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# **Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Recreation Areas/Trails Expect Record-Breaking Crowds for Solar Eclipse Event**

(Nebraska) Several popular Natural Resources District (NRD) recreation areas and hiking/biking trails across Nebraska are expecting record-breaking numbers of campers and other outdoor enthusiasts to come out and watch the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. The NRD recreation areas in the path of the solar eclipse are receiving dozens of calls and reservation requests from people across the nation. Several recreation area camping spots are already sold out.

“We know Kirkman’s Cove near Humboldt and Iron Horse Trail and Lake near DuBois are already sold out of electrical outlets for campers and we’re expanding our first-come-first-serve tent camping areas to increase capacity for the crowds,” said Bob Hilske, general manager of the Nemaha Natural Resources District (NRD). “We’re excited to show off these beautiful recreation areas not only to Nebraskans, but people from around the country.”

NRD recreation areas offer a variety of conveniences for the public. Each one is different, but for the most part, camping, fishing and other outdoor activities make for a wonderful time with family and friends.

“Lower Platte South NRD is expecting hundreds of bicyclists and others to enjoy watching the eclipse on the Homestead Trail just south of Lincoln,” said Paul Zillig, general manager of the Lower Platte South NRD. “We’ve been informed that several bus-loads of people are being transported to the trail the day of the eclipse and we couldn’t be more thrilled to welcome them.”

Near Grand Island, Central Platte NRD is offering up its Richard Plautz crane viewing site near Gibbon and Alda crane viewing site just south of Interstate-80 Exit 305 (Alda) for the public to watch the solar eclipse.

The Upper Big Blue NRD’s Recharge Lake in York and Pioneer Trails in Aurora are also expecting large crowds to come out to enjoy the historic event. These two camp sites are only reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Nebraska’s NRDs have more than 150 recreation areas and trails open to the public. For more information on recreation area opportunities, contact your local NRD or go to [www.nrdnet.org/recreation](http://www.nrdnet.org/recreation). You can find your NRD at [www.nrdnet.org](http://www.nrdnet.org).



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