

Zooclipse: Solar Safari FAQ's

Do I need to purchase a specific tickets for this event?

No, this event is included with the price of admission and is free to Erie Zoo members. You are more than welcome to purchase admission online in advance, if you would like at <https://shop.eriezoo.org/#/Admission>.

Is there a limit to the number of visitors allowed in the Zoo?

The Erie Zoo does not have a visitor capacity limit, however, parking may be limited.

Where should we park if the parking lot reaches full capacity?

In case the parking lots reach full capacity, please keep an eye out for the orange overflow parking signs. Please keep in mind that the City of Erie has closed the pedestrian bridge located north of the main zoo entrance. Kindly park in either of the two primary lots (located to the north and west of the zoo) or in the south lot near Glenwood Park. Otherwise, feel free to utilize the sidewalk to navigate around the zoo to access either entrance.

Can I bring my own foldable chair to view the eclipse?

Yes, you are more than welcome to bring your own foldable chair to view the eclipse, as long as you are mindful of other guest. We will have designated viewing areas for guests who are bringing foldable chairs.

Will there be food or drinks available for guest to purchase?

Yes, we will have Penns Woods Pretzel Company and Munch and Paint Company as food vendors at the event, and small snacks will be sold in our gift shop. You are also more than welcome to pack and bring your own food.

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Will we be able to see the eclipse if it is a cloudy day?

Yes! The eclipse still happens regardless of the weather. If it is an overcast day, during the few minutes of totality the sky will become darker than it would if the totality happens on a sunny day.

Will there be activities happening during the totality?

To allow everyone the opportunity to view totality, we will pause all activity stations and close the Adventure Woods Playground at 3pm and they will reopen at 3:30pm.

I want to volunteer to help with the community research, how do I sign up?

Once you pay for admission and enter the zoo's gates, signage will direct you to where to go to receive information about our research and how we will be conducting it. Once you finish your research, please return your paper to the station you received it before you leave.

Will you have solar eclipse glasses available?

Absolutely. We will have glasses available on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Feel free to bring your own pair if you already have some!

Will the solar eclipse cause retinal damage to the animals?

No, because animals instinctively know not to look up into the sun on a normal day, they know not to do during the eclipse.

Can I park overnight in your parking lot?

No, we are not allowing overnight parking or RV parking in our lots.