



News Release

Partial Solar Eclipse! – August 12th, 2026

On August 12th the Moon will partially cover the face of the Sun. From our location around Peterborough, the Sun will be covered by about 10 percent, occurring in the early afternoon. Solar eclipses occur periodically when the Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth.

To observe this coming event you will need clear skies and safe solar viewing equipment. **Never look at the Sun without using proper safety equipment**, like special “eclipse glasses” or better yet, come out to the “Gazebo” (south of the fountain) at the Riverview Park & Zoo, 1300 Water St., Peterborough and view it through safe specialized equipment, provided by members of the Peterborough Astronomical Association (PAA). Even partial solar eclipses require special viewing equipment to protect your eyes. The Sun can damage your eyes if viewed improperly even for a second. The Sun will not darken, even when partly obscured (10.4%) by the Moon. The eclipse process will start at 12:53 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, August 12th, with the Sun being midway through the eclipse with maximum coverage by 1:40 p.m. Then the Moon will reveal more of the Sun’s disk until the eclipse ends at 2:27 p.m. Join the PAA at Riverview Park & Zoo anytime after noon hour and safely enjoy this event. Special eclipse viewers will be available at this venue to ensure safe viewing for those that participate.

So, pray for clear skies and plan to safely watch a unique solar event with the PAA. You are also invited to check the PAA website: for this and other upcoming events.

(The image accompanying this release was taken from Albuquerque, NM, by Rick Stankiewicz, of a similar partial solar eclipse phase (at about 10% coverage) on October 14th, 2013, using a proper solar filter)

For more information and updates contact/follow:

<http://www.peterboroughastronomy.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

Or contact:

Dianne Denton (705) 731-9291 djdenton66@yahoo.com