



Objectives:

- To provide a welcoming and safe environment for locals and visiting public to view this celestial event on their public land- the 3.4 million acre Bridger-Teton National Forest which surrounds Jackson, WY and includes the communities within the path of totality on the Forest including: Pinedale, Alpine, Moran, Teton Village, Wilson, Bondurant, and Hoback Junction.
- To coordinate efforts with sister agencies and local community planners to assure the needs of the local community and visiting public are met.
- To provide information that enhances visitor viewing experience and suggestions for their safety and enjoyment on their public lands.

Key Messages:

- On the morning of August 21, 2017, the Bridger-Teton National Forest will experience an event that hasn't happened here since 1979. A total solar eclipse, in which the moon passes between the sun and earth obscuring the view of the sun from a few locations for a few dramatic minutes, is for many people a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- Plan ahead to ensure a safe and fun experience. The Bridger-Teton National Forest is your backyard. It is public land. It belongs to all of us. Enjoy it and welcome!
- Viewing the eclipse without proper eyewear (sunglasses won't cut it) can cause serious and permanent eye damage. Bring solar-eclipse-rated eye protection. You can get them at any of the National Forest offices.
- Make sure you have the proper supplies and gear.-
- Expect large crowds. Most lodging is booked. Options for camping are limited.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules and specific information about the site you are visiting.
- Cell service may not be available, so plan your route in advance and pack a map. You can get paper maps from the Bridger-Teton National Forest offices.
- Many roads on public lands are gravel and may require a high-clearance or four-wheel drive vehicle.
- The eclipse will have a huge impact on highways, gasoline supplies and other basic needs. Expect delays, traffic backups, changes in normal travel paths (closed roads, detours, etc.).



Local Circumstances for the 21 AUG 2017 Total Solar Eclipse at Jackson, WY:

Latitude: 43° 28' 48" N	Longitude: 110° 45' 45" W
Duration of Totality*: 2m 15s	Partial phase start: 10:16:44AM (MDT), at "1:00 o'clock" on the sun's disk
Totally Start*: 11:34:56AM (MDT) <i>*All times shown are calculated for the lat/long specified above, and are accurate to within a couple of seconds, due mainly to influences of the "edge effects" at the start and end of totality. For a more detailed explanation of this, please see the "About Accuracy" section of this great 2017 eclipse page by Ernie Wright of NASA! Please also note that these times have been converted from UTC; if you see times on other sites that say "UTC"/ "UT", or "GMT", those are NOT the local times for you in Jackson!</i>	

Safe Viewing

- Special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses” or handheld solar viewers provide the only safe way to look directly at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not sufficient.
- “Eclipse glasses” are available at many local businesses throughout the community.
- Proper eye protection is necessary to safely look directly at the sun before and after eclipse totality. Severe eye injury can result without protection. Eclipse glasses are the simplest method to view the eclipse from start to finish.
- Never look directly at the sun's rays without proper eye protection—even if the sun is partly obscured. During the short time when the moon completely blocks the sun—the period of totality—you may look directly at the sun.
- If you begin to experience blurry vision while viewing the eclipse it is recommended to rest your eyes for 10-15 minutes. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Please do not drive yourself to a medical facility if you are experiencing impaired vision.



Leave No Trace

- **Proper Food Storage:** Jackson is in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, wildlife is abundant. Keep your food properly stored at all times to avoid wildlife encounters with bears, ravens, foxes, and other animals. We don't want to make easy opportunities for wildlife to become accustomed to people. Familiarize yourself with the proper food storage requirements for each area you are visiting.
- **Pack it in, Pack it out:** Pick up all trash and take it with you when you leave. Wildlife is attracted to scents on garbage. Keep garbage contained in a hard sided vehicle and dispose of it properly when you leave.
- **Trail Etiquette:** Stay on existing roads and trails. Don't drive through meadows or create new roadways which can cause erosion, spread noxious weeds, or damage resources. Travel is restricted on all public lands to existing roads and trails. Be sure to know regulations before venturing out.

