

NOTES: Final Community Call on the Total Solar Eclipse



Visitation:

- The Weekend: Lodging properties and short-term rentals are reporting high occupancy from Friday, April 5 through Tuesday, April 9, 2024.
- Eclipse Day: Locations that have sold tickets or made reservations have had high demand. We anticipate a high number of day trip visitors on Monday, April 8. This number will vary greatly based on weather.

Viewing Locations/Events/Parking:

- Communities throughout the region have been working on planning events and designating viewing areas. These locations along with designated parking areas can be found on our [interactive eclipse viewing map](#).
- Our messaging has consistently been to stay out of the backcountry and off the trails, that waters are not safe, and to go to these designated viewing areas.

Traffic:

- Traffic is expected to significantly increase in the days leading up to the eclipse.
- The morning hours of Monday, April 8, will be heavy as people work to get to designated viewing areas before the start of the eclipse (partial eclipse begins shortly after 2 p.m.).
- Regional airports are reporting increased flights on Monday as well. A reminder that drones are not permitted near airports.
- The greatest traffic will be post-eclipse - starting around 4:30 p.m.
 - Following the eclipse, be prepared for slow-moving traffic and the potential of rerouting.
 - In areas with viewing locations, localized traffic congestion and backups are likely to occur as vehicles attempt to leave simultaneously.
 - Heavy traffic on roads leading away from popular viewing locations and to major highways (I-81 and I-87) may result in gridlock traffic and the potential of rerouting.
 - During the 2017 eclipse, traffic was delayed for 8-10 hours due to the influx of visitors.
- Be prepared:
 - Residents are encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel. If you choose to travel, be prepared with a full tank of gas, extra layers, water, food, and prescription medications.
 - Walking or riding bikes is encouraged and will most likely expedite your return trip.

Preparation:

Please consider taking care of shopping, gas, and other essentials in advance of the weekend to avoid the crowds.

Eclipse Glasses:

ROOST has a supply of glasses that are available FREE to residents and visitors while supplies last. These glasses have been provided to communities throughout the region for ease of access. They are also available for pickup at our main office located at The Lake Placid Visitors Bureau — 2608 Main Street in Lake Placid.

Communications:

On Monday, April 8, there is the potential that cell phone towers could be affected by increased visitor traffic, causing disruptions to reception in certain areas. Please plan accordingly.

- If you are at home, use a ground line or connect your phone to WiFi to make phone calls.
- If you are with a group and separate, establish a meeting point and time.
- We have distributed paper maps along with all of the wayfinding signs to be available for navigation.
- Having some cash on hand as a backup to credit card transactions is always a good idea.

Eclipse Help Line:

If you have additional questions, please call the ROOST-managed Eclipse Help Line at 518-621-3682 or email eclipse@roostadk.com. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

More Resources:

On these pages, you will find specific regional information including where to get eclipse glasses in your area, a printer-friendly schedule of events, and other specific details for each region.

- [ALL Regions Eclipse ADK](#)
- [Adirondack Hub](#)
- [Hamilton County](#)
- [Lake Champlain Region](#)
- [Lake Placid/High Peaks Region](#)
- [Saranac Lake Region](#)
- [Tupper Lake Region](#)
- [Whiteface Region](#)

Enjoy the Day!

Last and most certainly not least, we encourage you to get out and enjoy the day. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience this celestial event right in our own communities. Make a day out of it, join your community watch party, watch it from your front yard with family and neighbors, or really get involved and volunteer at one of the viewing areas or events in your community!