



## READY, SET, GO FOR THE 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE...

Monday, April 8th, 2024 at approximately 3:12pm a total solar eclipse will make its way through Richland County, Ohio. The eclipse will trace a narrow path of totality across 13 U.S. states. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon cast its shadow on the Earth as it passes between the Earth and the Sun and the moon appears to totally obscure the Sun.

What can we expect in Richland County? Traffic gridlock due to an influx of visitors, Many hotels are sold out, campgrounds are starting to fill up, and most schools throughout the county have canceled for the day. Visitors are expected to arrive Friday, April 5th and stay until Monday afternoon. It is recommended households begin preparing for the Eclipse soon. The week of the eclipse plan to run errands early in the week – go to the grocery store, pick up necessary medications, fill your gas tank, and have essentials on hand. The ability to travel in the county is anticipated to be impacted by the increase in traffic. Medical and other necessary appointments should not be scheduled during this time period.