

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY ITINERARY FOR THE 2024 ECLIPSE

A once-in-a-lifetime celestial event is an exciting time for you and your family to explore a new area. Seneca County offers wide open spaces to experience the eclipse, along with a weekend full of family-friendly activities without the crowded and busy atmosphere of nearby cities. Use this itinerary as a guide for an unforgettable family trip that is sure to meet a variety of interests.

### Saturday, April 6, 2024

Welcome to Seneca County! Start your visit at Seneca Lake State Park. This is a great place for parents to relax after the drive, and with three playgrounds on site, the little ones are sure to get some energy out!



For lunch, stop by Ciccino's Pizzeria & Restaurant for a family favorite, home-made pizza! They also have sandwiches, salads, and other mouthwatering entree options (for those picky eaters!)

In the afternoon, consider a visit to D&K Ranch, a small horse ranch that offers horseback riding on the Finger Lakes National Forest Trail. Or swing by the "It's a Wonderful Life Museum" in Seneca Falls, the town believed to be the inspiration for Bedford Falls in the beloved Christmas classic. View unique items on display from the film, as well as from the personal collections of the actors and be sure to visit the gift shop.



In the evening, test your skills at [Sunset Bowl](#)! If you want to have a late night with the kids, go after 9:30 pm for their Cosmic Bowling experience. Enjoy music, neon and black lights, and more for only \$20 per person plus free shoe rentals!

After a full day of roaming around the area, head to your accommodation for the night. There are plenty of great options like [Hampton Inn – Seneca Falls](#), which offers an indoor pool and serves a free, hot breakfast. If you love the outdoors and want to camp for the weekend, stay in a tent or cabin at [Junius Ponds & Cabins Campgrounds](#). Reservations for this weekend are filling up fast so book your stay now!

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

Good morning! The eclipse is tomorrow! Begin your day with brunch at a local spot like [Cafe XIX](#), or [Tucci's Family Diner](#).

After brunch, take the kids to do some shopping! Visit [Blush by CV Designs](#) for clothing, home decor, hand-made jewelry, and more. [Sauders Market & Store](#) has fresh farm products, baked goods, a deli, and bulk candies. Explore all the other [shops in Seneca County here](#)!



In the afternoon, visit the [Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge](#), where you can see a variety of animals, from migratory birds to native species, in their natural habitat. This is their first weekend open for the season, so you'll be sure to see some cool wildlife!





For dinner, head over to [Connie's Diner](#) for a comforting, delicious meal and vintage diner atmosphere. Their one-of-a-kind loaded milkshakes make dessert a must for all ages!

After your action-packed day, head back to your accommodation to get ready for the big day!

## Monday, April 8, 2024

It's Eclipse Day! Start your day off right with breakfast or brunch at one of our [cafes](#), [diners](#), or other [casual restaurants](#).

Be sure to take some time this morning to check out [this list of eclipse-related events](#) to prepare for the big moment! [The Finger Lakes Premium Outlets Solar Eclipse Watch Party](#) will have food trucks, a DJ, giveaways, and more. The [Seneca Meadows Education Center](#) will host a free program for all ages with hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream sandwiches (while supplies last), radio DJ, eclipse glasses for all attendees and a presenter who has seen three total solar eclipses in her life so far! You can even participate in a 1-mile birding excursion at the [Montezuma Audubon Center](#) to experience how birds respond to eclipse.



Wherever you choose to be to see the eclipse, give yourself plenty of time there. Choose the most comfortable atmosphere for you and your family. We recommend being in place and ready by 3 pm, as the event will begin shortly after at approximately 3:20 pm! Sit back and get ready, you'll remember this day with your family forever!