Top 10 Things to Bring/Know

The communities around the Bridger-Teton are expecting a large influx of visitors that will be using the community's lodging, food, gas, ATMs, and bathroom facilities. We anticipate additional impacts on our public lands. Suggested planning and preparation for up to two weeks prior to the August 21 eclipse include:

1. Cell phones may not work due to high usage demands. Some of the remote locations in our region have no/low cellular coverage. Text messages may be more reliable than phone calls, especially when trying to contact 9-1-1.
2. In an emergency you may send a text message to 9-1-1. Simply text the number 911 and in the message include your location, the nature of your emergency, and if you need police, fire, medical or search and rescue. Do not use abbreviations. Be prepared for a delayed response.
3. Stock up on groceries or make dining reservations in advance, as restaurants may be crowded.
4. Fill your gas tanks. We are expecting additional demand and congestion on the roadways.
5. Visit the banks/ ATMs early, as ATMs may run out of cash due to visitation surge.
6. Lodging accommodations are limited. Hotels, camping and RV camping are near capacity. Visitors may need to look outside of Jackson and Teton County for



- accommodations. Be sure to have your accommodations arranged prior to arrival.
7. Area roadways will likely be congested and regular routes are subject to temporary restrictions. Visit www.wyoroad.info. Variable traffic signs will provide up to date information on specific roadways.
 8. Be prepared for heavy bicycle traffic. Remember to share roads, trails and pathways and be courteous to other users, including any emergency service vehicles that may be using pathways for emergency response.
 9. The hospital and urgent care facilities are increasing staffing to handle heavier than normal walk-in and emergency visits. Fill your medical prescriptions in advance and have an extra supply of your medications.
 10. August is prime fire season. Be extremely careful with cigarettes, campfires, recreational burns and parking a vehicle on dry grass. Know the burning restrictions for the area you are visiting. Report any signs of smoke immediately.

**** Residents** should stock up on essentials including groceries, medications, water, tarps, emergency generators and camping equipment. The more self-sufficient the better, emergency response times will be effected with the additional visitors. **

Be self-contained and stay put

- Please get to your viewing location as soon as possible and remain there during the eclipse to limit roadway congestion. Try to bring all supplies and stay settled until after the eclipse.
- Be considerate. Respect private property and all signage. Do not block gates, driveways and make sure emergency vehicles can pass.
- This is not just a Jackson Hole event, this is a regional event and everyone's resources will be strained. Surrounding areas such as Rexburg, Idaho Falls, Riverton, Dubois and other areas are also in the path of the eclipse and are preparing for similar impacts, greatly limiting their ability to give support if needed.
- Be prepared to care for yourself and your family.
- This is a whole community event. Businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and individuals need to work together to ensure a safe and successful experience.



Viewing Sites

Where to View- Day Use Viewing Areas-

Jackson Day use viewing areas (no fees, spots not reservable)

Max. Capacity = 170 (plus locations along Hatchet-Flagstaff road)

- Togwotee overlook – estimate 35 spots
- Hatchet-Flagstaff road – estimate 4 locations (reservoir, Baldy Mtn., Cabin spur, Flagstaff fishing)
- Teton Pass summit – 60 spots (including overflow area)
- Wedding Tree pull-out – 8 spots
- Gros Ventre Geological Interpretive Site – 12 spots
- Lower Slide Lake overlook – estimate 40 spots
- Curtis Canyon overlook – estimate 15 spots

Teton Pass Area (*No camping, day use only*)

Phillips Ridge trail – access from Phillips Bench trailhead

Glory Mountain ridge – non-system trail, steep and loose

Cache- Game Creek Area (*No camping, day use only*)

Skyline trail – access from Snow King or Cache Creek

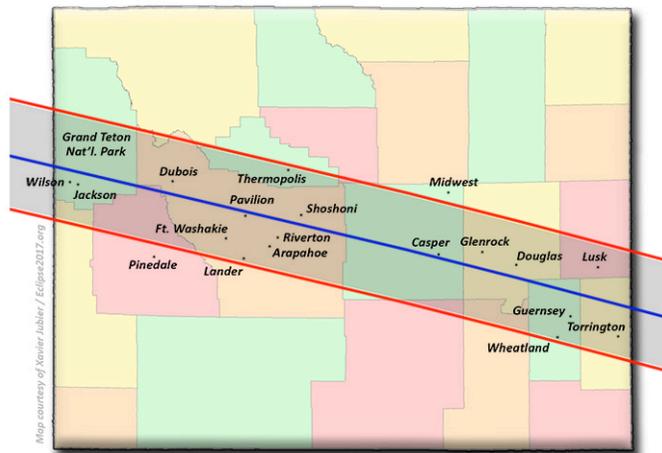
Munger Mountain (*No camping, day use only*)

