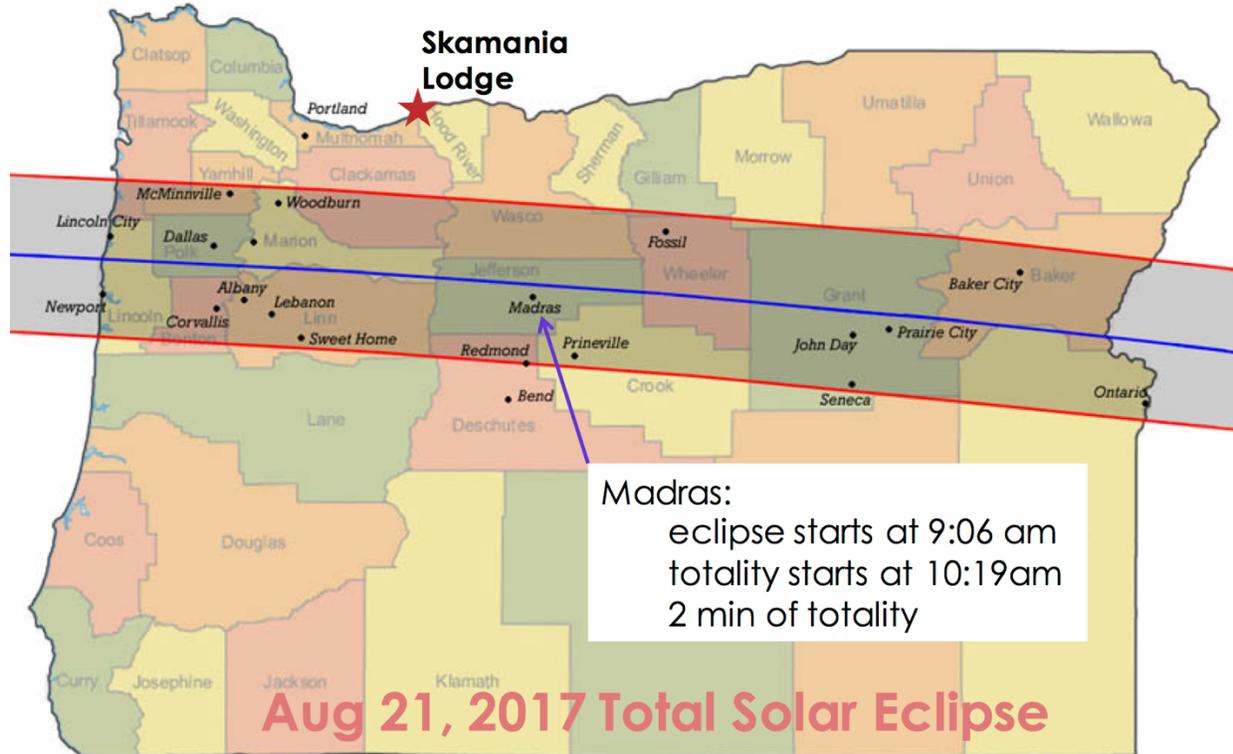


The Great American Eclipse

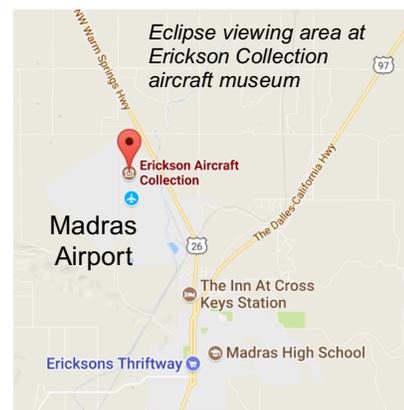
The path of totality for the August 21 “Great American Eclipse” will pass just south of the conference location. An eclipse watching event for conference attendees will be held at the Erickson Collection museum in Madras, OR on the morning of August 21. Conference events (student competition, poster session, and keynote speaker) will resume at 4:00pm at the Skamania Lodge.



Map courtesy of geology.com / Xarier Jubier / Google Maps / Eclipse2017.org

The eclipse starts at approximately 9:00 am local time and Madras is 2.5 hours from the Skamania Lodge *without* traffic. Traffic the morning of the eclipse will be extremely unpredictable, so leaving several hours prior to 6:00 am, or possibly even on Sunday, is recommended.

The Erickson Collection museum is located at the Madras airport: 2408 NW Berg Dr, Madras, OR. You will be directed to the parking as you approach the airport. The eclipse viewing area for conference attendees and their guests is adjacent to the museum. Note: no refreshments or seating will be provided.



Conference attendees will receive admission to the museum, which opens at 7am on Monday. Additional tickets for guests may be purchased at the museum for \$8. (Restrooms in the museum may be accessed without a ticket.)

