

Lights out! Seneca Resorts & Casinos to celebrate total solar eclipse

Public events planned at Seneca Niagara, Seneca Allegany & Seneca Buffalo Creek casinos

Seneca Resorts & Casinos Press Release
Seneca Resorts & Casinos will be the place to be on Monday, April 8, when Western New York is in the direct path of a rare total solar eclipse, a celestial event that hasn't occurred in the area in close to a century and will not happen again for another 120 years.
Each of the Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties has planned special community events open to the public to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event.

"The eclipse is going to be the event of a lifetime, and we want to celebrate with the Western New York community and those visiting from around the world in a way none of us will forget," Seneca Gaming Corp. President and CEO Kevin Nephew said. "From Niagara Falls to Buffalo to Salamanca, we'll have something that everyone can enjoy."
Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca will both host commu-

nity activities and events open to all ages from 2-5 p.m., including food trucks, outdoor games and live entertainment. Seneca Niagara's event will take place in a viewing area set up in Seneca Square, located outside the resort's Fourth Street entrance. The Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino celebration will be located in the large rear parking lot.
For the 21-and-over crowd, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in downtown Buffalo will host an epic eclipse viewing party from

2-5 p.m. in the front parking lot, with outdoor games, live entertainment and food specials.
A cash bar will be available for guests 21 and older at each event. Lawn chairs are encouraged for comfortable seating, and guests are encouraged to dress accordingly for the weather, as all the eclipse-related activities will be outside.
The first 200 guests at each event will receive a commemorative eclipse T-shirt, and a limited number of commemorative

viewing glasses will be available at each location (while supplies last).
"Fun and excitement is what we deliver at Seneca Resorts & Casinos, and that's what guests attending our eclipse viewing parties can expect," said Melissa Free, chief marketing officer, Seneca Gaming Corp. "We welcome our neighbors in the community, as well as those visiting the area for this occasion, to share this once-in-a-generation moment with us."

Fashion Outlets to host pre-eclipse 'Solar Celebration' April 6

The Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA is hosting a "Solar Celebration," from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, inside Entrance 7. The pre-eclipse event is free and open to the public. The

first 500 guests will receive a complimentary pair of approved solar eclipse viewing glasses to use on April 8.
The "Solar Celebration" also features a special eclipse play-

ist by DJ Mx;n; a Niagara Falls-themed eclipse selfie station, created by Ali Price of Aliway Designs; Fashion Outlets promotional item and coupon giveaways; as well as the chance to shop for Niagara Falls and eclipse-themed merchandise, and other special sales at participating retailers.
"We invite regional and visiting guests to join the Fashion

Outlets for our 'Solar Celebration,' on April 6, and also want to remind everyone that the mall will be open on April 8, during regular business hours (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)," said Susan Swiatkowski, Fashion Outlets marketing manager. "Since the eclipse is a once-in-a-lifetime event, some stores may adjust their hours of operation on April 8. We encourage guests to call

stores ahead of time to ask what their individual schedules might be during the eclipse itself."
A full store directory with individual store phone numbers is listed at FashionOutletsNiagara.com/Directory. For additional information on this and other mall activities, visit fashionoutletsniaagara.com/events.

REMINDERS

DPW shares safety & garbage information

The Village of Lewiston Department of Public Works has issued these guidelines for eclipse weekend.

- Friday through Monday**
- No parking on Onondaga Street from North Ninth to North Fourth streets, North Ninth from Center to Onondaga streets, North Fourth from Center to Oneida streets, Oneida from North Fourth to North Second streets.
- North Sixth Street from Center to Onondaga streets will be closed entirely for firehall use.
- The lower parking lot at boat launch will be closed to prevent congestion and allow access to launch for boaters.
- The parking lot at Lewiston Plateau will be closed.
- All municipal public bathrooms will be closed.

Portable toilets will be placed at Academy Park, Hennepin Park, Lewiston Landing and Richard F. Soluri Park (until Tuesday).

Monday

- The DPW will be closed. Residents with normal trash pickup on Mondays should have all trash out to the street for Tuesday morning collection.
- The Clerk's Office, the Recreation Department and the Red Brick Municipal Building as a whole will be closed.

