

Tips for Visitors

Eclipse Begins Monday, April 8, at 12:16 pm

Anticipated Days: Friday, 04/05 – Tuesday, 04/9

Blanco County's population of approximately 9,000 is expected to see a substantial increase starting April 5th before and during the impact period with most visitors utilizing US Hwy 281 or US Hwy 290 to enter the county. It is best to arrive early, come prepared, and have reasonable expectations, given the situation. Once the eclipse begins, you will forget all about the crowds and any small inconveniences it took for you to experience this wondrous event!

The Texas Hill Country is beautiful but keep local hazards in mind and always know your surroundings.

While Visiting During The Eclipse:

- Do not think, "We'll just pick up what we need when we get there." Supplies, cash, fuel, and restaurant meals may have limited services or have long lines due to high demand.
- Think about your personal safety and security:
 - Have a good communication plan with your family members. Cell service may be limited due to the increased volume. Have an out-of-area friend or family member you can check in with if you get separated. Pick a landmark where you can reunite if you get separated in a crowd.
 - Do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Think through your security plan and how to keep important items secure, i.e., cell phones, telescopes, binoculars, wallets, etc.
- Make sure your vehicle/RV has been serviced and you are all fueled up and ready to go (gas, propane, etc.)
- Help us keep our communities and public areas clean and safe and do not litter. Follow the rule "Pack it in, Pack it out!"

What to Bring With You:

- Eclipse Viewing Glasses
- Water (plenty of it)
- First Aid Kit
- Necessary medications for you and your pets
- Cash (ATMs may be limited during this time)
- Sun protection: Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Hat/visor
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Folding chair
- Snacks/food for the hours, days you plan to be with us
- Prepaid phone card – if you need to call long distance and cellular service is not available.
- Maps of area if you need directions (print your directions and bring them with you); your cellular service may be limited during heaviest impact times.

Blanco County is rural by nature. Please be prepared for local service to be overwhelmed and not able to respond to your needs.