

SOLAR ECLIPSE
BRANDON, VT
A small town experience of a big time event!

APRIL 8TH, 2024

EVENT SCHEDULE

Updated 3.18.24

FRIDAY APRIL 5

6:00 am-7:00 pm | Morningside Bakery 37 Center Street

"Eclipse Cookies", "Lunar Pie" wood fired pizza - Start your morning with a cup of coffee and a fresh baked pastry, or pop in a sandwich or for wine, local craft beers and provisions. Eclipse cookies to celebrate the event all weekend long!

9:00 am-8:00 pm | Pine Grove Organics 335 Grove Street

Open all day and hosting *Smuggler's Notch Cannabis Co.* 3-6pm.

10:00 am-5:00 pm | Brandon Artist Guild 7 Center Street

"In the Path of Shade" - a celestial celebration that captures the awe-inspiring essence of a solar eclipse. The show runs from March 1st through April 28th.

11:30 am-8:00 pm | Long Iron Restaurant 224 Town Farm Road

"Luner Lunch, Dark Sky Dinner" - Stop into the Long Iron Restaurant for delicious *Solar Specials*. The Long Iron also offers a full bar and a great selection of beer and wine. Guests can enjoy a cold beer or sip on a special *Eclipse Cocktail* while taking in the views.

5:00-7:00 pm | Brandon Artist Guild 7 Center Street

Solar Eclipse Celebration Reception - Join us for the opening reception of our member show "In the Path of Shade".

4:00-9:00 pm | Red Clover Ale Company 43 Center Street

"Bloodroot Gap", "Shady J BBQ" Come on in and listen to the ever-popular Bloodroot Gap band and savor some Shady J BBQ while you try our *"Eclipse Beer"* brewed specially for this once in a lifetime event using a hops variety named Eclipse.

And if you're in town on Thursday night, join us for *"Moon shadow open mic"*!

7:00-9:00 pm | Brandon Town Hall 1 Conant Square

"Night of the Living Dead" - zombies rise from the grave in this 1968 horror film classic. Was this due to an eclipse? Come find out.

SATURDAY APRIL 6

8:00 am-7:00 pm | Morningside Bakery 37 Center Street

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10:00 am-4:00 pm | Brandon Museum & Visitors Center 4 Grove Street

"The 1932 Eclipse" Stop in and learn about what happened when the skies went dark on August 31, 1932 and other Brandon facts and pick up a free pair of viewing glasses. Free Planetary popcorn and beverages will be provided throughout the day.

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10:30 am-11:30 am | Brandon Public Library 1 Conant Square

"Solar Eclipse Storytime" - Storytime this week will focus on the solar eclipse!

11:00 am | Brandon Museum & Visitors Center 4 Grove Street

"Observing Celestial Phenomenon" - Join local historian John Peterson as he explores how people have responded to heavenly spectacles through the ages.

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11:00 am-5:30 pm | Sister Wicked 3 W. Seminary Street

A solar eclipse is an event that has long been associated with mystical significance. This is a great time to explore, and astrologist Gina Germond is available by appointment. (802) 236-3368

Astrological Chart Reading - A natal chart reading is an interpretation of the sky at our exact time of birth. Our star print can tell us many things about ourselves and our lives. Astrologist Gina Germond learned of her zodiac sign at age 8 and has been on a continuous quest to expand and broaden her knowledge of astrology ever since. Let her reveal your star print with you.

Tarot Card Reading - Relax, set your intention, and sit back while Sister Wicked Gina Germond lays out a beautiful & insightful spread of cards. Working with 6 decks, Gina's readings not only give indications, guidelines, and clarification, they also delight the eye & stir the soul.

12:00 am-2:00 pm | Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center 1288 Goshen Ripton Rd.

"Ever-bubbling soup" - Access the extensive trail system anytime during your visit. (Spring trail condition dependent.) Maps are available on-site and online. After your hike pop in and enjoy some of our "ever-bubbling" soup, hot chocolate, tea, and grilled cheese sandwiches from 12-2 at the Outdoor Center.

2:00-7:00 pm | Red Clover Ale Company 43 Center Street

"Unnamed Music Project", LAN Chef The tap room is open! Come on in and listen to live music, grab a bite from LAN chef, and try our *"Eclipse Beer"* - brewed specially for this once in a lifetime event using a hops variety named Eclipse.