Modern: Residential trash & recycling pushed one day

Due to the anticipated traffic volume and activities during the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, Modern will not be operating collections services. All residential services will be pushed one day (i.e., Monday service pushed to Tuesday, Tuesday

service pushed to Wednesday, Friday service pushed to Saturday). This provides an extra safety measure and gives everyone the opportunity to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Niagara County offices closed Monday

Niagara County Manager Rick Updegrave today announced that all Niagara County office buildings and offices will be closed Monday, April 8, for the solar eclipse, with the exception of the Board of Elections. Some essential employees will still be required to report.

"After consulting with our public safety leadership team, it became apparent that closing county office buildings was the best course of action, especially with a favorable forecast that will undoubtedly increase what was already expected to be a heavy volume of visitors to our community," Updegrave said.

He pointed out the Board of Elections, consistent with state law, must be open on Monday to accept filings related to primary candidate petitions that are due.

City of Niagara Falls offices closing early

On Monday, the City of Niagara Falls announced City Hall offices will close at noon Monday, April 8, and will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 9. All city operations outside of City Hall will be operating by essential staff (Niagara Falls Police Department, Niagara Falls Fire Department, Niagara Falls Department of Public Works) and will be principally addressing eclipse-related matters.

Solar Eclipse April 8th, 2024

What it is: On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will encompass the western and northern parts of New York state with the roughly 100-mile-wide path of totality entering in the southwestern part of the state at just after 3:15 p.m. and departing Northern New York just before 3:30 p.m. Cities and towns within this path include Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown, Old Forge, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh. The entire event will last for up to 2½ hours, marking the time the sun is first obstructed to the last moments when the moon's shadow is cast. (Courtesy of the governor's office)

totality starting at 3:18 p.m., lasting 3 minutes and 31 seconds. The eclipse will wrap up at 4:31 p.m.

Gates open at noon, with on-field demonstrations beginning at 12:45 p.m., and live streaming on the 80-foot Bi-

craft and vendor fair and a beer tent. Food and beverages will be available from vendors, as well as from restaurants in the park. In addition, the Grand Island Historical Society will hold an open house at its museum at River Lea, which will include tours. For more information, visit <https://www.montanainternational.us/event-details/total-eclipse-2024>.

Watch at home: ABC News and National Geographic present "Eclipse Across America," airing live beginning at 2 p.m. on ABC, ABC News Live, National Geographic Channel, Nat Geo WILD, Disney+ and Hulu, as well as network social media platforms. The special will be anchored by "World News Tonight" anchor David Muir and "ABC News Live Prime" anchor Lindsey Davis. Spanning 10 cities, "Eclipse Across America" will broadcast from locations experiencing the phenomenon firsthand, including: Niagara Falls - at approximately 3:18-3:22 p.m.

Other events: Village business owners are hosting a special "Total Eclipse of Lewiston" event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7. As part of the promotion, patrons can enter to win a grand-prize basket. Organizers stated, "No purchase necessary; all you need to do



What you need to know to be safe: During the eclipse, it is especially unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection. Doing so can result in serious injury. The partial phases of the solar eclipse can only be safely observed directly with specialized eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer - regular sunglasses are not a safe replacement.

Village of Youngstown: Old Fort Niagara offers a great view of the western sky in a setting of centuries of history. Special programs precede the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8. These include music and cannon frings, life of a soldier in the 18th century, 18th century domestic life demonstrations and 18th century military engineering. Lewiston-Porter will launch a weather balloon equipped camera with record the eclipse at 100,000 feet. Launch time is 1 p.m. NASA officials will present in the officers' club from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Capacity is limited to 100 persons.

Where you can find eclipse glasses: A limited quantity of I LOVE NY eclipse glasses are available at locations throughout the state, including NYS welcome centers and select service areas along the New York State Thruway. Distribution is limited to two pairs per person, while supplies last, with a limited amount distributed daily. The glasses were approved by the New York State Department of Health and carry an ISO certification. Glasses can also be purchased at many Tops Markets locations for \$1.99 with a BonusPlus Card.

