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“Noon Closing for County Offices for April 8th Eclipse”

Ellis County, TX – On April 8th, Ellis County offices and courts will close at NOON in anticipation of a considerable increase in traffic due to the total solar eclipse event, which is bringing thousands of visitors to Ellis County – the centerline of the “path of totality.” Law enforcement, ambulance coverage, road & bridge precincts, and emergency service departments will remain at increased staffing to respond to any needs that arise.

The total eclipse will cross over Ellis County starting at 1:39 p.m. and ending at 1:44 p.m. (<https://eclipse-explorer.smce.nasa.gov/>). During the eclipse, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- 1) Do not look directly at the eclipse without a pair of specially-designed “eclipse glasses” (regular sunglasses will not suffice). Looking directly at the eclipse is the same as looking directly at the sun, but the naked human eye may not perceive pain from ultraviolet rays that can cause permanent eyesight damage.
- 2) Do not stop on the side of highways to view the eclipse. Doing so can result in dangerous traffic obstructions or result in collisions.
- 3) Wait before uploading any footage of the eclipse to social media, and please refrain from livestreaming it. Local cell tower infrastructure could suffer an outage if thousands of individuals upload or stream footage all at once, which could cause a loss of 9-1-1 coverage to some residents.

For more information and links to local viewing events, please visit <https://co.ellis.tx.us/1204/The-2024-Total-Solar-Eclipse>.

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