

# SUN, MOON & CARS: Total Solar Eclipse Tailgate Guidelines

The Total Solar Eclipse Tailgate is a community event set to celebrate the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Model T Museum in Richmond, Ind. The tailgate offers vintage and modern automobile enthusiasts the opportunity to enjoy the Historic Richmond Depot District and Model T Museum with their friends and family leading up to and after the moment of totality. All event attendees are expected to follow these guidelines.

- WHAT:** SUN, MOON & CARS: Total Solar Eclipse Tailgate
- WHERE:** Model T Museum, 309 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Richmond, IN 47374
- WHEN:** Monday, April 8, 2024. 12 – 4 pm. Tailgate setup begins at 10 am. Pre-registered tailgate attendees gain private access to the Model T Museum from 11 am – 12 pm. The solar eclipse will begin at 1:45 pm. with totality occurring at 3:04. The entire eclipse will conclude at approximately 4:30 pm.
- PRICE:** Registration fee is \$25 per vehicle with up to 4 occupants. Additional attendees in the same car are \$5/person. The fee includes a tailgate spot, parking permit, and early museum entry wristbands for each attendee. Pre-registrants will also receive one gift bag for each attendee which includes solar eclipse glasses and other fun items.  
Registrant responsible for the tailgate space must be 18 years of age or older.
- REGISTRATION:** **Deadline for pre-registration is April 1, 2024**, or when all spaces are filled.  
Register by:
1. Calling (765) 373-3106 and making a payment over the phone.
  2. In-person and making a payment at the Model T Museum.
  3. Online by filling out the [Total Eclipse Tailgate Online Registration Form](#) and making a payment through the [mtfca.com/donate](https://mtfca.com/donate), selecting “Other” and specifying “Total Eclipse Tailgate 2024.”

## GUIDELINES

### TAILGATE SPACE

- Tents and/or other items must not block roadways, parking spaces, drive lanes, or walkways and all aspects of the items must stay within the perimeters of the registrant’s parking spot. The Museum may request any items be moved or relocated to provide an accessible pathway through the event area, and to address any safety concerns that may arise.
- Maximum allowable tent size is 10’ x 10’. Tents may NOT be staked.
- Guests must keep their tailgating activities confined to their parking space.
- Parking permits are single use only. Vehicles will not be allowed to re-enter after leaving.
- All music must be confined to your tailgate, must be “family friendly,” and must be kept to a reasonable volume. The Model T Museum reserves the right to terminate any music that is deemed inappropriate.

### VEHICLES

- Recreational vehicles (RVs), buses, trailers, box trucks, and any vehicles exceeding the length of twenty-two feet and/or the height of eight feet are not permitted so as not to disrupt the view of the solar eclipse. Owners of these vehicles are responsible for finding parking away from the Museum campus.
- Golf carts, mopeds, scooters, ATVs and go-carts are not permitted in all parking lots for safety reasons.
- Vehicles must be parked in the reserved parking spots only and must not block roadways, parking spaces, drive lanes, or walkways. The Museum may request any vehicles be moved or relocated to provide an accessible pathway through the event area, and also to address any safety concerns that may arise.
- Vehicles left unattended following the closure of the museum grounds are subject to removal at the owner’s expense.

## **BATHROOMS, TRASH & RECYCLING**

- Please help keep the Museum campus clean. Littering is not permitted on the Museum campus nor around the Historic Depot District. All groups are responsible for making sure their designated tailgating areas are cleaned before departing the event.
- Each tailgate vehicle will be provided one trash bag and one blue recycling bag courtesy of the Model T Museum. Find the trash and recycling drop location closest to your tailgate.
- Bathrooms are located inside the Museum Main Building and Agency Building.

## **FOOD & DRINK**

- Tailgate attendees may bring their own picnic items and enough food and non-alcoholic beverages for their group. No alcohol is permitted on the Museum campus. Food and drinks are not permitted inside the Museum buildings.
- No glass containers are permitted.
- Grilling is permitted but all grills must be elevated and contained within the tailgate space. The area within ten feet of any grill shall be clear of all debris. Grills shall be located a minimum of twenty-five feet away from combustible structures, ten feet away from non-combustible structures, and sixty feet away from the Museum buildings. Grilling may be prohibited in a time of drought or extremely dry conditions. Should this be an issue, proper announcements will be made by the Museum. Owner assumes all responsibility associated with their grill. Owners must have a fire extinguisher at their tailgate location. The Model T Museum and/or its designees may terminate the use of any grill at any time. All fires must be contained within grills. All grills must have metal covers/lids. Fires in grills must be thoroughly extinguished prior to leaving the grill unattended. All coals must be removed from the Museum campus – no dumping of any coals is permitted at any time on Museum premises. Tank valves must be shut off prior to disconnecting propane cylinders from barbecue grills. Propane cylinders shall be removed from all grills prior to storage.
- No open fires or fire pits are permitted.
- No food, beverages, or souvenirs may be sold on Museum property or in areas surrounding the Museum.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Alcohol
- Deep fat fryers or smokers
- Fireworks
- Open fires and fire pits
- Glass containers
- Advertising vehicles or signs
- Apparel, souvenirs, food or beverage for sale
- Weapons
- Pets (with the exception of service animals)

## **SAFETY DURING A SOLAR EVENT**

- NASA and the American Astronomical Society recommends that no individuals should look directly at the sun without protective eye gear to avoid injury to the eyes. These agencies recommend directly viewing the total solar eclipse using only special-purpose solar filters, such as ISO 12312-2 safety standard eclipse glasses, or indirectly viewing using pinhole projection or televised livestreams. Learn more about how to safely view a solar eclipse at [eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety](https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety) and [science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety](https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety).
- Tailgate registration holders are responsible for communicating to individuals in their group about the risks of directly looking at the eclipse without protective gear.
- The Model T Museum will make eclipse viewing glasses available to pre-registered attendees.
- The Model T Museum accepts no liability for injury caused by unsafe solar event viewing practices.

**CONDUCT**

- Failure to follow policy may result in ejection from the Model T Museum campus, revocation of event privileges, and/or arrest.
- The registration holder is responsible for the actions of the individuals in their group.
- At its discretion, the Model T museum and/or its representatives and designees may terminate tailgate parties, or take other appropriate action toward individuals or groups whose conduct is in violation of or conflict with the outlined Museum policies, and/or local/state/federal ordinances or laws.
- The Model T Museum, or its designees, reserves the right to remove disruptive or noncompliant individuals or groups at its discretion.
- The Model T Museum is not responsible for any damage to or loss of any vehicle.
- The Model T Museum accepts no liability for any and all issues including, but not limited to, violations of law, damage or destruction of property, including personal injury and/or death. It is the responsibility of each tailgate attendee to secure all personal items prior to leaving their tailgate space. The Model T Museum is not responsible for any items left unattended at any time at your tailgate area.
- The Model T Museum is committed to enhancing and promoting integrity, civility, and ethical conduct amongst individuals attending its events.

**By submitting the Tailgate Registration Form online, registering over the phone, or by signing below, I, the registrant, certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these guidelines. I understand that I am responsible for the actions of the members of my group. I also certify that I am at least 18 years of age.**

Registrant responsible for tailgate space: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be 18 or over)

Registrant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Other members in the party:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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Name

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Name

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Name

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Name

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Name

Registration method: Online, In-Person, Over-the-phone

Total fees due:

Date fees received:

Received by:

Paid with: Paypal, Card, Cash, Check (#\_\_\_\_\_)