



A Total Eclipse Of The Sun

This morning, my wife and I left our home at about 6:30 AM to go see the solar eclipse. We arrived at a WalMart parking lot in North Rexburg, Idaho at about 10:45 AM and set up to watch it with our grandson Emmett. We had a great time. I took pictures. I took video. I promised to e-mail them to a few people, and I will.

Then we drove home through nightmare traffic. We got home at about 10:15 PM after leaving Rexburg at about 12:30 PM. For me, the eclipse was worth the hassle. It was the most amazing astronomical spectacle I'm likely to see in my earthly life.

The video below is about 7 minutes and 20 seconds long. It contains the photos I took as well as the video. The background music is from Gustav Holst's *The Planets* as performed by the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. The particular piece is *Mars: The Bringer Of War*. I know that doesn't have much to do with the Moon or the Sun, but I liked it so I went with it.

Most of the photos were taken through the special glasses I purchased for looking at the Sun, since I don't have a solar filter for my camera. Because of this the focus is a bit off and the sun appears orange against a brown sky. Once the eclipse was total I took pictures without the filter.