Wally World trail – access from Munger Mtn. north trailhead

Big Munger trail –access from motorized trailhead, Munger Mountain summit

Pinedale Day Use Viewing Areas:

- All of Pinedale District. Not specifying sites.





Camping Areas

Where to Camp- No Reservations Accepted in Advance

Jackson Area Developed Campgrounds (fee sites, services) (each site max. 8 people, 2 vehicles) Not reserveable in advance

Max. Capacity = 205 sites

- Atherton Campground – 20 sites
- Crystal Creek Campground – 6 sites
- Curtis Canyon Campground - 11 sites
- East Table Campground - 20 sites
- Granite Campground – 51 sites
- Hoback Campground – 13 sites
- Kozy Campground – 8 sites
- Station Creek Campground – 16 sites
- Wolf Creek Campground – 20 sites
- Hatchet Campground – 9 sites
- Sheffield Campground – 5 sites
- Turpin Campground – 18 sites
- Pacific Creek Campground – 8 sites

Pinedale Area: Developed Campgrounds - Not reserveable

- Green River Lakes Campground \$12/ day (39 sites) with drinking water, tables, toilet, corrals, lake
- Whiskey Grove Campground \$12 (9 sites) with drinking water, tables, toilet
- New Fork Lake Campground \$7 (15 sites) with tables and toilet
- Willow Lake (6 sites) with tables and toilet
- Trails End Campground \$7 with (8 sites) with tables, toilet and corrals
- Boulder Lake Campground \$7 (15 sites) with tables, toilet and corrals
- Big Sandy Campground \$7(5 sites) with tables, toilet and corrals
- Scab Creek Campground (20 sites) BLM – with water table toilet corrals
- Sweetwater Bridge Campground (7 sites) BLM Table and toilet
- Warren Bridge Campground \$10 (15 sites) BLM with water, table, toilet

Pinedale Area Group sites NOT RESERVEABLE (BLM)

- Sweetwater G.S. Campground (17 sites) BLM with table and toilet



Jackson Area Temporary RV Camping Areas (fee site, services) (available for 2 week period, 8.11 – 8.25)

Max. Capacity = 290 sites (note: if we can't find people to manage these sites, we may not be able to offer sites)

- Togwotee Snowmobile parking – estimate 50 sites (Recreation event permit)
- Spread Creek gravel pit – estimate 160 sites (Recreation event permit)
- Hatchet snowmobile parking – estimate 9 sites (Campground expansion – Aud&Di)
- Wolf Creek staging area – estimate 8 sites (Campground expansion – Aud&Di)
- Hoback no-name camping area – estimate 18 sites (Aud&Di)
- Crystal Creek overflow area – estimate 5 sites (Aud&Di) (this is available all summer)
- Slate Creek gravel pit and trailhead – estimate 25 sites (Recreation event permit)
- Shadow Mountain base area – 15 sites (Recreation event permit)

Jackson Area Undeveloped Campsites (along Forest roads) (no fees, no services)

Max. Capacity = 148 sites (note: there are some undeveloped sites in other drainages that we are not emphasizing. In addition, the gate on Phillips Ridge road will be closed – no camping in Teton Pass area)

- Spread Creek road - 9 sites
- Toppings Lake road – 15 sites
- Shadow Mountain – 23 sites
- Ditch Creek – 6 sites
- Gros Ventre corridor – 40 sites (Forest boundary to Yellowjacket Flat)
- Curtis Canyon – 16 sites
- Flat Creek – 5 sites
- Fall Creek corridor – 10 sites
- Granite Creek – 16 sites; Little Granite Creek – 8 sites

Wilderness and Backcountry Camping

Gros Ventre Wilderness (note group size limit = 15 people, bear awareness, LNT)

