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**LOUISIANA STATE ARBORETUM AND POVERTY POINT WORLD HERITAGE SITE  
TO HOST ECLIPSE VIEWING**

Weather permitting, the Louisiana State Arboretum in Ville Platte and Poverty Point World Heritage Site in Epps will host viewings of the Great American Eclipse on Monday, August 21. Viewing of the eclipse will take place from noon – 2:30 p.m. at the Arboretum's nature center and from noon – 3 p.m. on Mound A at Poverty Point WHS. Staff at both sites will provide information on eclipses along with other activities. Groups are encouraged to contact the park, in advance, to plan their visit during the eclipse.

While the path of the total eclipse will pass well north of the site, NASA maps indicate that the sun will be obscured by about 75-85% in Louisiana. The eclipse is estimated to begin at 11:51 a.m., reach peak eclipse at 1:23 p.m., and end by 2:51 p.m. Eclipse-viewing glasses will be provided by the sites on a first come, first served basis. Experts recommend that people do not look directly at the sun, even during a partial eclipse. More information about the 2017 Solar Eclipse can be found at [eclipse2017.nasa.gov](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov).

The Louisiana State Arboretum is located six miles north of Ville Platte on La. 3042, within Chicot State Park or three miles south of La. 106. For more information, call 888.677.6100 toll free or 363.6290 in the Ville Platte area.

Poverty Point is located in West Carroll Parish, east of Monroe on LA 577. The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 888.926.5292 toll free or 926.5492 locally or follow Poverty Point World Heritage Site on [Facebook](#).

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