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THE GREAT AMERICAN SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017

SHADOW AND AWE



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE DARKENS OREGON

The moon covers the sun during a total solar eclipse this morning near Redmond. AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

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total solar eclipse darkened the sky over Astoria this morning as the celestial phenomenon left its shadow and awe across Oregon and the United States.

The North Coast was outside the path of totality — where the moon blocked out the sun — but that did not deter skywatchers from going outside to observe the rare moment.

Patchy early morning clouds and fog gave way to sunshine before the eclipse shielded all but a sliver of the sun at

10:18 a.m. and the temperature dropped. Some people ducked out of work for a few minutes to catch a glimpse of the changing sky. Others staked out spots near the region's most iconic landmarks.

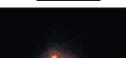
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Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian People at the base of the Astoria Column gaze up at a total solar eclipse this morning. Hundreds of people chose the spot to observe the phenomenon.

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Carl Earl/The Daily Astorian A look at the eclipse from Astoria.

