

WILMA'S ECLIPSE NEWSLETTER

Folks in Waynesville have been asking about where to go for the total eclipse. Here is a small collection of information from websites about things close to here.

Be safe...and have fun.

On August 21, 2017 day will turn to night, the temperature will drop, the sun will disappear completely, and a total solar eclipse will make its way across the United States.

Get above the mountain tree lines and into open areas for the Best spots to see the 95-99.95% eclipse in **Haywood County**.

1. **Blue Ridge Parkway** will be the most popular spot, so be prepared with plenty of water, food..., and a full tank of gas. **For total darkness (100%), you will want to be between MP417 (Looking Glass Rock) and Cherokee.**

Waterrock Knob, near Maggie Valley NC would be an excellent high elevation location, or a number of the overlooks. Graveyard Fields would also be a good choice, especially from the open field areas where the blueberries grow.

The Parkway needs volunteers. <https://www.brpfoundation.org/volunteer-blue-ridge-parkway>

2. **Maggie Valley**– From anywhere in the valley there will be a 99.95% eclipse.

Cabbage Rose is having a viewing party with live music, games, costume contests and more, free to the public.

3. **Lake Junaluska** – Watch the eclipse from a paddleboard or boat. Take a leisurely stroll around the lake.

4. **Sylva, NC** –Because it is in the totality path, Sylva is prepared for large crowds and will have ample parking. The town will have live music, food trucks and eclipse experts at Bridge Park from 11 AM-3 PM.

Phases and Local Times of the Eclipse in Waynesville- Aug. 21

Start- 1:07 PM Max- 2:36 PM End 4:00 PM

The only safe way to look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses.” Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun.

WNC Cities in path of total eclipse

Andrews
Some of BRP
Balsam
Brevard
Bryson City
Cashiers
Cherokee
Cullowhee
Dillsboro
Franklin
Highlands
Lake Toxaway
Murphy
PARI
Robbinsville
Rosman
Sylva
Western side GSMNP

