

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 12 - 18, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:38 AM	02:38 PM	07:32 PM	2%
Tuesday	10:43 AM	03:27 PM	08:07 PM	6%
Wednesday	11:45 AM	04:18 PM	08:49 PM	12%
Thursday	12:42 PM	05:10 PM	09:37 PM	19%
Friday	01:32 PM	06:01 PM	10:32 PM	27%
Saturday	02:15 PM	06:51 PM	11:31 PM	36%
Sunday	02:52 PM	07:39 PM		1st Quarter



This honeybee is working furiously on these asters for end-of-the-season nectar and pollen. "Winter bees" are physiologically distinct from summer bees due to their storing proteins, lipids and glycogen in fatty bodies that enable them to survive several months without foraging. Asters continue blooming until first frost, feeding bees so they can overwinter.



Sun

Mercury W, Saturn E at dusk, Jupiter E, Mars SE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:28 AM	07:20 AM	06:57 PM	07:59 PM
Tuesday	06:29 AM	07:21 AM	06:55 PM	07:58 PM
Wednesday	06:30 AM	07:22 AM	06:54 PM	07:56 PM
Thursday	06:30 AM	07:23 AM	06:52 PM	07:55 PM
Friday	06:31 AM	07:24 AM	06:51 PM	07:53 PM
Saturday	06:32 AM	07:25 AM	06:49 PM	07:52 PM
Sunday	06:33 AM	07:26 AM	06:48 PM	07:50 PM

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

§ In addition to asters, boneset, sweet everlasting and a few sunflowers continue to bloom this time of year as a pollinator destination so wildflowers are almost never alone!

§ Look for signs of the beginning of rutting season. Look for their "scrapes," where they've scraped the leaves and grass off, leaving patches of bare dirt that is rutted by their hooves. Drive carefully especially after sunset and before sunrise when deer are most active, and it's common that if you see one deer, another one might be coming up behind soon.

§ The next few weeks may be the best time this fall to take a hike with a friend to enjoy the increasing fall colors in the grasses and trees, migrating birds, waxing moon and asters.

§ Fall bird migration continues, and the morning and late afternoon skies are sometimes full of seagulls. Check your favorite body of water or a power line to enjoy the bird flocks that are both big and small. Nighttime is when many songbirds migrate, and the moon, as it waxes toward Full and beyond, can provide a good backdrop as it rises for seeing flocks through binoculars in the darkening skies.

§ There are many types of insects and spiders and it's fun to see their many adaptive strategies. Changing colors, digging holes, gathering in large numbers—it's a great time to observe the behaviors they've developed over hundreds of millions of years of evolution.