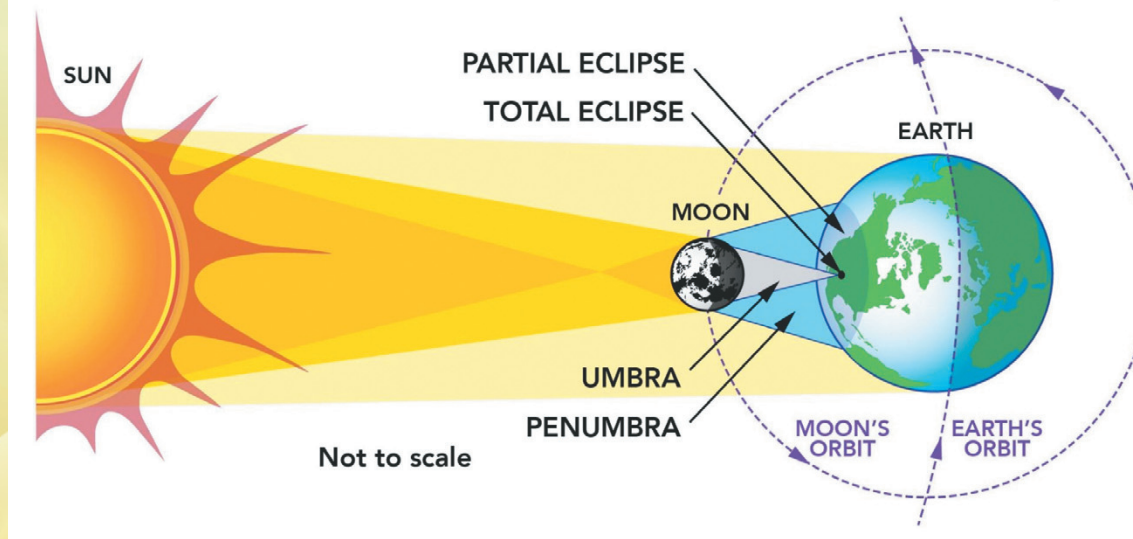
Eclipse-themed events and where to watch:

- Niagara Falls State Park:** From Thursday, April 4, through Monday, April 8, Niagara Falls USA will host NASA subject matter experts for discussions about the eclipse. The series of free and open-to-the-public programming will be held at various points of interest throughout the city. Niagara Falls will experience the beginning of the total eclipse at 2:04 p.m., with full
- Town of Wheatfield:** The Town of Wheatfield Lions Club will host a viewing event for the solar eclipse from 2-5 p.m. at Five Senses Park, 6535 Ward Road. It will include refreshments, moon pies, sun chips, hot dogs, burgers and beverages. The cost is \$2 per car for park entrance. Glasses will be available to purchase for \$3. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.
- City of Buffalo:** Tops Friendly Markets and the Buffalo Bisons will host a total eclipse event at Sahlen Field.

centerfield scoreboard from the NASA Space station. Tickets are available at www.bisons.com/eclipse (where there is a \$1 service charge), at the Sahlen Field box office, or at select Tops locations. NASA will also be distributing a limited number of solar eclipse glasses to the first 2,000 of guests.

The Niagara Aerospace Museum will host several NASA experts, ahead of April 8, who will offer presentations and share the latest NASA science and research. The topicians will cover everything from solar activity to the new deep

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Beaver Island State Park on Monday, April 8, with free admission and parking (1000 parking spaces). Activities begin at 9 a.m. and include a performance by Ransom Road, a 5k fun run, kayak rentals, beach volleyball, a

space exploration programs and the Artemis mission to go back to the moon. In addition to the presentations, the museum will offer free admission, children's activities, and an exclusive line of eclipse merchandise in the gift shop.

is stop by as many shops as possible and enter to win."

Find more online at www.wnypapers.com/eclipse.

The Discover Niagara Shuttle will offer FREE transportation for the eclipse event. We will service our regular Falls to Fort route, as well as Four Mile Creek Campground.

Thursday April 4th to Monday April 8th
Falls to Fort Route: 8:30am-5:40pm
Four Mile Creek Loop: 9:00am-6:00pm

Look for our eclipse themed shuttle wrap, featuring this painting by Christina Francis!

For more info, visit: discoverniagarashuttle.com

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Solar Eclipse Party!
April 8th noon- 5 pm

Join us for a once in a lifetime TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE event at our Town of Niagara Office. Bring your lawn chairs & cooler and enjoy a live band. Complementary hot dogs & eclipse glasses while supplies last*. Don't miss our llama petting area plus stop by our optical boutique & check out the latest styles & trends.

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

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Office location - 5500 Porter Road NF NY 14304

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