

Notes on places to stay north of the eclipse path as of 11/14/2016

Tennessee on the north/east side of the eclipse is mostly rural. There are some great small towns like Livingston and scenic places like Dale Hollow Lake. Pickett State Park is outside of totality, but is an IDA Dark Sky Park. What better place to spend nights around new moon?

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is also a scenic base, although allow at least an hour drive to totality. Campgrounds can be reserved from 180 days out.

Knoxville is the largest city on that side and is just outside totality. There are still lots of great hotel rooms available at bargain rates. From Knoxville, both I-40 and I-75 lead into the path of totality, with the split coming inside the path.

Sevierville at the entrance to the Great Smokey Mountain National Park would also be tempting. Not as easy to move from, but certainly scenic. Note that parts of GSMNP are in the path, and the already crowded park will be even more so that day.

Standing Stone State Park is IN totality, on the north side at 1m 23s.

More to come....