

IDAHO'S TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017



TIPS FOR IDAHOANS

On **August 21, 2017** Idaho will experience its first total solar eclipse in 38 years. The “path of totality,” the area where the total eclipse will occur geographically, will pass through the heart of our state. You can check here to see where your community is within the path: <http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/states/ID.htm>

Hotels are already selling out and communities in the path are expecting a huge influx of travelers -- anywhere from **100,000 to 1 million** or more across the state. If you are in one of these communities, you can expect visitors to start arriving as early as August 17, so we recommend starting preparations in advance.

EXPECT MORE PEOPLE

Grocery stores, gas stations, hotels, restaurants, transportation services, coffee shops, retail stores, urgent care clinics, and other business establishments will experience an increase in business. We recommend stocking up on **water**, groceries, home or camping necessities, and **fueling up** your vehicles beforehand. Cellular towers could experience slower connectivity due to increased volumes, and you should also plan for longer commute times.

GET ECLIPSE GLASSES

One of the most important safety tips for **everyone**, even outside of the “path of totality,” is to have **proper eclipse eyewear** to prevent any permanent eye injury. Check local stores and online before they sell out! http://www.eclipse2017.org/glasses_order.htm

KNOW THE REGULATIONS

If you are renting out or allowing visitors to park or stay on your property for the eclipse, please check with your local **city ordinances** to ensure you are in compliance with local laws and guidelines.

SIGNAGE FOR YOUR PROPERTY

This could include **“NO PARKING”** or **“NO TRESPASSING”** to ensure non-locals know your property boundaries.

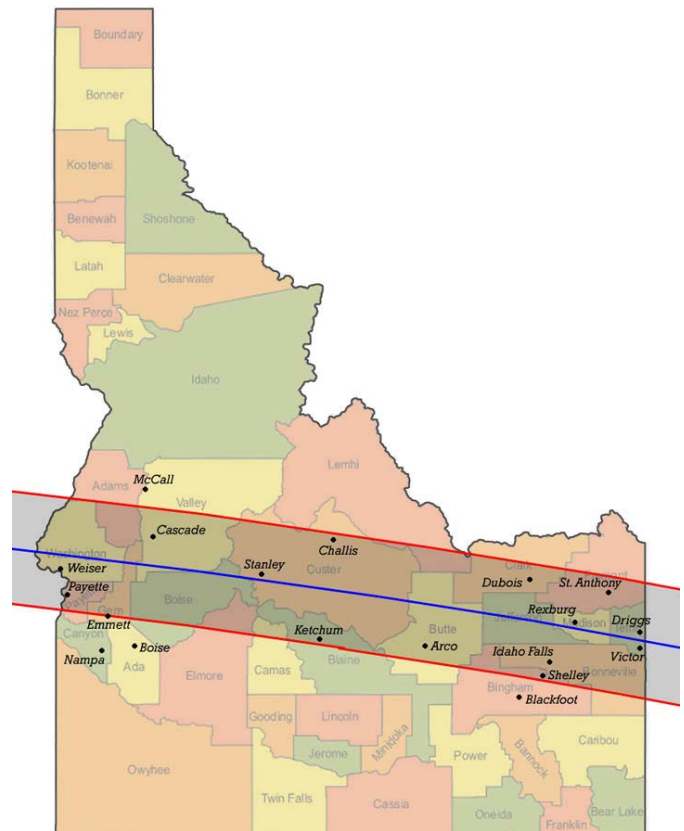
ATTEND LOCAL EVENTS

Communities across the state are putting together **activities** and **educational opportunities** for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Find some events, tours, or classes in your area to learn more about the importance of the total solar eclipse.

GET INVOLVED

Partners in your community are working hard with state and federal entities to ensure this event is safe and successful for everyone. Please consider **joining the team**. To get involved or for more information, contact:

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We also recommend being aware of your local emergency contacts in addition to **9-1-1**.