

SUN SAFETY

During a total solar eclipse, protecting your eyes from harmful solar radiation is crucial by wearing certified solar viewing glasses or using other approved solar filters. Never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection, as this can cause permanent eye damage. Remember, the experience of witnessing a total solar eclipse can be both mesmerizing and memorable when done responsibly.

Glasses are available at the following locations:

- Marble Falls Parks and Recreation
- Marble Falls City Hall
- Marble Falls Public Library



DEAR RESIDENTS,

I write to you with great excitement and anticipation as we prepare for a celestial event of extraordinary significance: the total solar eclipse occurring on April 8th. This rare phenomenon, where the moon will completely obscure the sun, promises to be a moment of wonder and awe for our community.

As Mayor of Marble Falls, I urge each and every one of you to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Gather your loved ones, friends, and neighbors to experience this event together. Whether you choose to observe from your backyard, a local park, or one of our designated viewing areas, I encourage you to do so safely and responsibly. Let us come together as a community to marvel at the beauty and majesty of the cosmos.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Hall", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

KNOW THE FACTS

A total solar eclipse is where the moon passes directly between the Earth and the sun, completely blocking the sun's light. This phenomenon occurs when the moon's apparent size matches the sun's, creating a perfect alignment known as totality. As a result, the sky darkens dramatically, revealing the sun's outer atmosphere, called the solar corona. Marble Falls is in the path of totality for 4 minutes and 14 seconds at 1:34 p.m.

- Partial Eclipse Begins: 12:17 p.m.
- Totality Begins: 1:34 - 1:38 p.m.
- Partial Eclipse End: 2:57 p.m.



HELPFUL HINTS FOR RESIDENTS

It is challenging to estimate the number of visitors during the eclipse event, coinciding with the city's peak tourism season. However, residents and visitors should anticipate heightened activity on roads, neighborhoods, public facilities, restaurants, and parks. Hotels, vacation rentals, campgrounds, and group facilities will operate at full capacity.



Supplies

Due to high demand, supplies may be limited before and after the eclipse, so get important items early. Fill up your gas tank before the weekend, consider getting groceries before April 5th, and have cash on hand in case internet issues cause credit card machines to go down.

Lawn Watering

Postpone watering your lawn during the eclipse to ease pressure on public water systems.

Cellular Service

With more visitors expected, cellular service may be impacted. Develop a communication plan with family and friends if you lose or have limited service.

Appointments

Schedule errands and appointments early, preferably before Friday the 5th, as some services may close or have limited hours on Monday the 8th. This will help beat the crowds and allow local stores to restock.

Public Offices

The following are public closures for Monday, April 8, 2024:

- Marble Falls City Hall
- Marble Falls Development Services
- Marble Falls Parks and Recreation
- Marble Falls Public Library
- Marble Falls ISD, All Campuses
- Burnet County South Annex Office

Traffic

As we approach the total solar eclipse, expect heavy traffic and longer lines at local services. Plan by completing errands early and allowing extra travel time on the impact days. Let's be patient and prepared for any disruptions. Should an emergency happen, please move off the road way as quickly as possible.

Community Resources

The following are for Monday, April 8, 2024:

- Bluebonnet Trails - Open
- Boys & Girls Club - Closed
- Burnet Housing Authority - Closed
- CARTS - Open
- Community Resource Centers of Texas - Closed
- Health and Human Services/SNAP/Medicaid - Open
- Highland Lakes Crisis Network - Closed
- Meals on Wheels - Closed (April 5-8)
- Opportunities of Williamson and Burnet Counties - Closed
- Pregnancy and Life Center - Closed
- Helping Center - Closed
- The Warehouse - Closed
- WIC - Open
- Z&D Transportation - Open



Emergencies

Call or text 911 if there's a threat to life or property, or if your safety is at risk due to ongoing circumstances. Consider the eclipse event a drill to check your emergency kits and emergency plans. For non-emergencies please call 830-693-3611. Four Emergency Pods will be set up throughout the City. They are located at: MFISD Bus Barn (1800 Colt Circle), River City Grille (700 First Street), MF Police Station (606 Ave N), and Baylor Scott & White Hospital (810 Hwy 71.)

Medical Services

Understanding how to address minor - injuries can prove crucial during emergencies or when aiding yourself, family, or friends. Keeping a basic first aid kit readily available is essential.

- Baylor Scott & White Hospital, 800 State Hwy 71 | (830) 201-7100
- Baylor Scott & White, Clinic, 706 Ave. G | (830) 201-7100
- NextCare Urgent Care, 1701 US Hwy 281 | (830) 798-1122

BUSINESS OWNER TIPS

This could be a great opportunity for business, but you will need to be prepared.

Prepare for increased customer traffic by stocking up on supplies and extending operating hours if needed.

Ensure staff can reach work on time despite potential traffic delays. Encourage employees to have full gas tanks and childcare arrangements in place.

Prepare for more cash transactions and consider backup plans for

credit/debit card transactions in case of cellular service disruptions.

Anticipate possible communication issues due to high demand for cellular service. Decide how to handle requests to use your landline for emergencies. Consider rescheduling regular deliveries for April 9th or ordering extra supplies the week before.

