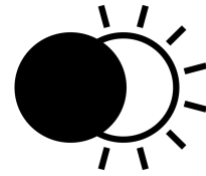


How to Hold Partial Eclipse Parties in 2023 & 2024

Plan Eclipse-Day Events *off the central paths**

Are You Ready to Celebrate Two Solar Eclipses?

1. [Annular eclipse](#) on Sat, October 14, 2023
2. [Total eclipse](#) on Mon, April 8, 2024



Important Notes:

- **Most of North America will see two partial eclipses***
You will need filters or projected images for the entire partial eclipse!
- For partial eclipses, expect slow changes over 3-4 hours. Find the timing/positions for your location in the links above.
- Expect a large crowd if you advertise. This is great publicity too - libraries reported record sign ups for new library cards during the 2017 eclipse!!

To host an eclipse-day event, you will want to prepare:

- **A spacious location outside with services**
 - Make sure the horizons are low enough to observe the eclipse - a field or parking lot is better than a forest or downtown with tall buildings.
 - Check the location a few days before to make sure there is no obstruction during the time of the partial eclipse.
 - We suggest partnering with a museum, church, library, school, or other organization to provide the space, bring in participants, and help facilitate the event. *If possible, plan this many months in advance!*
 - Visitors need bathrooms, water, parking, seating, shade, and power.
- **People to help**
 - Answer [questions](#)/sharing [activities](#)
 - [Show how to view the eclipse](#)/distribute [safe solar viewing glasses](#)
 - Set up, direct traffic, clean up
- **Viewing equipment**
 - DIY [Projection techniques](#) - make your own pinholes, colanders, trees
 - [Solar viewing glasses](#) - one pair can be shared by a family
 - [Filters for cameras and telescopes](#) - make sure you're viewing safely!
 - If it's cloudy (or even if not), [stream](#) the awe of annular and total eclipses
- **Other helpful materials**
 - [Handouts, activities, citizen science](#)
 - Food/drink - [eclipse themed](#) snacks
 - Trash cans, tents/shade, sunscreen
 - Music, vendors, craft tables, signs, guides



For the latest version of this guide

bit.ly/partialeclipseparty

* If you are in the path of totality, see [Community Solar Eclipse Planning Guide](#)