

Kaw Valley Almanac

July 28 - Aug. 3, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:18 AM	04:37 PM	10:45 PM	13%
Tuesday	11:20 AM	05:18 PM	11:06 PM	20%
Wednesday	12:20 PM	05:58 PM	11:28 PM	29%
Thursday	01:20 PM	06:39 PM	11:51 PM	38%
Friday	02:22 PM	07:23 PM		1st Quarter
Saturday	03:24 PM	08:09 PM	12:18 AM	57%
Sunday	04:26 PM	08:59 PM	12:50 AM	66%



Ironweed is blooming its beautiful purple blossoms across the state, with six species in Kansas. Regardless of which one you see, it will be attracting a wide variety of bees, beetles, wasps, and in this case a skipper butterfly. Later, the American goldfinch loves to eat its seeds.



Sun

Saturn S, Venus, Jupiter east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:17 AM	06:18 AM	08:35 PM	09:46 PM
Tuesday	05:18 AM	06:19 AM	08:34 PM	09:44 PM
Wednesday	05:19 AM	06:20 AM	08:34 PM	09:43 PM
Thursday	05:21 AM	06:21 AM	08:33 PM	09:42 PM
Friday	05:22 AM	06:22 AM	08:31 PM	09:41 PM
Saturday	05:23 AM	06:22 AM	08:30 PM	09:39 PM
Sunday	05:24 AM	06:23 AM	08:29 PM	09:38 PM

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

§ If you see a rattlesnakemaster blooming, smell it: it's like smelling a jar of honey. Other flowers blooming include blazing star, compassplant, whorled milkweed, deptford pink, a host of sunflowers including sweet, stiff, ashy, and jerusalem artichoke sunflowers, slender mountain mint, prairie petunia, showy partridge pea, and gray coneflower.

§ Katydids continue to fill the night with their song and crickets and lightning bugs continue although the heat and dryness will be hard on the lightning bug populations. Praying mantids and walking sticks are out too, and cicadas start to sing when the temperature warms above 83 degrees Fahrenheit.

§ Teasel's cocklebur-like seedheads are filling up with little white flowers right now in eastern Kansas. This tall, prickly plant from Eurasia is invasive and spreading quickly along roadsides and into pastures and really should be eliminated

§ Foxtail, an annual grass has formed its bushy seed heads in disturbed areas. Look for its light green foliage and soft six-inch long tops that droop over like old fashioned fireworks. Prairie warm season grasses are sending up their seedheads. Most hay has been baled, corn has tassled and soybeans continue to grow. We're on the cusp of county fair season: to see when your county is having one, check <https://cofairs.com/kansas>

