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Dayton International Airport: Travel recommendations ahead of solar eclipse

Travelers should plan for heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic, potential delays, and more as they travel to and from the Dayton region around the total solar eclipse festivities. The eclipse will occur around 3 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, and last about 3 minutes. Eclipse-themed events are planned in the area starting as soon as April 1.

“We’re pleased this once-in-a-lifetime event will bring people to the Dayton region,” explains City of Dayton Director of Aviation Gil Turner. “However, this means increased road and passenger traffic that travelers should be aware of if they will be flying with us, especially the day of the eclipse.”

Travelers heading to the airport on April 8 will need to plan on roadway traffic congestion and should leave home for the airport earlier than usual. In addition to traffic, cell phone reception can be impacted if the number of visitors using cell phones overloads the networks.

Dayton International Airport could experience increased passenger traffic with people traveling to the region to experience the total solar eclipse in Dayton. Travelers should plan for longer wait times at the TSA Security Checkpoint.

Total solar eclipses are rare celestial events that take place when the moon passes between Earth and the sun. A narrow band across much of the country, including Ohio, will experience totality, or the total solar eclipse, while other areas see a partial eclipse. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio took place in 1806, while the next one won’t occur until 2099.

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About Dayton International Airport

Located near the “Crossroads of the America” -- Interstates 70 and 75 -- the Dayton International Airport (DAY) provides air service to travelers to and from Southwest Ohio. The DAY mission is to contribute to the prosperity of Southwest Ohio by connecting it to the rest of the world through our aviation system. Airport staff provide an enjoyable travel experience making DAY an easy to and through experience. For more information about Dayton International Airport, visit www.flydayton.com or call 937.454.8200.

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