

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 19 - 25, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:23 AM	01:21 PM	06:26 PM	0%
Tuesday	08:51 AM	02:08 PM	07:33 PM	2%
Wednesday	09:17 AM	02:53 PM	08:39 PM	6%
Thursday	09:40 AM	03:38 PM	09:45 PM	11%
Friday	10:04 AM	04:22 PM	10:53 PM	19%
Saturday	10:28 AM	05:09 PM		28%
Sunday	10:54 AM	05:58 PM	12:02 AM	39%



This eagle is walking, looking to do a little fishing if it can get around the ice. This week, for most of Kansas, temperatures will get above freezing, which is good for tapping tree sap but not for skating, which should be at least 4" thick on a pond and remember the center of the pond is the last to freeze!



Sun

Saturn S, Jupiter E in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:36 AM	07:36 AM	05:27 PM	06:27 PM
Tuesday	06:36 AM	07:35 AM	05:28 PM	06:28 PM
Wednesday	06:35 AM	07:35 AM	05:29 PM	06:29 PM
Thursday	06:35 AM	07:34 AM	05:31 PM	06:30 PM
Friday	06:34 AM	07:33 AM	05:32 PM	06:31 PM
Saturday	06:34 AM	07:33 AM	05:33 PM	06:32 PM
Sunday	06:33 AM	07:32 AM	05:34 PM	06:33 PM

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§ Many moths are still in their cocoons, which you can find attached to sticks. Beetles, millipedes and other insects can be found under logs in the leaf litter. Dragonfly, mayfly and caddis fly nymphs can be found under flat rocks in shallow creeks. I have a friend who found a jumping spider in the middle of a stalk of grass in January! It is surprising how early you can see strands of spider gossamer on brush and grasses, signs that spiders have been recently out and about.

§ Rabbits don't hibernate or store food caches like many other mammals. They find nourishment this time of year by eating twigs, buds and bark from trees and shrubs or eating their own droppings, covering a wider area than in the spring and summer in their search for nourishment.

§ There are large flocks of waterfowl and songbirds, various rodents, fish and other animals, and there are lots of owls, hawks, falcons and eagles hunting them. This is the perfect time to learn how to identify the different birds of prey!

§ So what is green this time of year? Moss, bristly greenbriar vines; daisy, mullein, dandelion and thistle rosettes; yarrow and poison hemlock leaves, onion and wild garlic tops and some cool season grasses and sedges. And of course eastern red cedars, Kansas' only native evergreen. This time of year, berries start to drop, along with some of the leaves.