

Saline County Eclipse Watch

Saline County plans many ways to observe and otherwise enjoy the events of the upcoming Eclipse on August 21st.



What is a total Eclipse of the Sun?

On Monday, August 21st, 2017, the communities of Crete, Wilber and Friend will experience a solar phenomenon that will occur for the first time in the continental United States since 1979. A total eclipse of the sun, also known as “totality,” occurs when the Moon lines up

perfectly in front of the Sun completely blocking the Sun from our view. The American Eclipse on August 21st, 2017 may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see a total solar eclipse. Both Wilber and Crete are in direct line of the eclipse with Wilber with 2 minutes and 36 seconds and Crete with 2 minutes and 26 seconds of totality.

The following communities of Crete, Wilber & Friend present the following details, either on their perspective websites or described below, in hopes to help better enable planning for you and your family members:

Crete: www.cretechamber.org

Wilber: www.wilberchamberofcommerce.com

Friend: Join friends in Friend to view the total solar eclipse at 511 Second Street, site of the Historic Warren Opera House and event center. This Eclipse Party features: viewing from Second Street activities provided in air-conditioned comfort at the San Carlo Room, lunch--hot dogs and champagne or non-alcoholic drink with sides and cupcakes for \$10 per plate, special informational sessions, astronomer present with solar telescopes, protective glasses and commemorative t-shirts for sale, and free tours of historic opera house. Doors open at 10 am with partial eclipse beginning 11:36:10 a.m., total eclipse 1:00:52 pm, and partial eclipse ending 2:28:53 pm.