



ECLIPSE GUIDE FOR NORTH HERO RESIDENTS

Monday, April 8, 2024, we get front-row seats to about three minutes of near-darkness at approximately 3:26 p.m. during a breathtaking total solar eclipse. We could expect record numbers of tourists visiting North Hero and the Champlain Islands. Think very busy summer traffic, multiplied several times. By making preparations in advance, you and your family can enjoy the eclipse with minimal disruption.

- **Heavy Traffic:** Traffic in our area will likely get very busy beginning Friday, April 5, through Tuesday, April 9, especially around gas stations, retail stores, and restaurants. Be prepared for heavy traffic before and after the eclipse, as well as increased traffic on route 2.
- **Schedule Wisely:** Schedule your errands and appointments early, before Friday the 5th if possible. Check ahead if you have plans for Monday the 8th; some services may be closed or have limited hours during this time.
- **Get Groceries Early:** Beat the crowds and do your grocery shopping the week prior. Stock up on food, water, prescriptions, and pet supplies.
- **Gas Up:** Fill up your gas tank/charge automobiles completely several days in advance to avoid long lines at gas stations.
- **Anticipate Wireless Disruptions:** Prepare for slower cell/internet service and potential issues with debit/credit cards.
- **Cash:** If you regularly use cash or want some on hand, consider visiting your local bank or ATM before April 5th as some ATMs that operate on WiFi might be unavailable due to the increased cellular traffic.
- **Landowners:** Consider temporarily posting private property 'no trespassing' signs to help discourage unwanted parking on your property.
- **Emergency Plan:** Review and update your family's emergency plans and build a home safety kit. Even if you don't use it for the eclipse, it will be useful during a winter storm, flood, or fire.

****Never view an eclipse without ISO-certified eye protection – sunglasses aren't enough.****

Knight Point State Park will be open for viewing the solar eclipse on April 8.