



2017 SOLAR ECLIPSE

Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Ankeny, Baskett Slough and William L. Finley Refuges



The 2017 solar eclipse is a once-in-lifetime event and its path will cross all three of the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuges: Ankeny, Baskett Slough and William L. Finley! If you plan to view the eclipse from your local Wildlife Refuge, we hope you'll understand that the viewing opportunities are limited; along with parking and facilities.

We are stewards of, and provide homes for, rare and endangered plants, wildlife and habitats. **For Monday, August 21st 2017 some sensitive habitat areas will be closed (see maps!) and our limited first-come-first-serve parking will fill-up fast.** Thank you in advance for understanding, for parking only in designated areas, and respecting the one-day closure areas.

Keep in mind:

- The Refuges will open at dawn (~6 am) and close at dusk (~8:30 pm)
- William L. Finley Refuge will allow 200 cars to enter the east and west entrance gates, after which the gates will be closed until 10:30 am
- Baskett Slough Refuge only has room for 55 passenger cars and Ankeny Refuge room for 130
- August is peak fire season so please use caution and remember, no fires are allowed
- As always, no camping. This means no arriving early and trying to camp-out!

Please be safe!

- Protect your eyes during the eclipse. You will need special eclipse viewing glasses, which are available online
- Please pack out anything you bring along. August is usually hot and dry, so don't forget your water
- Our region is expecting unprecedented numbers of visitors for the solar eclipse (millions!). Travel will be difficult and emergency services are going to be stretched incredibly thin. Be prepared and be smart