

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 5 - 11, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:42 AM	09:11 AM	04:27 PM	32%
Tuesday	02:55 AM	10:02 AM	04:57 PM	22%
Wednesday	04:06 AM	10:50 AM	05:23 PM	14%
Thursday	05:14 AM	11:36 AM	05:47 PM	7%
Friday	06:21 AM	12:21 PM	06:11 PM	3%
Saturday	07:27 AM	01:06 PM	06:35 PM	New Moon
Sunday	08:33 AM	01:51 PM	07:02 PM	0%



This week promises to be ideal hiking weather, so grab and friend and find a prairie/woodland to enjoy the changing colors of fall. The big bluestem grass seed heads are blowing left, while the water is curving right, and the trees stand straight.



Sun

Saturn rises 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/>

§ Migratory sparrows, warblers and a host of other birds are now passing thru; look for seagulls in their random flight, blackbirds gathering on telephone lines and making rivers in the sky, pelicans in their spiraling formations, and turkey vultures in their "kettles," riding the thermals high into the sky and veering to the south when the wind is from the north.

§ Much bird migration occurs after dark: check out the migration maps for any given night at

<https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/live-migration-maps/> and you'll be amazed at how many birds are in flight after dark.

§ This is a good time to identify the many species of grasshoppers, dragonflies, and crickets, and our tree frogs are pretty beautiful too: did you know gray tree frogs can turn green? Spiders and their webs are very prolific right now as well, taking advantage of the large insect populations this time of year. Birds love eating both insects and spiders for their being compact, high protein sources, ideal for building fat reserves for the winter/migration.

§ See how many different kinds of white and purple aster species you can find this week--they are blooming most everywhere right now. Their name is derived from the Latin and Greek word for "star," and with moonless skies, you can see the Andromeda galaxy with your naked eye, some 2 million light years away, right next to the diamond Pegasus constellation.