## THE CLIPSE

## **HOW OFTEN?**

- Around three Eclipses happen every year, but Total Solar Eclipses only occur around every 400 years.
- The last Total Solar Eclipse for Ohio took place on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1806.

## WHERE?

For North America, the Total Solar Eclipse begins on the Pacific Coast in Mexico and ends on the Atlantic Coast in Canada.

## **HOW TO VIEW.**

To view the eclipse use ISO 12312-2 compliant eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.

## **FOR MORE INFO:**



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#### **VISITORS**

Visitors are expected to arrive early.

#### WHERE TO WATCH.

Richland County offers many spots for a clear view of the total eclipse. A few include:

- () Bicentennial Park Lex-Ontario Road, Lexington Ohio
- Patriot Park Plymouth Street, Lexington Ohio
- Patriot Park Soccer Fields Plymouth Street, Lexington Ohio

#### WHAT TO EXPECT.

250,000 visitors are expected in Richland County.

- High volume of cell phone/Internet connectivity issues
- A large strain on grocery stores, gas stations, Hospitals, and first responders.
- Traffic is expected to be very high as Interstate 71 and US Routes 30 and 42 pass through Richland County.

#### WHAT TO BRING.

Here is what you should bring to be prepared for the Eclipse.

- ( Cell Phone chargers and battery packs
- First aid / required medication
- Cash at the ready
- () Flashlight with extra batteries
- () ISO 12312-2 compliant eclipse glasses.

#### RESIDENTS

#### HOW TO PREPARE.

#### Shelter in Place!

- Stock up on food, medicine, bottled water, diapers, etc. to last several days.
- Fill up any gasoline-powered machine as gas prices will increase and the elevated population will make traveling difficult.
- Refilling the propane for your generator or other propane-powered devices.
- Reschedule any medical appointments to days before or after the eclipse.

#### THE DAY OF ...

- Expect roadways and all businesses to either be busy or closed due to the increased population.
- Large crowds will be in several places that should try to be avoided.
- In case of separation from your family dress in unique and easily identifiable outfits.

## WHAT TO EXPECT.

() With the population of Richland County expected to increase your business may experience more foot traffic and potential sales.

**BUSINESSES** 

- Supply chain issues could arise with the expected traffic during the eclipse.
- Safety precautions may be more pivotal as emergency services could be in high demand.

#### **HOW TO PREPARE.**

#### Shelter in Place!

- Adjust schedules for traffic to help employees and delivery times.
- Stock essential supplies in your business to prepare for shortages and emergencies.
- () Coordinate with authorities and neighboring businesses to help be prepared for any emergencies.

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