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# Your Guide To The 2017 Total Solar Eclipse (The Patrick Moore Practical Astronomy Series)



## Synopsis

In this book Astronomy Magazine editor Michael Bakich presents all the information youâ™ll need to be ready for the total solar eclipse that will cross the United States on August 21, 2017. In this one resource youâ™ll find out where the eclipse will occur, how to observe it safely, what youâ™ll experience during the eclipse, the best equipment to choose, how to photograph the event, detailed weather forecasts for locations where the Moonâ™s shadow will fall, and much more.Â Written in easy-to-understand language (and with a glossary for those few terms you may not be familiar with), this is the must-have reference for this unique occurrence.Â Itâ™s not a stretch to say that this eclipse will prove to be the most viewed sky event in history. Thatâ™s why even now, more than a year before the eclipse, astronomy clubs, government agencies, cities â• even whole states â• are preparing for the unprecedented onslaught of visitors whose only desire is to experience darkness at midday.Â Bakich informs observers what anyone will need to observe, enjoy, and understand this event.

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If youâ™re thinking about traveling to view the upcoming 2017 solar eclipse visible across most of the US (and if youâ™re not, you should be) then Michael E. Bakichâ™s book Your Guide to the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse is a must have. While two to five solar eclipses appear each year, most require an observer to do some serious traveling. This upcoming eclipse is the first total eclipse visible from the continental US since February 1979, and the last viewable from the continental US

until 2024. The path of the August 21, 2017 eclipse cuts directly across the USA, from Oregon to South Carolina, putting it easily in line for viewing by millions of people. Although the traveling is simplified for many of us, the planning is not. Many folks often choose to go on an organized eclipse tour, as there are lots of things that go into planning a successful eclipse trip. Something as simple as picking a viewing location requires determining the central line of the eclipse, then taking historical weather conditions and length of totality into account. Those not in tours may choose the most publicized option. This time, I suspect many will head to Giant City State Park in Illinois. This huge park sits in the middle of the longest part of totality, is fairly easy to get to and should accommodate a ton of people. However, I, like Mr Bakich, suspect it will be jam packed shoulder to shoulder. While this might be the most publicized site for eclipse viewing, it's far from the only. The book points out that you will get nearly the full 2 minutes and 40 seconds of totality anywhere along a 255 mile path that he's gone to the trouble of figuring out for you. In fact, that's a great summary for the book.

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