

Don't get left in the Dark during the Solar Eclipse

Technology tips and tools to best experience the rare phenomenon on August 21

Drone Do's and Don'ts

DO use a drone to capture video of the approaching and retreating shadow of the moon as it crosses the landscape and the fun reactions of people enjoying the eclipse.



Not Too Close

Most Smartphone cameras will be able to pick up the moon's darkened disk surrounded by a recognizable bright solar corona, but avoid zooming into the eclipse to avoid a pixelated, enlarged image that will not show much detail.



Picture Perfect Apps

Experiment with Smartphone camera settings ahead of time and consider downloading an app, such as Camera+ or NightCap Camera for iPhone and iPad or Night Camera for Android™ devices. For additional preparation, pre-focus your camera on a full moon prior to the event, double check camera settings and make sure your device is fully charged.

DON'T use a drone in populated areas or fly the drone between crowds and the eclipse.



No Flashing

Don't use a camera flash of any kind because it will ruin the dark adaptation of people's eyes and could spoil the event for others.