5:30pm-6:30 pm | The Brandon Inn 20 Park Street

"Moonlight in Vermont" - American tenor, **Joshua Collier**, accompanied by Piano and Bass, will be performing some of his favorites from The Great American Songbook, a canon of American popular songs and enduring jazz standards written mainly during the first half of the 20th century.

7:00 pm-10:00 pm | Brandon Town Hall 1 Conant Square

"Among the Stars Cabaret" - An upscale evening of music and fun. Savory tidbits and sweet treats will be provided. Tipples available for purchase including a signature **Solar Eclipse cocktail!** Doors open at 7; festivities to follow.

Tickets are available in advance at Carr's Gifts or at the door the night of the show.

8:00 pm-11:00 pm | Sister Wicked 3 W. Seminary Street
LIVE MUSIC - the Yurtbags featuring Twins Jim and Rob McCuen and drummer Matt Davis!

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1:00 pm | The Brandon Inn 20 Park Street
"Zombie Walk" - A fun way to lead in the 24-hour countdown to the Eclipse! Grab some friends, classmates, sport teammates, family members, dress up like a Zombie! Gather at the top of Park Street and walk/stagger/moan your way to the lot in front of the Brandon Inn to participate in Flash Mob dance of Thriller. There will be prizes, so be creative.

1:30 pm | The Brandon Inn 20 Park Street
"Post apocalypse!" - Immediately after the *Zombie* walk, shuffle into Central Park to enjoy vendors, music, and food!

2:00 pm | The Brandon Inn 20 Park Street
"Native American Eclipse Beliefs" - Abnaki Peggie White Buffalo Moon Rozell will be dressed in full regalia to tell us about traditions of local Native American tribes celebrating and honoring celestial occurrences.

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2:45- 3:30 pm | Conant Square Gallery 4 Conant Square

"Neshobe Art Show" - An exhibit of Neshobe School students work focused on the essence of a Solar Eclipse.

7:00 pm-9:00 pm | Brandon Town Hall 1 Conant Square

"Maiden Vermont & Middlebury College Community Chorus" - two talented choruses from Central Vermont will be regaling you with an evening of music.

Maiden Vermont Treat yourself to an evening of song with Vermont's own woman's barbershop chorus that performs an eclectic variety of a cappella choral music that far exceeds one genre! These women masterfully perform not only barbershop harmonies, but Broadway showtunes, pop music, bebop, doo-wop, swing, blues, and anything in between. Programs include choreography with many tunes and are performed entirely from memory.

"Middlebury College Community Chorus" is students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members joining together to sing a broad repertoire spanning historical and contemporary genres, as well as newly composed choral music.

MONDAY APRIL 8

Dining | Brandon Area Brandon, Vermont

Restaurants open Monday to Celebrate - Call for hours and eclipse specials!

Blueberry Hill Inn 1288 Goshen Ripton Rd. 802- 247-6735

Brandon Discount Beverage & Deli 34 Conant Square 802- 247-6785

Café Provence 11 Center Street Brandon 802 247-9997

Center Street Bar 11 Center Street 802-247-9997

Li's Chinese 16 Park Street 802-247-8818

Junction Store & Deli 2265 Forestdale Road 802-247-3794

Mae's place 10 Park St. 802-465-8010

Morningside Bakery, Wood Fired Pizza & Provisions 37 Center St. 802-247-3002

Neshobe Café 20 Park Street 802-382-7622

Ripton Mountain Distillery 12 Park Street 802-465-8224

River Pub & Grill 18 Center Street 802-465-8112

9:00 am-close | Pine Grove Organics 335 Grove Street

*Open all day and will have DJ **Mr. Ambrosia** to close out the weekend following the eclipse from 3:31 pm till closing.*

10:00 am-4:00 pm | Brandon Artist Guild 7 Center Street

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12:00 pm | Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center 1288 Goshen Ripton Rd.

"Pre-Eclipse Lunch" - Join us for a pre-eclipse gathering at noon on Monday for Pizza by the Pond and other celestial-themed bites. BYOB- Pick up some of your favorite breweries from local breweries before heading up. Reservations will be requested. (802) 247-6735.

The Inn and Outdoor Center and open skies offer a special place to experience this amazing astronomical event. Park and watch from the Blueberry Hill grounds. The hogback mtn loop offers one of the best overlooks in the area. A truly magical place to experience the eclipse.

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2:00 pm-4:00 pm | Estabrook Park 760 Grove Street

"Eclipse Viewing Fun" - Open to all, with plenty of parking and restrooms. The Brandon Recreation Department will be having games and playing music to entertain the kids leading up to the eclipse. Bring your own Chair!

