



Total Solar Eclipse in Oregon: Monday, August 21, 2017

Eclipse Begins: 9:04am

Total Eclipse Occurs: 10:15 – 10:25am

Total Darkness: 1 minute 58 seconds

Anticipated Community Impact Days:

Thursday, 08/17 – Tuesday, 08/22

Hood River County Sheriff's Office

[http:// HoodRiverSheriff.com](http://HoodRiverSheriff.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hrcso/>

Life threatening or serious emergencies
911 Dispatch non-emergency reporting line
Hood River County Sheriff's Office
Emergency Management/disaster preparedness

911
(541) 386-2711
(541) 386-2098
(541) 386-1213



Q: Why prepare for a solar eclipse? A: 1 million extra visitors!

The total solar eclipse is visible August 21st, 2017 across Oregon and eclipse chasers from around the world are coming. **ODOT estimates 1 million extra visitors to our state for the eclipse**, driving from the Oregon coast to the Idaho border. That's one-quarter of our state population, on top of peak tourism season.

Expect significantly increased traffic on Interstate 84, and OR Highway 35 and 26 from Thursday August 17 to Tuesday August 22. Surveys indicate the vast majority of travelers are coming from 2-12 hours away, meaning roads across the state will be impacted. If an emergency occurs, delays will get worse.

Let's all be prepared for the unknown. Hood River County has worked with the State Fire Marshall's Office, Office of Emergency Management, ODOT, OR Health Authority and local public safety partners to develop contingency plans in case problems escalate. Statewide, we could completely tap out emergency resources.

Be ready; be patient; be safe; plan ahead and enjoy this unique celestial experience!



On Monday, August 21, 2017, North America will be treated to a remarkable solar eclipse. The moon will completely cover the sun and the sun's atmosphere (corona) - visible from Lincoln County, Oregon in the west, to Charleston, South Carolina in the east. Observers outside this path will still see a partial solar eclipse.

The eclipse will begin around 9 a.m. in Oregon, reaching totality (darkness) between 10:15 and 10:25 AM. To see the eclipse path, view NASA's video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX7AxZhPrqU>. Never look directly at the sun without appropriate protection. Source: NASA <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>

Tips for residents

Anticipated Community Impact Days in Oregon:

Thursday, 08/17-Tuesday, 08/22	Travelers coming and going
Monday 8/21	9 - 10:30AM eclipse; heavy traffic before/after

- **Freeway and highway traffic will be especially heavy Sunday-Tuesday.**
 - If emergencies occur, traffic will worsen. During the train derailment, we saw how freeway closures impacted traffic in town, too.
 - Plan important appointments outside eclipse impact days. Allow for extra time for travel.
 - For road conditions call 511 or visit Tripcheck.com

Tips for residents (cont.)

- Be prepared with fuel, food, water, bathroom breaks and supplies in case you're stuck in traffic.
- Oregon's "move over" law - drivers must move to the next lane if approaching an emergency vehicle from behind. If it is not safe, slow to 5 MPH below the speed limit.
- If you have a fender bender, don't call 911 unless there are injuries, dangers or leaking fluid. Move your vehicles safely to the side of the road and exchange insurance information.
- **Expect longer lines for fuel, restaurants and stores.** Supplies may be limited due to high demand and longer travel times for resupply. Stock up early!
- **Fuel shortages may occur across the state, particularly near Interstate 84**
 - GAS UP all of your vehicles by Thursday August 17
- **Cell service may be interrupted – impacting calls, texts and business point of sale services reliant on wireless service.**
 - Prepare a backup plan with neighbors, friends and family. Texting may be more reliable than calls.
- **Consider carrying cash. Increased travelers may impact ATM's and electronic money services.**
 - Visit your local bank or ATM before Thursday, August 17th.
- **Know when it is appropriate to call 911 (true emergencies)**
 - Non-emergency Hood River County dispatch: (541) 386-2711.
- **The eclipse is a drill to check your business and family emergency kits and plans.**
 - Have extra food, water, medicine and first aid for people and pets on hand.
 - Hood River County **Get READY Gorge** preparedness 1-page checklist: <http://bit.ly/2weqlPh>
- **It's peak wildfire season. Please be extra careful with flammables - including cars, machinery and off road vehicles that can spark on rocks or put hot exhaust pipes near tinder- dry brush.**
 - Wildfire risk is a major concern with 1 million extra visitors across the state.
 - Watch for official emergency information or citizen alerts in the event of evacuations.

If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

Sign up for Hood River County citizen alerts online:

<http://www.hoodriversheriff.com/events/emergency-alerts>

Sign up now to get emergency alerts, such as evacuations, wildfire, power outages, weather, fire and law enforcement warnings. All Hood River public safety agencies use this one *Citizen Alert* system. This is used for urgent alerts only. We can't send messages to your cell or email without your opt in.

Tips for Businesses

- **Back-up Plans:** Prepare for an increase in customers; get needed supplies early; have back-up plans for delayed staff and resupply. Work from home or flex your schedule when roads are full.
- **Employee Preparedness:** Have a full tank of gas by 8/17; leave extra early for work to offset traffic delays; have home needs met in advance, such as food and day care in case you are delayed.
- **Cash/Financial Transactions and communications:**
 - Be prepared for more cash transactions.
 - How does your credit/debit card machine access the internet? If you use cellular/wireless service for transactions, consider a back-up payment plan.
 - Anticipate possible cell service disruptions. Visitors may request to use your landline phone.
- **Scheduled Deliveries:** Supplies on Monday, August 21st may be significantly delayed. Order in advance.
- **Camping and restrooms:** Visitors may camp in unauthorized locations; restrooms may be in short supply.
- **Weather:** If conditions are foggy on the coast, visitors may drive inland at the 11th hour - monitoring the weather could be useful. Extreme heat and wildfire is also a major concern.

Extreme Heat Safety

Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year.

Cooling centers in Hood River:

Hood River Senior Center 2010 Sterling Place Hood River, OR 97031 541-386-2060
Hoodriverseniorcenter.org Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

Hood River County Library 502 State St. Hood River, OR 97031 541-386-2535
Tues - Thurs 10am-7pm Friday 10am- 6pm Saturday 10am- 6pm

Try your local church during regular hours.

Visit your favorite restaurant or retail outlet.

Reducing Heat-Related Illnesses During Extreme Heat:

- Check on those most at risk: people 65+, kids under 4 and those living with chronic illness.
- Stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed. Drink plenty of fluids even if you are not thirsty.
- Limit sun exposure from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Schedule outdoor activities in early morning or late evening.
- Dress in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothes, covering the skin. Wear sunglasses and hats.
- Apply sunscreen 10 minutes before going out; re-apply every two hours.
- Never leave children or pets in a parked car.
- Learn the symptoms of heat-related illness; call 911 with signs of heat stroke.