

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 10 - 16, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:57 PM		07:28 AM	94%
Tuesday	06:06 PM	12:36 AM	08:03 AM	98%
Wednesday	07:12 PM	01:25 AM	08:32 AM	Full Moon
Thursday	08:15 PM	02:10 AM	08:57 AM	100%
Friday	09:16 PM	02:52 AM	09:18 AM	97%
Saturday	10:15 PM	03:32 AM	09:39 AM	93%
Sunday	11:14 PM	04:11 AM	09:59 AM	88%



Another round of snow is in store for much of the state-- songbirds and squirrels have a harder time finding food, which is why it's helpful to put out bird seed in your bird feeder or along your deck handrail, since birds will rejoin into winter flocks with the snow. The national Back Yard Bird Count is Feb.

14 - 17--it's easy to join it: <https://www.birdcount.org/>



Sun

Venus, Saturn W, Jupiter S, Mars SE after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:19 AM	07:17 AM	05:53 PM	06:51 PM
Tuesday	06:18 AM	07:16 AM	05:54 PM	06:52 PM
Wednesday	06:17 AM	07:15 AM	05:55 PM	06:53 PM
Thursday	06:16 AM	07:14 AM	05:56 PM	06:54 PM
Friday	06:15 AM	07:12 AM	05:57 PM	06:55 PM
Saturday	06:14 AM	07:11 AM	05:58 PM	06:56 PM
Sunday	06:13 AM	07:10 AM	06:00 PM	06:57 PM

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

§ Snow insulates the ground, preventing it from freezing as deeply as it would if the ground were bare, which can be important for the survival of some small plants, some rodents and insects/invertebrates (and alas ticks!) who overwinter in the leaf litter or burrow into the ground.

§ The free 16th Annual Kaw Valley Seed Fair starts at 8am on February 15 in the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence. Thousands come to share collected and donated seed, plus local businesses and agencies are there to talk all things gardening and to sell their local wares and goods. It's great, fun way to snub your nose at the snow and get ready for spring!

§ After the snow begins to melt and days are above freezing and below freezing at night, it's not only important to look out for black ice on the roads: sap will begin to rise in elms, maples and sap tapping season begins in coming weeks. Both of those trees can be tapped, as can walnuts, believe it or not!

§ If you grew up playing in the snow, be sure to pass on your skills to the next generation of kids: building a good snow fort, snow games like goose and fox, snow tunnels, the finer points of safe but exciting sledding, how to blow your nose with a pair of gloves on, etc. If you didn't, get out there and learn, too!

§ Consider a night walk because of the fullness of the moon. Look for moon halos, listen for coyotes and owls, be amazed by how much you can see in the "Light of Day Returns Moon".