

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Sun

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars SE at dusk, SW at dawn;
Venus, west just after sunset

Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	12:40 AM	05:52 AM	11:09 AM	74%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	01:15 AM	06:38 AM	12:06 PM	65%	
Wednesday	01:47 AM	07:22 AM	01:04 PM	56%	
Thursday	02:17 AM	08:07 AM	02:04 PM	46%	
Friday	02:47 AM	08:52 AM	03:05 PM	36%	
Saturday	03:18 AM	09:39 AM	04:09 PM	26%	
Sunday	03:51 AM	10:29 AM	05:15 PM	17%	



Roughleafed dogwood blossoms are common right now along roadsides. Spring prairie wildflowers are peaking the next few weeks, so do yourself a favor check them out. In addition to wetlands and Prairie Park Nature Center, you can see them at the Akin Prairie, KU Field Station Rockefeller Prairie Trail, Clinton Sanders Mound and Grant-Bradbury Park in Topeka.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:51 AM	05:56 AM	08:42 PM	09:56 PM
Tuesday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:43 PM	09:56 PM
Wednesday	04:50 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:57 PM
Thursday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:58 PM
Friday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:54 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:54 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM

Nature Notes

- § Among the many wildflowers currently blooming are the milkweeds joined by echinacea, oxeye daisy, sensitivebrier, salsify, white wild indigo, deptford pink, prickly pear cactus, yellow sweet clover, penstemons, delphinium, cinquefoil, prairie phlox, spiderwort, prairie rose, evening primrose and blackberry.
- § Brome continues to pollinate, creating itchy noses and eyes for those who have windblown pollen allergies. Canada musk thistle is beginning to shoot up its seedheads, joining the already blooming noxious weeds crown vetch, bindweed, trumpet vine and of course, ticks and chiggers are in full swing as well so don't forget to take a shower after a hike.
- § Frogs are in their prime, turtles are laying eggs, and many fish species are spawning. Now is a good time to look for crawdads and their little volcano-like nests, and waterfowl are raising their young amongst cattails and marshy backwaters. Speaking of cattails, you can harvest the newly emerging seedheads when they are green and thinner than cigars, steaming, buttering and eating them like corn on the cob. Yum!
- § Waterbugs, spittlebugs and lightning bugs abound. June bugs still beat against the screen door, moths flutter against the window while tree frogs hang onto the glass, waiting for bugs to come closer.