

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:30 PM	07:13 PM	01:06 AM	62%
Tuesday	12:56 PM	07:56 PM	02:06 AM	71%
Wednesday	01:24 PM	08:41 PM	03:06 AM	79%
Thursday	01:56 PM	09:27 PM	04:06 AM	86%
Friday	02:34 PM	10:16 PM	05:06 AM	92%
Saturday	03:18 PM	11:07 PM	06:03 AM	96%
Sunday	04:09 PM	11:58 PM	06:56 AM	99%



This photo of the first quarter moon through the cottonwood tree was taken at sunset when it was due south. Each day at sunset this week, it will move a little further to the left/east until by the end of the week it will rise a little over an hour before sunset, almost completely round. Full moon will occur next Monday, when it rises at sunset. The Osage who lived in this area called this moon Frost on the Inside of the Lodge Moon or Moon that Stands alone. This should be a good week to watch it grow a little bigger each night.



Sun

After dusk, Mercury and Saturn sets WSW, followed by Jupiter.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:18 PM	06:19 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:38 AM	05:19 PM	06:20 PM
Wednesday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:20 PM	06:21 PM
Thursday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:21 PM	06:22 PM
Friday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:22 PM	06:23 PM
Saturday	06:37 AM	07:37 AM	05:23 PM	06:24 PM
Sunday	06:37 AM	07:37 AM	05:24 PM	06:25 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ The western 3/4 of the state is abnormally dry, with over half in moderate to severe drought, and this week does not look like much will change. Fortunately there should not be a large fire threat this week due to moderate humidity accompanying the wind. Look for subfreezing night temps to concentrate wildlife into areas of open water, which makes it easier to observe them.

§ Winter is the driest time of the year, and with warmer days predicted this week, exploring exposed sandbars on the Kaw or other creeks and rivers could be a good choice. Driftwood, interesting rocks, watching eagles and maybe unearthing a fossil are all good reasons to take a hike along your favorite waerway. And if you see animal tracks that you don't know, take a picture of them and identify them later.

§ If you have a birdfeeder, keep feeding those birds especially on cold mornings and upcoming cold snaps. Bird feeders are great places to watch winter flocks of many species that include juncos, chickadees, woodpeckers, bluejays, cardinals, titmouse, doves, sparrows, and an occasional predator hawk or falcon. Consider joining the feederwatch citizen science project that goes all winter long: details can be found at <https://feederwatch.org/>.

§ With all the uncertainties in today's world, taking a hike in nature can help you find your bearings--and take a friend!