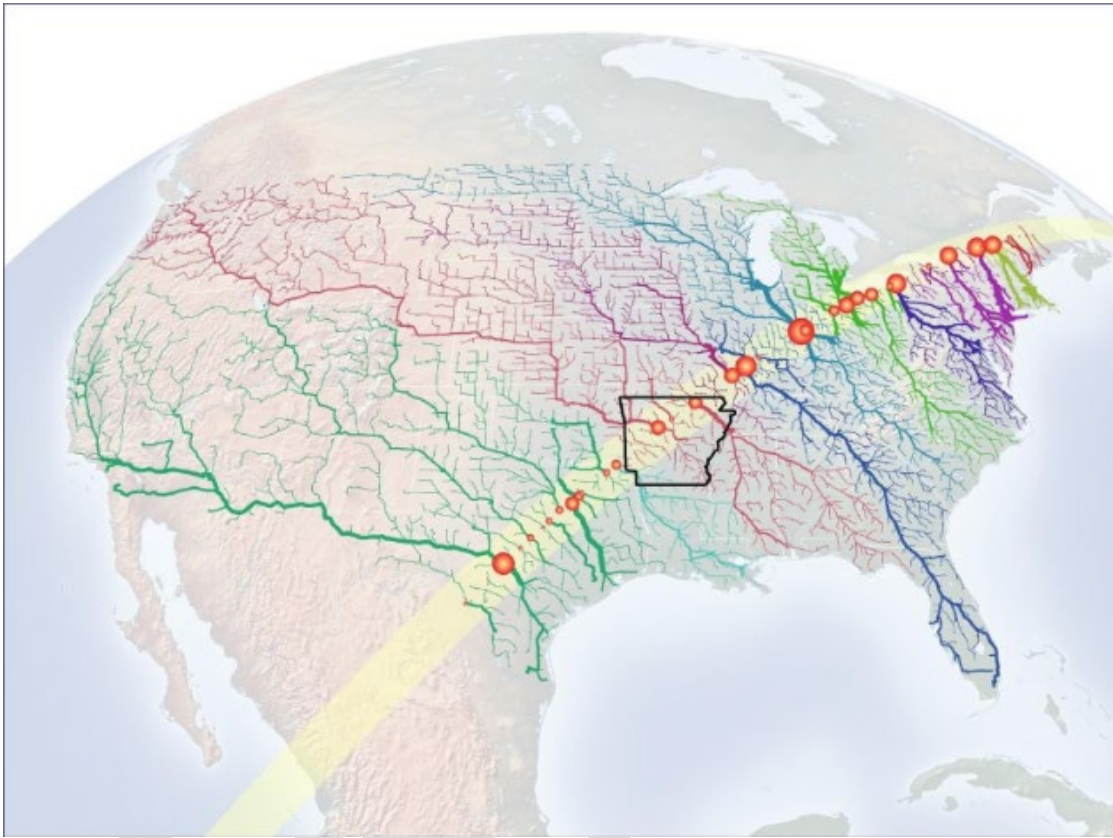
### Other

Avoid external lighting, flashlights, camera flashes, sparklers, or other fireworks; any light that would detract from the phenomena.

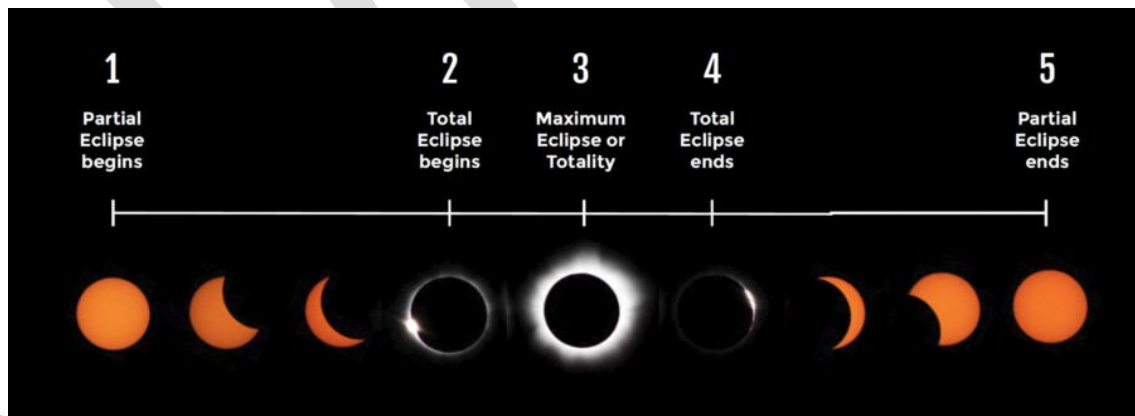




## Eclipse Path across the United States:



### Phases of Solar Eclipse:



**My Notes for the 2024 Eclipse:**

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## Quick Reference and Information

### City of North Little Rock - <https://nlr.ar.gov>

- Eclipse Events - <https://nlr.ar.gov/eclipse-2024>
- Parks and Recreation - <https://nlrpr.org> - 501-791-8538
- Sanitation - 501-371-8340
- Emergency Services:   Emergency Number - 911  
                                  Non-Emergency Number - 501-340-5446

### City of Little Rock

- Communications Center  
      Emergency Number - 911  
      Non-Emergency Number - 501-371-4829

### Arkansas State Police

Emergency Number - 911  
Non-Emergency Number - 501-618-8100

### Rock Region Metro

<https://rrmetro.org> • 501-375-6717

### North Little Rock Tourism and Welcome Center

600 Main St, Ste. 120  
<https://northlittlerock.org> • 501-758-1424

### Sources:

- NASA
- City of North Little Rock
- City of Little Rock
- Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)
- City of North Little Rock Tourism Center