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Where to watch the solar eclipse in the Memphis area

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Groom Isaac Medina, center, and bride Jazmin Gonzalez, watch an annular solar eclipse before the start of their wedding ceremony, in Merida, Mexico, Oct. 14, 2023. A total solar eclipse will occur in many U.S. states on April 8, 2024. (Martin Zetina/AP File)

A total solar eclipse will cross North America on Monday, April 8.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the earth, either partially or totally blocking the sun from view in certain areas.

Although a sliver of Tennessee will experience a total solar eclipse on Monday, Memphis will not. At its peak, the eclipse as viewed from Memphis will cause the sun

to be only 97.7% obscured from view.

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The eclipse in Memphis is expected to begin at 12:37 p.m., according to NASA, with the maximum eclipse occurring at 1:56 p.m. and ending at 3:14 p.m.

NASA advises people to view the sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the eclipse.

Orion Federal Credit Union will donate more than 20,000 eclipse viewing glasses to area schools and community partners made by Bartlett-based American Paper Optics.

Here is a list of solar eclipse viewing parties and events in the Memphis area.

Memphis Botanic Garden: Solar Eclipse Drop-In Activity

The Botanic Garden will provide guests a seat on the Great Lawn to witness the solar eclipse from 1 to 3 p.m.

[Countdown at American Paper Optics starts now for 2024 eclipse](#)

Eclipse glasses will be available inside the Botanic Garden gift shop for attendees. No registration is required, and the event is free with Garden admission (\$12 for adults, \$7 for children ages 2-12).

Memphis Brooks Museum of Art and Overton Park Conservancy: Total Eclipse of The Park

Memphis Brooks Museum of Art and Overton Park Conservancy will co-host an eclipse watch party on the Greensward starting at 12:30 p.m.

Food options from Feast and Graze will be available as well as free eclipse viewing glasses for attendees.

[Click to register for free.](#)

A. Keith McDonald Pavilion and W.J. Freeman Park: Solar Eclipse Of The Park Lunch Party

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Freeman Park in Bartlett will host a free eclipse party.

Live music and food trucks will be on site along with local library staff, who will share information on the celestial phenomena.

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American Paper Optics will provide eclipse glasses for the first 100 attendees.

Hyatt Centric Beale Street and Beck and Call: Solar Eclipse Rooftop Viewing Party

From 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Beck & Call will host a solar eclipse viewing party on its rooftop.

The party will include themed drinks and live music. Hotel guests can get in for free while other attendees can [purchase their tickets online](#).

The Peabody Hotel: Solar Eclipse Watch Party

Attendees can hear music from DJ A.D. and take in solar eclipse views on the Peabody rooftop from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commemorative Peabody eclipse sunglasses will be provided. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 5-12 and will be sold at the door.

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Hotel guests will be provided free admission.

T.O. Fuller State Park: Solar Eclipse Viewing on the Mounds

Sightseers can join a T.O. Fuller park ranger for a trek towards the Chucalissa mounds to witness the solar eclipse.

Guests should bring a lunch, blanket, a chair and water. Solar eclipse glasses will be provided.

The event is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. [Tickets are \\$5 per person.](#)

Big Cypress Lodge: Solar Eclipse

From 1 to 3 p.m., viewers can witness the eclipse from the Mississippi Terrace at the Big Cypress Lodge at the Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid.

Viewers are advised to bring their own viewing glasses.

The Arc of Northwest Mississippi: Great American Total Solar Eclipse in City Park

Olive Branch City Park and Arc of Northwest Mississippi will co-host the Great American Solar Eclipse event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the track in city park.

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The event is free and open to the public.

Free eclipse glasses will be available along with local food trucks and live music provided by Mississippi Moon Festival.

Some Mid-Southerners plan to travel for the solar eclipse

A poll on The Daily Memphian's X account, formerly known as Twitter, showed that some followers plan to travel to see the April 8 solar eclipse. More than 36% of respondents said they plan to travel to Arkansas or Texas.

According to the [Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism's eclipse website](#), many major cities in Arkansas will experience total darkness during the eclipse, including Little Rock, Hot Springs, Texarkana, Conway and Jonesboro. The

Arkansas Department of Transportation has published [a traffic management plan](#) for the event, when millions are expected to visit the state.

More than 30% of poll respondents said they will attend a Memphis-area watch event like those listed above, and 33% don't plan to watch the eclipse at all.

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Where are you traveling to view the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024?

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| Memphis-area watch event | 30.5% |
| Arkansas or Texas | 36.4% |
| Indiana/north | 0% |
| Will not watch or travel | 33.1% |

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