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# St. Lawrence Parks Commission Invites Guests to Make History Together at Historic Sites

Fort Henry in Kingston and Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg  
Host Viewing Events for 2024 Solar Eclipse, April 8

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**Morrisburg and Kingston, ON** – On April 8, 2024, parts of North America will experience a once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse event. St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) properties fall along the path of totality which will experience two to three minutes of total darkness at the height of the event, and which bypasses major cities like Toronto and Ottawa. To celebrate this history-in-the-making, SLPC's historic sites will host eclipse-related activities with family-friendly eclipse viewing opportunities.

With a PA Day scheduled on April 8 for many schoolboards across the province, SLPC historic sites offer options to experience this once-in-a-lifetime experience together as a family. Fort Henry in Kingston and Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg will both provide free and low-cost eclipse programming on April 8.

**Fort Henry** will host a free eclipse-viewing event for all ages with special guest Bob McDonald from CBC's Quirks and Quarks. The event includes educational guest speakers, live music and entertainment, children's activities, and a vibrant array of artisans and food vendors.

For more information visit: [Fort Henry Solar Eclipse Experience](#)

**Upper Canada Village** is offering eclipse seekers of all ages a fun and safe opportunity to experience the total solar eclipse together along the beautiful backdrop of the St. Lawrence River in Morrisburg. Guests are welcome to congregate in the open area around the Battle of Crysler's Farm National Historic Site, just west of the Village, for the afternoon. Admission is free, parking is paid and must be purchased online in advance. Guests can ride the miniature train for an extra fee.

For more information visit: [Upper Canada Village Solar Eclipse Viewing](#)

For parking passes visit: [www.uppercandavillage.com](http://www.uppercandavillage.com).

FREE eclipse glasses will be available on-site at all April 8 programming.



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The weekend leading up to the Eclipse, residents and eclipse tourists in Kingston can get a jump on the regular summer season, as Fort Henry opens for a rare spring special with self-guided tours available daily. For additional information and ticket sales [www.forthenry.com](http://www.forthenry.com)

## About St. Lawrence Parks Commission

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, an agency of the Government of Ontario, operates facilities stretching from Kingston to the Quebec border, including Upper Canada Village, Fort Henry National Historic Site of Canada (and a UNESCO World Heritage Site); Kingston Pen Tours, Chrysler Park Marina, Upper Canada Golf Course, Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary and 10 campgrounds and 6 beach day-use picnic areas including the Long Sault and Thousand Islands Parkways.

To learn more, visit [www.parks.on.ca](http://www.parks.on.ca).

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