



2017 Eclipse Planning Check-Off Matrix



1. Observing Site Location

Notes

	Primary:	
	Secondary:	

2. Who is in your group

	You? Family? Friends? Astronomy Club?	
	Everyone off from work?	<i>Plan this in advance!</i>

3. Mode of Travel to your Primary Observing Site

	Drive? Carpool? Fly? Train? Bus? Hitchhike?	
	Rent a car? Rent a RV?	
	Miles to your primary site:	
	Estimated hours to drive, along with stops:	

4. Departure from Home

Give yourself plenty of travel time!

	Date:	
	Stop(s) along the way	
	Other travel specifics	<i>Hotel(s) to/from site</i>

5. Eclipse Information

	Road maps	<i>Both to your primary & backup sites</i>
	Maps of the path of totality	<i>Planning ahead ... just in case!</i>
	Weather contacts	<i>NOAA, local weather at your site</i>
	Map-out back-up site(s)	<i>Again, just in case...</i>

6. Lodging at Primary Observing Site

	Hotel? Camping? RV? Friends/Relatives?	
	RESERVATIONS MADE AND CONFIRMED!	<i>WELL IN ADVANCE!!</i>
	If camping: camping supplies	<i>Tent, bedding, stove/cook, etc.</i>

7. Essentials

	PRESCRIPTION MEDS!	
	Clothes, toiletries	
	Cash, travelers' checks, credit cards	

8. Equipment Checklist

	Eclipse Glasses; quantity for you & your group:	_____ pairs of glasses
	Solar Filters for Binoculars	
	Solar Filters for Telescope(s)	
	Binoculars	
	Telescope:	<i>Mount?</i>
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	Camera:	
	Videocam:	
	Tripod(s):	
	Camera and Videocam chargers	<i>And Extra Batteries!</i>
	Camera Memory Card	<i>And Extra Memory Cards!</i>
	Flashlight	<i>Gets dark during totality</i>
	Tools and Supplies; assorted	<i>Screwdrivers, pliers, duct tape, etc.</i>
	Covers or large Garbage Bags	<i>To cover equipment ... just in case!</i>

Eclipse Glasses

American Paper Optical eclipseglasses.com
 Astronomical League astroleague.org
 Rainbow Symphony rainbowsymphony.com
 Thousand Oaks Optical thousandoaksoptical.com

All of these providers only sell eclipse glasses which are ISO Standard and CE Certified

Solar Filters

Baader / Alpine Astronomical www.alpineastro.com
 Orion Telescopes telescope.com
 Rainbow Symphony rainbowsymphony.com
 Thousand Oaks Optical thousandoaksoptical.com

A variety of filters and mounts are available for binoculars, telescopes, and cameras

9. Eclipse Day

	Hat	
	Sunscreen	<i>Solar filter for your body!</i>
	Water	<i>You should not count on others; do NOT be an eclipse astromooch!</i>
	Food/Snacks	
	Chair	<i>Want to stand all day?</i>
	Bug spray	<i>Want to swat mosquitoes at totality?</i>

10. Other