"Nerf War" - Chase any lingering zombies away! Battle your way through an obstacle course.
2:30 - 3:00. Nerf only - no paint, pellet, or other ammo.

2:00 pm-4:00 pm | Brandon Area Churches Downtown Brandon

"Ring in the Eclipse" - Solar eclipses have been viewed as a sign of the divine throughout history. These celestial events are of immense spiritual importance. We take stock of our lives in some ways; it is a time to reflect. Our downtown churches will be open from 2-4 pm for reflection, or just to enjoy these historical buildings. They will ring in the start of the eclipse at 2:14.

Baptist Meetinghouse (1832) 13 Champlain Street Methodist Church (1876) 1 Franklin Street
Congregational Church (1832) 1 Carver Street Catholic church (1891) 38 Carver Street
St. Thomas Episcopal Church (1860) 19 Conant Square

Anytime | Brandon Area Brandon, Vermont

"Meditation" - there are numerous locations right in Brandon, or within a short drive where you can enjoy solitude to contemplate your place in the universe.

Hogback Mountain at Blueberry hill
Brandon Churches

Silver Lake
Branbury Beach State Park

2:14 pm- 3:47 pm | Brandon Area Brandon, Vermont

"Eclipse Viewing" - Brandon will be just outside the edge of totality. We will experience 99.4% coverage for approximately 3 minutes from 3:26-3:29 pm. The eclipse followers tell us that the added 0.6% does make a difference in the experience. To get totality, you can drive north for as little as 20 miles. Or a bit further north to be in the center of the path and experience totality that lasts longer.

If you do not wish to, or cannot travel, there are plenty of places where you can view in and around town, all with free parking. Some are listed here.

Be sure to use eclipse glasses, even if it is a cloudy day. You can get them free at shops and eateries around town. Stop in and pick a up pair; you will need them from 2:14 pm to 4:40 pm here in the Brandon area.

Estabrook Park 760 Grove Street - Brandon Recreation rec department will be hosting games for the kids. Restrooms, parking.

Neshobe Golf Club 224 Town Farm Road
A great view can be had from the parking lot.

OR walk SW on the course, following Rt 73 back toward Brandon. Cross the river on the small, covered bridge and proceed up the hill to the back 9. There are spectacular western facing views and plenty of places to find your own private spot to watch.

Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center 1288 Goshen Ripton Rd.
Offering an extensive trail system, this Inn and outdoor center offers the best of both- a charming inn to visit, and trails thru the woods. Great Viewing can be had in the meadow around the outdoor center. Or the Hogback Mountain trail is an easy 2.8-mile loop with a gorgeous view (from a spur) at the halfway point of the Green Mountains, Brandon Gap, Taconic Ridge and the Adirondack. Maps are available on-site and online.

Moosalamoo National Recreation Area <http://www.moosalamoo.org/>
Moosalamoo (pronounced moose-ah-la-moo) is derived from the Abenaki word "Mozalômo" meaning "moose call, song or sound". Offering 70 miles of trails, including picnic areas, overlooks and accessible trails, you can experience the eclipse in backcountry splendor easily within reach of our quintessential Vermont town.

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Branbury Beach State Park 3570 Lake Dunmore Rd, Salisbury, VT .

Located on the eastern shore of Lake Dunmore at the base of Mt. Moosalamoo. Historically, the 69-acre park operated as a farm at the turn of the century, then as a guest house, summer boy's camp and private beach and picnic area. In 1945, it became Branbury (Brandon-Salisbury) State Park. The 1000-foot natural sandy beach and the large open grassy areas make the area a perfect place to observe the eclipse over the 3-mile-long lake.

Silver Lake Salisbury, VT

Parking off of Rt 73 Just south of Bradbury Beach state park. A 3.2-mile round trip hike brings you to a beautiful hilltop lake with a sandy beach area, picnic and camping area with facilities (outhouse). This special spot is well worth the hike to enjoy the eclipse in a place once considered special by the Abnaki.

Downtown Brandon Brandon, Vermont

Grab a Coffee and sit in one of our parks or restaurant patios, or Sister Wicked's front porch and watch it get dark!

Viewing Glasses

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Public Restrooms

8:00 am - 9:00pm | **Brandon Town Hall** 1 Conant Square
8:00 am - 6:00pm | **Brandon Museum & Visitors Center** 4 Grove Street
8:00 am - 6:00pm | **Estabrook Park** 760 Grove Street

