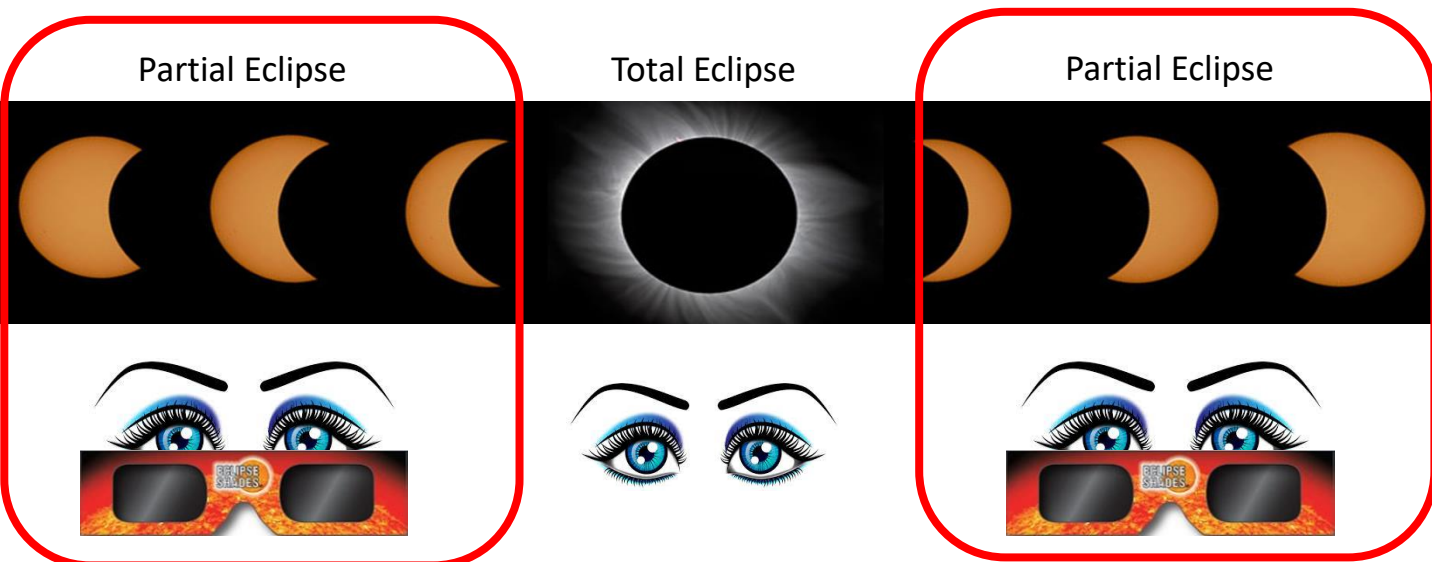


August 21, 2017 – Great American Eclipse (Total Solar Eclipse)

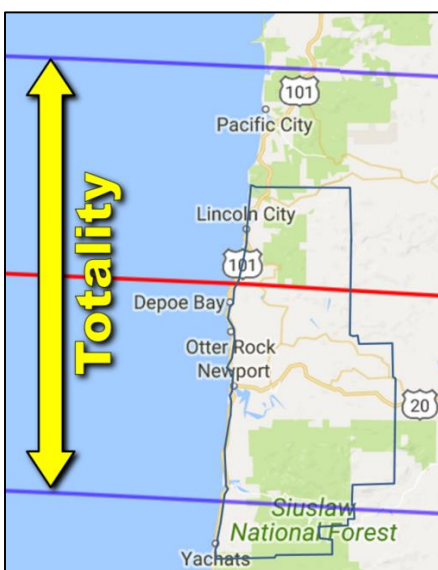
Important solar eclipse information for you and your family

(see www.CountdownToEclipse.net for more information)

Weather permitting, the **total solar eclipse** will be visible across the entire U.S. along a path about 60 miles wide on August 21st. Its first arrival along the mainland U.S. is right here in Lincoln County, Oregon! It is important to **Protect Your Eyes during the partial eclipse phases!** Even when only 1% of the sun is exposed your eyes can be damaged without proper protective eyewear. Blindness can even occur. Only during the few seconds of totality when the sun is **entirely** obscured is it safe to watch the eclipse without eye protection. To watch a partial solar eclipse safely, wear special protective **eclipse glasses**.

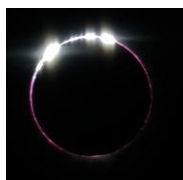


Sunglasses cannot protect your eyes from the Sun's damaging rays. Check online for where to get proper eclipse glasses. Indirect viewing methods, such as pinhole projectors, may be used. Special solar filters are absolutely required to use binoculars or telescopes during any partial phase of the eclipse. See www.CountdownToEclipse.net for more information.



Location	Start of partial eclipse	Start of Totality	Length of Totality (min:sec)
Lincoln City	9:04:42 AM	10:16:08 AM	1min 54sec
Depoe Bay	9:04:31 AM	10:15:56 AM	1min 58 sec
Newport	9:04:21 AM	10:15:57 AM	1 min 45 sec
Waldport	9:04:09 AM	10:16:19 AM	42 sec

(Approximate times)



Bailey's beads (left) and the diamond ring (right) signal the beginning of totality ...prepare to remove your glasses!



Personal Preparedness for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse

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Most people are looking forward to one of the most awe inspiring spectacles in all of nature, the 2017 total solar eclipse, when the moon completely blocks the sun, daytime becomes a deep twilight and a pearly white corona surrounds the moon. But one must also consider the personal preparedness aspects of this eclipse as unprecedented crowds converge on the Oregon Coast where the eclipse first touches the mainland US. Here are a few suggestions for you to consider.

- Stock up on plenty of patience!
- Don't let traffic upset you.
- Let that Oregon friendliness shine for visitors.
- Take the eclipse day off now.
- Don't schedule important appointments for Aug 21-22.
- Order your eclipse glasses and filters in advance.
- Test your eclipse glasses and equipment **before** the eclipse.
- Pick your sweet spot now! Make sure the sun will be visible from that location.
- Do your best to get in the path of totality.
- Help your neighbors learn what might happen during the eclipse and check to see if they are prepared with safe viewing methods. Check if special needs neighbors need extra help.
- Prepare a backup communication plan. The increase of cell phone usage will overwork services and make connections tougher.
- Pick up critical items such as gasoline, cash, groceries, medications, extra bottled water.
- To do a few days before
 - Assemble your gear
 - Chair, snacks, drinks, sun lotion
 - Water, eclipse glasses, camera, extra batteries
 - Hat, sunglasses, blanket
 - Electrical tape to cover flash on cameras
 - Do NOT bring
 - Pets
 - A white flashlight (cover a white flashlight with red transparent tape)
 - Any unsafe filters or viewers
- To do the night before or EARLY the morning of
 - Get where you want to be early for the eclipse.
 - Avoid all other travel that day.
 - Help your fellow viewers turn off the flash on their cameras or cover with black electrical tape.
- To do during the eclipse
 - Pee **before** things get going.
 - Wear your eclipse glasses during any partial phase of the eclipse. Pay close attention to children to make sure they wear their eclipse glasses.
 - View the 360° sunset.
 - Listen to the animals as totality approaches.
 - Feel the air get colder.
 - If you view at a high elevation, watch for the moon's shadow as it approaches.
 - Take off your eclipse glasses and remove solar filters during totality.
 - Totality goes fast, don't try anything complicated.
 - Feel the moment!