



# Ashland County 2024 Solar Eclipse Information



# Path of the Eclipse in Ohio

Eclipse will travel across Ohio SW to NE

Totality begins in Greenville about 3:00 pm and exits near Avon Lake about 3:10 pm

2-4 minutes of totality

9 counties intersect the line of totality;  
26 counties entirely within the area of totality.



**Total Solar Eclipse Path through Ohio**  
**April 8, 2024**



# The Solar Eclipse comes to Ashland County

- Possibility on 1 to 3 times our population of tourists to a county of 53,000 citizens.
- Schools will be closed
- Ashland University is open as scheduled



# Overall Concerns

- Local Tourism – Opportunities sold out (events, weekend packages, etc.)
- Proximity to both Columbus and Cleveland opens opportunities for “day trips”
- Inadequate road infrastructure for sudden surge especially on I 71 and US 30
- Time of the year for tilling/planting (corn/soybean)

# Visitors

Where to watch:

- Consider watching from your home
- Freer Field
- Ashland County Fairgrounds



# Visitors

## What to Expect

- Up to 150,000 visitors
- High volume of cell-phone and internet connectivity
- Long lines at stores, gas stations
- Lack of parking



# Visitors

## What to Bring to Prepare

- Cell phone chargers and battery packs
- First-aid/ medications
- Cash (ATMs might not be available)
- Flashlights and batteries
- ISO 12312-2 Compliant eclipse glasses





# Residents

## How to Prepare

- Consider watching from home
- Have a 3-day supply of food and medicine on hand
- Fill up any gas-powered machines and generators
- Reschedule any appointments for after the eclipse





# Residents

The Day of:

- Expect roadways and businesses to either be busy or closed due to the increased population
- Large crowds will be in several places especially those selected viewing areas
- If in public have a meeting place established to connect with family if separated



# Businesses

What to expect:

- Expect more foot traffic and increased sales
- Supply chain issues could arise
- Phone and credit card lines will be stressed
- Safety precautions will be important:  
security, limit of customers at one time



# Businesses

## How to Prepare

- Adjust schedules for traffic
- Consider how employees can get to and from work
- Stock essential supplies
- Prepare for emergencies
- Consider closing if services and products are not essential

# Public Health Concerns

- Local inventory for basic needs: food, medicine, gasoline, heating fuel
- Surge in temporary permits for campgrounds, food, tattoo, etc. and illegal operations of these
- Surge in overdose events
- Post damage to HSTS and wells and crisis on replacement/repair
- Ability of staff to report to work

# Law Enforcement Concerns

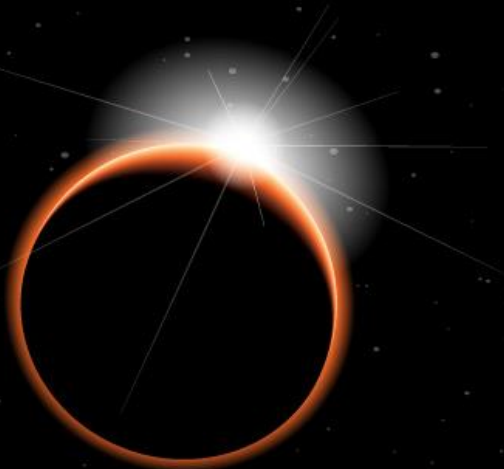
- Traffic & Parking
  - Traffic will be heavy and congested near US, State, and Interstate routes on 4-8-24
  - Consider not driving on 4-8-24
  - Do not block driveways
  - Park only where Permitted



# Emergency Management

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# Medical Facilities

- Walk in Urgent Care 1016 Sugarbush Dr.
- UH Urgent Care 663 E. Main St.
- Minute Clinic 418 E. Main St.
- UH Samaritan 1025 Center St.
- Ohio Health 1720 Ohiohealth Way
- Hospitals will be operating “business as usual”



# FAQ

- Where to find more information
  - <https://ashlandoh.com/>
  - <https://www.ashlandmainstreet.org/>
  - <https://www.ashland-ohio.com/>
  - <https://www.ashlandcountyoh.us/county-services/homeland-security-and-emergency-management-agency>



# Chamber Information

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