Parking and Carpool Sign-Up

We strongly encourage conference attendees to use the carpool sign-up linked from the conference website: http://space-flight.org/docs/2017_summer/2017_summer.html Our limited reserved parking spots at the museum will not be enough if each of the 200+ conference attendees drive separately. Passes will be given to people offering carpools on the carpool website. If you've filled your carpool without using the website, please register on the site so we can give you a parking pass. Any extra passes will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis at the Sunday registration. Parking in the reserved area opens at 10pm on Sunday night. Additional parking spaces will be for sale in the fields surrounding the airport for \$20 each.

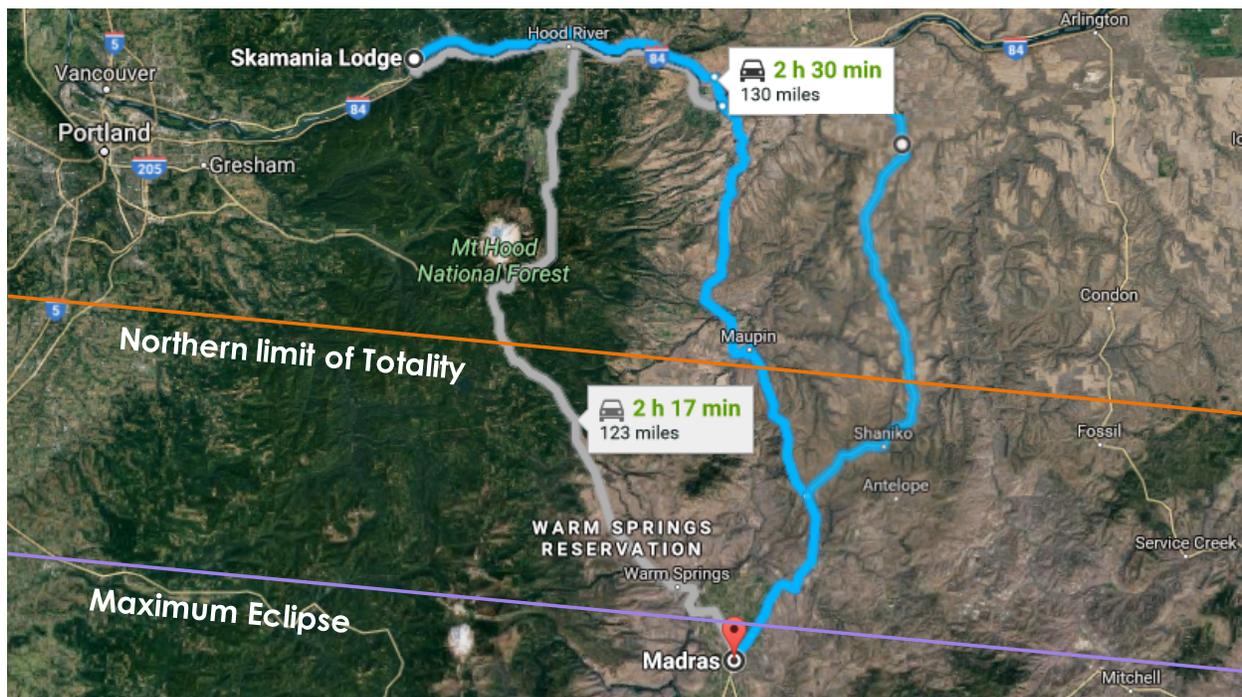
Please note that some shared ride vans, not affiliated with the conference, have offered seats for sale on the carpool website. Please read the comments on a car when signing up for a ride to see if there are charges.

Eclipse Route Planning

There are three main routes from Skamania Lodge to Madras:

- Washington-14 or I-84 to Oregon 35 to U.S. 26, 123 miles
- Washington-14 or I-84 to U.S. 197 to U.S. 97, 130 miles
- Washington-14 or I-84 to U.S. 97, 157 miles

The U.S. 26 route runs the risk of heavier traffic from the Portland area, but will also have crews from the Oregon Dept. of Transportation working to keep the road clear. Oregon has a state-wide traffic website with traffic cameras at <http://www.tripcheck.com> that can aid in route planning.



Additional Considerations

Madras is a town of 6,000 and over 100,000 visitors are expected. Local restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores are expected to be overwhelmed. Please stock up on supplies, including water and food, before entering the eclipse zone.

Oregon is currently experiencing hot and dry conditions resulting in potential wildfire hazard. Fires, including camp stoves, may be restricted. If camping, please check with a local ranger station or campground host for campfire rules and fire dangers in the region.

Eclipse Glasses

We will provide eclipse glasses (from American Paper Optics) to conference attendees at the Sunday reception and at the viewing area in Madras. If you are bringing a large number of guests or if you won't make it to the Sunday registration and you plan on going to an alternate viewing area, you will need to procure your own glasses. Please be advised that there are many counterfeit eclipse glasses being sold, including on amazon. The other AAS (American Astronomical Society) has a guide for eclipse glasses on their website:

<https://aas.org/media/press-releases/aas-offers-updated-advice-safely-viewing-solar-eclipse>