

Solar Eclipse: Oregon State parks offering viewing locations

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Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) officials said the agency will offer prime viewing spots for the Oct. 14, 2023 annular solar eclipse.

Visitors to parks within the path of annularity will watch the moon partially cover the sun, which creates a 'ring of fire' because the moon appears slightly smaller as it passes.

"Our park staff are ready to help visitors safely view this phenomenon," OPRD Statewide Operations Deputy JR Collier said.

A limited number of free eclipse glasses will be available at Oregon State Parks on the day of the event. Collier also emphasizes that safety is crucial while observing an eclipse.

Use ISO 12312-2 certified solar filters, avoid damaged filters, and consider projection methods. The eclipse glasses from the 2017 event are expired and shouldn't be used.

Travelers coming to Oregon should prepare for potential traffic congestion, check local weather conditions, and pack essentials, including water, food, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Whether you're an experienced eclipse enthusiast or a first-time observer, prioritize safety, and plan your trip to witness the 'ring of fire' against Oregon's breathtaking landscapes and clear skies.

For more information and updates about viewing the eclipse from an Oregon state park, visit <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=v.feature-article&articleId=327>.