



Total Solar Eclipse: An Historic Event!

Monday, August 21

At 2:41 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017, we will experience the longest period of 100% total eclipse for a metro area on the entire East Coast - ranging from 2 minutes and 30 seconds to 2 minutes and 36 seconds of total darkness!

More than 120 special eclipse-related events are planned in the Midlands leading up to and during this amazing spectacle. Below are the ***special events taking place in Cayce*** to celebrate this once in a lifetime experience.

The Cayce Museum will be part of an Eclipse Geocaching Cointrail the weekend of the eclipse. The cointrail will launch on Saturday, August 19th at the Convention Center. There will be "passports" available with the caches listed, and the museum grounds contain one of these caches. The Cayce Museum will open at noon on August 19 and 20, and will offer free admission to any geocachers interested in touring the museum. Museum staff is also working on putting together an eclipse themed tour. As of right now, it will focus predominately on Native American traditions surrounding eclipses. They also plan to offer educational scavenger hunts for children that can be paired with, and without, a guided tour.

Historic Walking Tour August 19, 2pm – 3:30pm in the 12,000 Year History Park in Timmerman Trail

Visit the 12,000 Year History Park for solar eclipse and historic walking tours as a “dress rehearsal” to the total solar eclipse. Learn basic facts from National Park Service trained volunteers about the causes of the solar eclipse as well as what to expect and how to prepare for the event. We will also have information on the cultural and natural resources of the park including an American Civil War battle, an 18th century colonial fort and trading post, and Native American sites and artifacts. Free pair of eclipse glasses to the first 100 people.

Southern Lights Art Installation August 19 – 21, 7:30pm – 10pm

Southern Lights is an art light installation set to span the Congaree River between the Blossom and Gervais Street bridges. The installation is made of blue and green lasers, and offers an innovative approach to public art by celebrating and highlighting public infrastructure uniquely. Because of its large scale and the possibility to run for up to a decade, Southern Lights is the only installation of its kind in the country. Attendees can take a guided tour to the river’s edge to experience Southern Lights. Scheduled to light up every evening in Cayce, West Columbia and Columbia for the next decade.

Eclipse Eve Drive in Movie August 20 at the Columbia Historic Speedway

An old fashion Drive-In Movie night at the Historic Columbia Speedway festival grounds where an educational short film will be shown on the history of eclipses followed by “Escape from Planet Earth”. \$25 per car.

Soda City Eclipse Viewing Festival August 21 at the Columbia Historic Speedway

A fun filled viewing party at the Historic Columbia Speedway festival grounds. The event will include live music featuring Columbia's Recording Artists "Syr", food trucks, beverages, water slides, art vendors, and cool shade tents. Bring out your chairs and blankets and picnic on the 9 acre lawn and take in one of the best views in the City of this momentous occasion. The speedway is on a great line of totality. The gates will open at 10:00 am and the event will wrap early in the evening. 3,000 Parking Spaces will be free and available for festival attendees only. Commemorative viewing glasses will be given to the first 8,000 ticket purchasers.

When darkness falls, a pop-up movie screen will project WIS News 10's live feed of NASA's live total solar eclipse video footage. (Should the weather be cloudy, festivalgoers will be privy to one of the few outdoor, large-screen projections of the NASA live feed in the Midlands.) Ticket Prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under.

Below are some helpful facts:

- <http://totaleclipsecolumbiasc.com/> link to a website that lists details of every event in the area including the ones mentioned above
- List of where to get eclipse glasses: <http://on.wltx.com/2wqan5J>
- **89% of the ticket sales for the Soda City Eclipse Viewing Festival at the Historic Speedway in Cayce are from out of state**
- www.511SC.org is where to go for traffic updates and best ways to get around the Midlands on August 21