Expect increased demand for restroom facilities, especially from visitors nearby.

Monitor weather conditions leading up to April 8th to anticipate potential changes in visitor behavior.

FAMILY FUN

Family fun activities and the total solar eclipse complement each other perfectly. Engaging children in total solar eclipse activities, such as crafting pinhole projectors for safe observation and conducting scientific experiments, fosters their understanding of this celestial phenomenon. Here are some examples to inspire your eclipse experience.

Pro-Tip: Internet might be a little slow on the day of the eclipse. Download your kids favorite shows on kindle/tablet before event.

Toddler Age Activity

Create Sun Prints



Elementary Age Activity

Create your own Paper Eclipse



Jr. High Age Activity

Make your own Pinhole Projector

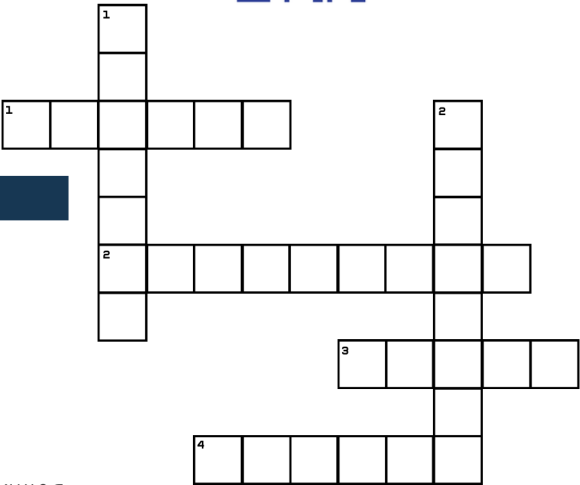


ACROSS

- 1 Where you can watch the eclipse as they happen, without going outside your house.
- 2 To prevent skin damage, one must lather on _____.
- 3 The _____ solar eclipse has a period of totality.
- 4 Looking directly at the sun can cause an eye _____.

DOWN

- 1 Another term for solar viewing glasses is _____ glasses.
- 2 It is never safe to look _____ at an eclipse.



Answers:
Across: 1) Online 2) Sunscreen 3) Total 4) Injury
Down: 1) Eclipse 2) Directly

FREE VIEWING LOCATIONS

Balcones Canyonlands*
Bear King Brewing Company
Dead Man's Hole
Downtown Block Party
Falls Creek Park & Skatepark
First Baptist Church
Harmony Park
Horseshoe Bay Nature Park
Johnson Park
Lakeside Park & Beach
Marble Falls Visitor Center
Ruff Dog Park
The Greens Soccer Field
WakePoint Marina
Westside Park
(*Reservation required)



Scan to see a full listing of business hours and events.

ECLIPSE EVENTS AND PACKAGES

7 Creek Vineyards	400 CoRd 200A	PreSale Tickets Only
Bay View Restaurant and Bar	4401 Cottonwood Dr.	Music and Food Included
Bear King Brewing Company	207 Ave G.	Free All Day Cornhole Tournaments
Blue Lake Golf Club	214 W Bluebonnet Road	Golf Tournament
Camp Creek Park	1221 CR 343	Park Access and Glasses
Copperhead Creek Shooting Club	7030 E. FM 1431	
Downtown Block Party	215 Main Street	Live Music and Community Block Party
Eagle Eye Observatory	16942 Ranch Road 2341	Must be a Hotel Guest
Flat Creek Estate	24912 Travis Peak Trail	Multiple Packages Available
Grelle Recreation Area	640 CR 412	Park Access and Glasses
Inks Lake State Park	3630 Park Road 4 West	Online Reservations Encouraged
Iron Wolf Ranch and Distillery	101 CoRd 409	LunaPalooza: Total Eclipse Experience
Legends Golf Course	105 Rangeway Circle	Golf Package
Longhorn Cavern State Park	6211 Park Road 4 South	Reservation Required
Muleshoe Bend Recreation Area	2820 CR 414	Park Access and Glasses
Perissos Vineyard and Winery	7214 Park Road 4 West	Tickets Required
Putter and Gutters Family Fun Center	4100 N US Hwy 281	Ticket includes: Food and Family Fun Card
Reveille Peak Ranch	105 CR 114	Texas Eclipse Festival, Reservation Required
Save the World Brewing Company	1510 Resource Parkway	Ticket includes: Food and Beer/Wine
Shaffer Bend Recreation Area	706 CR 343A	Park Access and Glasses
Spider Mountain Bike Park	200 Greenwood Hills Trail	
Sweet Berry Farm	1801 FM 1980	Viewing Area with Farm Purchase
Torr Na Lochs Vineyard and Winery	7055 TX 29 West	Reservation Required
Turkey Bend Recreation Area	4000 Shaw Dr.	Park Access and Glasses
Uplift Vineyard	1411 CR 119	Reservation Required
Vanishing Texas River Cruises	443 Waterway Lane	Reservation Required
Wagon Springs Wine Room	2440 CR 200	Reservation Required
WakePoint Marina	14757 West RR 1431	All Outlets Open
Westcase Outdoor Discovery Center	24814 Hamilton Pool Road	Reservation Required



DOWNLOAD THE VISITOR GUIDE TO KEEP THE FUN GOING