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## UPPER CANADA VILLAGE TO HOST SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING EXPERIENCE

### *Family-Friendly Prime Viewing Experience along the St. Lawrence River*

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**Morrisburg, ON** –To celebrate the history-in-the-making of the 2024 total solar eclipse, Upper Canada Village is offering eclipse seekers of all ages a prime solar eclipse viewing location. On Monday, April 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Guests will congregate in the open area around the Battle of Crysler’s Farm National Historic Site along the beautiful backdrop of the St. Lawrence River. Admission is free and guests will be given a free pair of solar viewing glasses that will allow them to observe every stage of the eclipse safely.

To take in the full two-hour-and-23-minute eclipse viewing experience, guests are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs and picnic lunches. In the lead up to totality, the Beavertails food truck will be open and background music will set the ambiance. Portable washrooms will be on site.

Paid parking is required and must be purchased in advance [www.uppercanadavillage.com](http://www.uppercanadavillage.com). Parking is \$10 + HST per personal vehicle and commercial/bus parking is \$50 + HST per vehicle. Please be advised that the prime viewing location is up to 1km from the main parking lots. All parking enters through Upper Canada Village main entrance with passes being scanned at entry. Accessible parking adjacent to the prime viewing location is available with a government issued accessible parking permit and a prepaid accessible parking ticket.

With a PA Day now scheduled for April 8 at schools in the region, Battle of Crysler’s Farm National Historic Site adjacent to Upper Canada Village offers a family-friendly memorable way to experience this once-in-a-lifetime experience together as a family.



### **About Upper Canada Village**

Depicting life in a rural English Canadian setting during the year 1866, Upper Canada Village is one of the largest living-history museums in Canada. It was founded in 1961 and features more than 40 historic buildings, many of which were moved to the Village from the “Lost Villages” to preserve them prior to the flooding for the St. Lawrence Seaway development project. Talented historical interpreters bring these buildings to life every day, recreating traditional trades, farming, music and 19th century social life – creating an immersive guest experience that makes every visit to the Village different from the last.

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