

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 8 - 14, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:35 AM	07:30 AM	01:36 PM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	01:58 AM	08:14 AM	02:42 PM	42%
Wednesday	02:22 AM	09:01 AM	03:52 PM	32%
Thursday	02:50 AM	09:52 AM	05:06 PM	22%
Friday	03:23 AM	10:47 AM	06:25 PM	13%
Saturday	04:04 AM	11:49 AM	07:44 PM	6%
Sunday	04:57 AM	12:56 PM	08:58 PM	1%



Elderberry blossoms are opening into white corymbs or flower clusters. Each flower is edible, can be used to make a tea and some folks like to dip the entire cluster into pancake batter and make elderberry pancakes. Of course the ripe fruit can be made into syrup, wine, or even pie. The woody stems can be turned into flutes--all in all a very handy plant!



Sun

Venus, Jupiter, Mercury west at dusk, Saturn E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Tuesday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:47 PM	10:01 PM
Saturday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:48 PM	10:02 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ The coming weeks represent a crescendo of prairie wildflowers that will reward all who take the time to visit a native prairie. In addition to the milkweeds, blossoms include echinacea, penstemons, delphinium, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, sensitivebrier, evening primrose, prairie rose and prairie phlox, yarrow, lead plant, beebalm, white and blue wild indigo, white sweet clover, deptford pink, black eyed susans, and many others. Carpe diem!

§ We are approaching summer solstice and the earliest sunrise occurs on the 13th even though the solstice isn't until the night of June 20-21. The actual length of time between sunrise and sunset between June 14th and June 27th changes only around a minute; hence the name "solstice" which means "sun stands still."

§ Summer solstice is more than peak flower season in area prairies. Mammals and birds are busy raising their young with wetlands full of waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds, joined by muskrats, turtles, frogs, toads, snakes, crawdads and so much more. Fish are spawning and there are insects galore around the waters, too. Enjoy the first days of summer with a hike in the early morning before it gets too hot.

§ Dogwoods are growing berries, check mulberry trees and raspberries for fruit. Rains are triggering mushrooms: look for circles of fairy ring mushrooms and a host of others emerging.