



Town of Woodstock Total Solar Eclipse IMPORTANT Community Information MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024




DID YOU KNOW?
Woodstock will experience 100% totality

Don't want to deal with the crowds?
The Eclipse can be viewed from anywhere!
Just look up!
Take advantage of this unique opportunity even from home with family and friends

WHAT IS HAPPENING?
On **April 8th, Woodstock is in the path of a total solar eclipse.** This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the complete alignment of the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth, which won't happen again in New Brunswick until 2079. Less than 1% of the earth's surface will be in the path of totality, so **we can expect 1000's of visitors to travel to our community that day.** Given all of Western NB is in the path we are anticipating over 20,000 visitors to our region.
All communities in our region are hosting viewing areas for both community and visitors to help provide managed parking and safety coordination for pedestrians and traffic. **Locations in Woodstock are:**
ALL Viewing Locations Hours from 2:00pm - 6:00pm
• Downtown Woodstock - Main St. & King St. (Parking at NBCC)
• AYR Motor Centre (Parking in upper lot ONLY, lower lot closed)
• Meduxnekeag Consolidated School



In the Path of Totality
Viewing through eclipse glasses, the Sun will shrink to a sliver and then vanish. Then the Moon will completely block out the light from the Sun. During totality –and only during totality– it is considered safe to remove your eclipse glasses. We encourage you to educate yourself on viewing safety and exercise caution if you choose to remove glasses.
You'll see a dark circle in the sky (the Moon), with streaks of light coming from it. Those streaks are the Sun's corona. This sight is unique to total solar eclipses! Totality will only last a few minutes, after which you will need to put on your eclipse glasses on again to view the rest. The eclipse will then progress back into partial phases until it's complete.

Viewing Safety Tips 
ECLIPSE GLASSES PICK-UP LOCATIONS:
**YOU WILL NEED IDENTIFICATION WITH A WOODSTOCK ADDRESS*
AYR Motor Centre
LP Fisher Public Library
Woodstock Town Hall
You **MUST** have **ISO 12312-2:2015 certified solar eclipse glasses** to look directly at the sun during the solar eclipse timeline. Regular sunglasses will not provide enough protection.
Do not look at the sun without proper protection or you risk permanent damage or possibly blindness. It only takes seconds to cause damage.
Children should be supervised at all times during the solar eclipse.

ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC PLANS

Hours are from 2:00pm - 6:00pm unless otherwise noted

Meduxnekeag Consolidated School

- Traffic will be one direction from Bull Rd. entrance, exiting only thru Ironwood Dr. Parking will only be allowed on the righthand side of Bull Rd.

Downtown

- Water St. Closed to thru traffic from both ends (Connell and Main) before 2:00pm
- Main St. Southbound at Connell Rd. closed
- Downtown Meduxnekeag Bridge Closed
- King St. and Bicentennial Parking lot at King St. are closed to parking April 7th at midnight
- Wellington St. between King St. and Harvey closed
- Smith St. at NBCC closed Northbound
- Connell Rd. will be open to thru traffic - left turn only at Main St.
- As parking lots fill, expect the following secondary closures:
 - Queen St. at Main St.
 - Broadway at Park St. Eastbound
 - Saint Gertrude at Main St.

PARKING LOTS OPEN

- NBCC
- Parking Lot adjacent Farmers Market on Carleton St.
- All Parking Lots off Queen and Carleton, etc.
- AYR Motor Centre - Upper Parking Lot ONLY
- Y's Men's
- WHS
- Meduxnekeag Consolidated School

Woodstock Police Force will have Police Reporting Command Centres located outside at the AYR Motor Centre and Downtown outside the Farmers Market

**EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.
SLOW DOWN! WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS!**



Pack your PATIENCE!

Pack lots of snacks, water, any important medications, and a chair.

Dress appropriately! The temperature can drop around -10 degrees Celsius during the eclipse

Watch for animals and birds! They can react to the sudden darkness and begin evening routines

HIGHWAY INFORMATION

- Expect significant traffic delays from Noon onward
- Reduce your speed!
- Expect Lane Reductions on the highways at all off and on ramps
- **DO NOT** take photo's while driving
- **DO NOT** stop along highway shoulders unless it's an emergency
- **DO** use NB511 for real-time traffic congestion reports and border wait times



In coordination with the WPF the Town is adjusting operations to ensure a safety first approach.

We will be providing support where needed with parking, and in other volunteer capacities. The **AYR Motor Centre will not operate regular programming from Noon onward.** It will remain open to the public for washroom and canteen facilities. The **Town Hall will be closed to the public for the day** and **Public Works and Utility will not be doing any regular work.**

All staff are being reallocated.



EMO HAS ADVISED THAT WE SHOULD **EXPECT TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO CAPACITY LIMITS. LOSS OF INTERNET AND CELLULAR SERVICES DURING PEAK HOURS OF THE ECLIPSE SHOULD BE EXPECTED AND PLANNED FOR.**

If you are planning to watch from a viewing location, **get there early and expect delays** leaving. If you are in walking distance - Please **WALK!** Leave your car at home if at all possible.



Schools are being released at noon.
Plan ahead to avoid significant traffic delays.

Local businesses along Connell Rd and in the Downtown need to be aware of road closures and traffic rerouting. Plan your work day ahead.



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