Jackson Peak – trailhead access road requires high clearance, limited camping at lake

Crystal Butte trail – accessible from town, steep trail, **no camping/no water**

Blue Miner Lake – limited camping at lake, provides ridge access to Sleeping Indian

Alkali Ridge trail – no water or campsites along trail but nice open ridge to overlook

Cream Puff Peak – trailhead access from Bull Creek (along Hoback canyon road)

Sleeping Indian –very limited parking, **no camping along trail/no water** (camp along Flat Creek road)



Palisades Wilderness Study Area

Mount Elly – access from Teton Pass, easy trail, parking may be tight, no camping/no water

Wolf Mountain – access from Dog Creek, rough trail, likely less people than Wilderness locations

Wyoming Range and Mount Leidy Highlands

Anne's Ridge trail – access from Willow Creek trailhead, open ridges

Palmer Creek trail – access from Hoback Junction area (Johnny Count road), limited parking

Dog Creek lookout trail – remote location in upper Gros Ventre, high clearance vehicle for TH access



Camping Areas

Where to Camp- Reservations ACCEPTED

Pinedale Area: Campgrounds Reserveable, single sites

- Narrows Campground \$12 (18 sites) with tables, toilet, corrals
- Fremont Lake Campground \$12 (50 sites) with drinking water, tables, toilet, lake
- Half Moon Lake Campground \$7 (17 sites) with tables, toilet,

** To make site reservations in campgrounds with reservable sites, please call 1-877-444-6777 (toll-free) or <http://www.recreation.gov>*

Jackson Developed Group Campgrounds (fee sites, services)

Max. Capacity = 140 people at one time

- East Table overflow – 40 people at one time
- Little Cottonwood – 40 people at one time – already booked for the eclipse (8/15-8/22)
- Station Creek group – 60 people at one time – already booked for the eclipse (8/17-8/23)

Pinedale Developed Group Campgrounds – can be reserved

- Green River Lakes Group Sites A & B \$35/day (2 sites) with drinking water, tables, toilet, corrals, lake
Green River Lakes Group Site C \$70 (1site) with drinking water, tables, toilet, corrals, lake
- Fremont Lake Group Site \$35 (1 site) with water, tables, toilet
- New Fork Lake Group Site \$35 (1 site) with tables and toilet

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Questions and Answers:

How long can I camp on the Forest?

You can camp on the Forest in developed campgrounds for 14 days. You can camp in other areas of the Forest off of roadways and not on the streambanks for 14 days. If you are within 80-miles of the town of Jackson, you can camp on the Forest for a 5-day limit.

Do I need to worry about bears?

You must keep all food and attractants (toothpaste, deodorant, gasoline, and anything with a scent) stored in a way that it is unavailable to bears and wildlife. You can rent bear-proof containers from any Forest Service office. You can put your attractants in your vehicle with your windows rolled up. Do not leave coolers unattended. Do not sleep near your food or attractants. You should be 100-yards away (a football field).

How do I view the eclipse?

There are many safety pages with tips. Do not use sunglasses. Use eclipse viewing glasses which are available at Forest offices.

Will my cell phone work?

It is anticipated that cell coverage and internet will not work due to the number of users in the area

Can I have a campfire on the Forest?

Fire restrictions are not currently in place. Check with the Forest before you head out to make sure campfires are still allowed.

Can I use a drone?

We ask Forest visitors to be curious to other eclipse viewers and not use drones in the vicinity of other people so as to not disturb their viewing experience

Can I float on the rivers during the eclipse?

All waterways are open during the eclipse. The water is high this year due to snowmelt so please check the flows and be prepared before you head out. Groups over 15 people need a permit if you plan to float the Snake River.

Can I have pets in the Forest?

Yes. Dogs, horses and pets are allowed on your National Forest.

Can I save my spot on the Forest?

A place must be occupied on the National Forest. You can't "save" a spot and you should be prepared to have other visitors in close proximity to you.

PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR THE BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

Jackson Office- 307-739-5500

Big Piney Office – 307-276-3375

Pinedale Office- 307-367-4326

Greys River Office- 307-886-5300

Blackrock Office- 307-543-2386

Kemmerer Office- 307-828-5100