







## 2017 Solar Eclipse

**THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS WILL FLOCK TO OREGON FOR TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE AUGUST 21 –  
[Be Wise – Protect Your Eyes!](#)**

Oregon is prime viewing territory for the first total solar eclipse since June 8, 1918 that crossed the United States from Washington State to Florida. This path is roughly similar to the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse and was the last time totality crossed the nation from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

All hotels, campsites, B&Bs in the path of totality in Oregon have been booked for nearly a year, but there are still ways to view the eclipse safely from the direct path of totality (where the sun will be completely covered by the moon) to partial.



It is critical that Optometric Physician's educate their patients, patients' families and your communities about the safe way to "look at the sun" as outlined in Dr. Citek's presentations and "The Big Eclipse" materials provided here. It is particularly important because travel and tourism agencies in Oregon have misinformed tourists that because it is a "total" eclipse, there is no need for protective eye wear, a dangerous and erroneous statement. Dangers of unprotected viewing of the sun, even for a few seconds include short-term retinal bleaching and discomfort, and potential permanent blindness (i.e., solar retinopathy) after only a few minutes of unprotected viewing of the sun and solar eclipse.

Click here to view the PowerPoint Presentation "[Great American Total Solar Eclipse 2017](#)" provided by OOPA member Dr. Karl Citek, OD, PhD, FAAO, Diplomate, AAO PHEV Section, Professor of Optometry at Pacific University College of Optometry. *Please contact OOPA for access to additional resources for doctors and educators.* Click here for NASA resources on the Total Solar Eclipse 2017.



We are pleased, as well, to offer exciting children's educational materials at a discounted rate for distribution to your patients and their families, or through your community organizations, churches, local schools, clubs, etc. – through our partnership with Orbit Oregon. [www.orbitoregon.org](http://www.orbitoregon.org).

We want all Oregonians, and tourists, to hear the message loud and clear: "[Be Wise – Protect Your Eyes](#)".

Please help us protect Oregonians by spreading these messages. We are offering proper solar eclipse glasses at a significant discount of .50 each and they are a great way to open the conversation with your patients about how to safely look at the sun.

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