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Solar Eclipse

On August 21, 2017 there will be a total solar eclipse that will be seen across much of the USA. Eclipses are relatively rare events that draw significant attention in the academic community.

Due to the nature of the event, precautions should be taken to avoid eye damage in the form of retinopathy which occurs when light from the sun floods the retina containing the light sensing cells that make vision possible. The damage is often painless and can range from seeing shadows for a couple of hours to, in very rare cases, blindness. Most instances are temporary but can last for several weeks or months.

Below is a link created by NASA explaining what this eclipse entails and at what time it will be seen across the country. It also contains information on how to safely view the event.

[Eclipse 2017](#)

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