



New Sign! There is a new sign at the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club courtesy of Bronte ISD Art teacher Ron Cooper and his students Jayton Galvan, Mary Oviawe, and Kylie Reno.

Texas State Parks offer prime eclipse viewing

Less than a month remains until a much-anticipated annular solar eclipse graces Texas skies. On Saturday, October 14, an annular eclipse will pass over the state from Midland/Odessa to Corpus Christi, with 17 Texas State Parks along its path of greatest eclipse visibility. Visitors planning to visit state parks along the path are highly encouraged to reserve a day pass in advance since they will likely reach capacity.

An eclipse occurs when the sun, moon and Earth align in space. During an annular eclipse, the moon appears slightly smaller than the sun, covering only a portion of it. This creates the illusion of a ring of fire in the sky.

On October 14, the moon will begin to block the sun around 10:20 a.m. with the ring of fire becoming visible around 11:40 a.m. along the Texas-New Mexico border. The eclipse will then travel southeastward across the state. The duration of totality will vary depending on your vantage point, ranging from a few seconds to five minutes. The closer you are to the eclipse's path, the longer you will be able to enjoy the ring of fire.

Texas State Parks provide an ideal setting to enjoy this rare astronomical sight. Due to its anticipated popularity, entry to the parks listed below on eclipse day will be restricted to those who pre-purchased day passes or camping permits. A state park pass does not guarantee your entry. We recommend you reserve your campsite or day pass as soon as possible.

The entire state will be able to see a significant partial eclipse from their own backyards, so if you can't get to a state park, visit Texas State Parks eclipse viewing webpage to learn how to make a pinhole viewer for out of this world family fun.

State Parks in Totality

- Big Spring
 - Choke Canyon
 - Devils River - Del Norte Unit
 - Garner
 - Goliad
 - Goose Island
 - Government Canyon
 - Guadalupe River
 - Hill Country
 - Kickapoo Cavern
 - Lake Corpus Christi
 - Lost Maples
 - Monahans Sandhills
 - Mustang Island
 - Old Tunnel
 - San Angelo
 - South Llano River
- To maximize your eclipse



Accident! Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Deputy Anthony Lopez responded to the scene of an accident Wednesday morning, September 13, one mile north of Bronte on US Highway 277. Two semi trucks narrowly avoided a head on collision with one of the trucks going through the fence on the west side of the road coming to a stop in the pasture. Texas Department of Public Safety troopers also were on scene to work the accident.

viewing experience at a Texas State Park, we recommend the following:

Make safety a priority. You must use eye protection to view any part of the annular eclipse. You can pre-purchase eclipse glasses or use an indirect observation method like a pinhole viewer. Please note that eclipse glasses will be available for purchase at many parks, but quantities are limited.

Come early and stay late. Expect traffic delays as parks anticipate visitors from across the state and nation.

Pack more than a snack. Plan to bring enough food, water and fuel in case of delays.

Park in designated areas only. Stay off roadways for your safety. Do not park off pavement unless directed by park staff.

Attend a park program. Many parks will offer ranger-led programs before or after the eclipse.

Accurate ag book explains how farmers grow potatoes

By Julie Tomascik
TFB Editor

Readers can take a voyage filled with friendship and farming in the latest accurate ag book—Potatoes for Pirate Pearl—released by Feeding Minds Press, which is the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) publishing venture.

The engaging picture book is geared toward children ages 4 to 8.

Just like potatoes are packed with nutrients, Potatoes for

Pirate Pearl is full of potato facts to help children learn more about planting, harvesting and cooking potatoes.

Readers journey along with Pirate Pearl and her parrot, Petunia, as their treasure map leads them to an unlikely place—a potato farm. There, Pirate Pearl learns everything she needs to know about growing and harvesting potatoes, as well as the importance of friendship.

“Potatoes for Pirate Pearl is a great addition to our collection of fun and engaging books that instill a love of agriculture,” Foundation for Agriculture Executive Director Daniel Meloy said. “We're thrilled to continue to inspire kids to learn about where their food comes from.”

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