

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 12 - 18, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:21 AM	01:54 PM	08:38 PM	1%
Tuesday	07:45 AM	02:36 PM	09:36 PM	3%
Wednesday	08:12 AM	03:20 PM	10:36 PM	7%
Thursday	08:43 AM	04:05 PM	11:35 PM	12%
Friday	09:18 AM	04:53 PM		19%
Saturday	10:00 AM	05:43 PM	12:33 AM	27%
Sunday	10:48 AM	06:34 PM	01:28 AM	36%



Prairies also have a pre-vernal season. Like woodland wildflowers blooming before the tall trees leaf out, the prairie wildflowers emerging now bloom before the dominant prairie grasses shade them out. Here are the gorgeous groundplum milkvetch blossoms, which will ripen into delicious, edible fruit. Find them now before the grasses make them hard to find!



Mars high west after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:53 AM	06:48 AM	07:55 PM	08:58 PM
Tuesday	05:52 AM	06:46 AM	07:56 PM	08:59 PM
Wednesday	05:50 AM	06:45 AM	07:57 PM	09:00 PM
Thursday	05:48 AM	06:43 AM	07:58 PM	09:01 PM
Friday	05:47 AM	06:42 AM	07:59 PM	09:02 PM
Saturday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	08:00 PM	09:04 PM
Sunday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Other prairie early flowers to look for: verbena, wood betony, puccoon, spring beauty and violets. Wherever you see a wildflower, there will be a bee, beetle or fly looking for food!

§ It's still not too late to catch the many woodland wildflowers still blooming, including trout lily, dutchman's breeches, May apple, rue/false rue anemone, cutleaf toothwort woodland phlox and violets. Papaws blossoms are joined by wild plum, wild cherry, redbud and gooseberry. It's a grand week for checking the woodlands for these beauties as you also keep an eye out for what gets most people in the woods this week: morel mushrooms. Dead trees and maples are usually good places to look, but these fruiting fungi are notoriously guilty of showing up in different places each year. Honeysuckle and buckbrush have already leaved out, making it more difficult to find them, too.

§ After your foray into the woods or prairie, be sure to take a shower and check for ticks—they're out!

§ Cottonwood leaves are so delicate when they first come out; actually most tree leaves are quite delicate and even edible when they first emerge from their buds. You can see how quickly they transition to a larger, more robust and sturdy leaf within a day or two.

§ Watch the crescent moon grow larger at dusk all week.