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The Sikeston Department of Public Safety will be staffing extra officers for a weekend of events related to the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th, 2024, at 1:58 P.M. and will last for 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

Starting Friday, April 5th, 2024, The City of Sikeston, and Miner will begin seeing many visitors to our cities and we are expecting a large attendance for the eclipse, due to our geographical location for prime viewing. Most all hotels, lodgings and campgrounds in our area are already reserved for guests. With these events we expect much high volumes of traffic in the city, especially near the Sikeston Sports Complex and Sikeston Bootheel Rodeo Grounds which we be holding events for people to attend. With increased visitors to our city, you can assume there will be traffic delays and our roadways will be congested at times. The Sikeston Department of Public Safety asks that everyone be patient, drive attentively and use caution. We also would suggest to our residents near Linn St., Smith St. Kennedy, N. Ingram, Salcedo Rd. to consider alternative routes of travel especially on Monday, April 8th, 2024, to avoid congestion along N. Ingram and State Highway HH. The Sikeston Department of Public Safety asks that there be no parking along roadways, not to impede traffic flow. The Sikeston Department of Public Safety will be posting no parking signs along N. Ingram for that weekend starting Friday, April 5th, 2024. The Missouri Department of Transportation also expects high volumes of traffic within the Southeast Missouri Area and will halt all construction projects the day of the eclipse. MoDot also asked that no one park along roadways to view the eclipse and encourages all drivers to exercise safety while driving during that time.

Eclipse Viewing Locations:

Prime eclipse viewing locations include the Sikeston Complex Park, Rodeo Grounds located at 1220 N. Ingram Rd, Legion Park/Downtown Sikeston, and Three Rivers College-Sikeston campus parking lot.





Schedule of Events:

Friday, April 5th

- Pre-eclipse Party at the Rodeo Grounds, 1220 N. Ingram Rd. – 6-11pm
- Cosmic Pickleball at the Recreation Complex (at dusk)
- Moonlight Madness shopping & Telescope Viewing Downtown

Saturday, April 6th

- Crawfish Boil & Music Festival - 12pm-midnight. Fresh crawfish and other great foods, live bands, kids' activities. Camping available on-site.
- Moonlight Madness shopping & Scoping the Skies Telescope Viewing Downtown (afternoon/evening)
- Animal Tales at the Sikeston Library. Kids Program featuring how animals react to an eclipse -10am

Sunday, April 7th

- Moonlight Madness shopping & Telescope Viewing Downtown (afternoon/evening)
- Movie in the Park at American Legion Park, Front St. (at dusk)

Monday, April 8th

- Eclipse Viewing Party at the Sikeston Recreation Complex, 501 Campanella St. – 12pm – 2:30

The eclipse starts at approximately 1:58PM and will last for 3m 30s.

For more information about the solar eclipse weekend, you can visit <https://www.sikeston.net/tourism/> or call the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau and Tourism at (888)309-6591.

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