

The village of Goreville is planning to host some activities for its citizens and the general public during the weekend of the 2017 Eclipse. Some activities may cost, specifically on Monday, August 21st.

The village of Goreville wants to see our community's property and the village citizens property treated with respect and with care; trash properly disposed of, all people treated with courtesy and respect, with the intent of visitors leaving Goreville with a pleasant experience of our town. Expect the traffic to be unusually high, so patience by everyone will be necessary. The village's intent is to create opportunity for our local businesses, by providing public space for visitors to enjoy this natural phenomenon; knowing our businesses will provide wonderful products and services to our guest and our guests will leave pleased with their experience.

Saturday Evening, August 19th – Goreville Community School, High School gym at 6:00 pm, Dr. Leslie Looney from the University of Illinois Astronomy department will be presenting information about the 2017 Eclipse. The event will be FREE to the public!

Sunday Evening, August 20th – Goreville Village Park, community churches will congregate at the park for an evening of gospel singing and fellowship. Churches that participated in planning will be hosting singers and inspirational speakers. The event will begin at 5:30 pm lasting until approximately 8:00 pm. The public is strongly encouraged to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the evening. Parking will be free at the park and in the Goreville First Baptist Church parking lot. Some food vendors will be at the park for the public.

2017 ECLIPSE - Monday, August 21st -- Goreville Village Park, will be open for the public to view the 2017 Eclipse. The University of Illinois College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) will have 8 tables setup for the public to participate in activity stations available from approximately 11:00 am to 1:45 pm; the stations will offer the following:

- make you own pinhole camera activity
- astronomy: learn about light
- entomology: bugs and eclipses
- atmospheric science: weather
- biology: genetics
- geology: rocks and connection to the Moon
- geometry lab: it's all about geometry

- Illuminating Chemistry

The university is also bringing 4 telescopes with solar filters to the park for the public to experience the event.

Food vendors will be at the park for the public. Medical personnel will be on-site to respond to any medical needs. All activities will be concluded by 3 pm. Limited credit card use will be available. Public should bring cash to purchase food, beverages, parking, transportation, and other related expenses.

The public is responsible for having their own protective eye-glasses for viewing and encouraged to bring a lawn chair, seating will be limited. Dr. Brian Fields, Astronomer/Professor from University of Illinois Astronomy department will be sharing a live-explanation to the audience, during the Totality of the Eclipse.

Paid parking of \$10 per vehicle (\$30 for a RV) will be available west of town (30-40 acre field), about ¼ mile from the park, with persons being able to walk to the park or they will be welcome to stay at their vehicle. Adam Kirby is the local person offering this service (phone number not available). He is opening his property at 5 am, the day of the eclipse. Shuttle service (\$5/person round-trip) will be available starting at 9:00 am from parking area to the village park and concluding at 4 pm.

Also, on the north side of town, the First Pentecostal Church is offering \$30 parking with Food accommodations on their site. You can call Rev Ron Null or the designee at 618-694-8674. They are very hospitable to most special needs.

Goreville's Masonic Lodge will also be serving food at their building in town!

If you are looking for overnight accommodations, Ferne Clyffe Park (State of Illinois) does have some Primitive Camping sites available. The RV Camp sites remaining are on a first-come-first serve opportunity; at this point very unlikely for anyone to expect to get one. You would need to call 618-995-2411 for more information about Ferne Clyffe Park accommodations.

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Village of Goreville, 618-995-2157 --- M – F, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm