

Driving Directions for Eclipse Viewing at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park

Coming from I-70 Through Columbia:

Exit I-70 on either Exit #124 or 126:

Exit # 124: Stadium Blvd. Turn right, follow it a few miles to Providence Rd., turn right onto Providence Rd.

Exit # 126: Turn left and go south on Providence Road about 6 miles through several stop lights.

Providence Road becomes Hwy. 163:

While traveling south on Providence Road, after the Southhampton stoplight, continue south to the next stoplight which is in front of the Rock Bridge Elementary School (junction of Rt. K and Old Plank Rd.). Turn left. Providence Rd. ends here and you are now on Hwy. 163. In one mile, you will see a big park sign on your right.

Picnic Viewing Area:

Immediately past a big park sign on your right, turn right onto the park's picnic area road. Follow the signs and look for staff directing parking.

High Ridge Trail Viewing Area – Park at Devil's Icebox Trailhead:

Stay on Hwy. 163 going past the picnic area entrance about one mile, down a long hill, across two bridges. Look for a Devil's Icebox/Rock Bridge sign on your left and turn right at the wide paved entrance. Follow this entrance road to the Devil's Icebox parking lot. After parking, follow the signs to walk along the entrance road, cross Hwy. 163 (carefully) and on the High Ridge Trail to viewing areas.

Grassland Trail Viewing Area:

Go past Devil's Icebox/Rock Bridge entrance road and continue Southeast on Hwy. 163. You will go up a long hill. As it levels off, look for a sign on your right for Grassland Trailhead. Turn right onto a gravel road called Rock Bridge Lane. You may park on the right (North) side of this gravel road along about one mile of it that runs East/West. You may also park in the Grassland Trail parking lot (about ¼ mile on your left from Hwy. 163), but it will hold only a few vehicles.

Karst Trail Viewing Area:

Go past Devil's Icebox/Rock Bridge entrance road and past the Grassland/Rock Bridge Lane to continue Southeast on Hwy. 163. At a 4-way stop sign at the Pierpont Store, turn left to continue on Hwy. 163. Go past the sign for the Karst Trailhead (although a few vehicles can fit there). About 1.2 miles from the 4-way, you will see a sign for Shooting Star Trailhead and a gravel road called Bonne Femme Church Road both on your left. Go past them about 100 meters and watch for a temporary eclipse sign. Turn right and park in the mowed field.