

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 1 - 7, 2023

Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:15 PM	10:41 PM	04:36 AM	80%
Tuesday	05:17 PM	11:23 PM	04:57 AM	87%
Wednesday	06:21 PM		05:19 AM	93%
Thursday	07:27 PM	12:07 AM	05:43 AM	98%
Friday	08:37 PM	12:53 AM	06:10 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	09:50 PM	01:43 AM	06:41 AM	100%
Sunday	11:02 PM	02:38 AM	07:21 AM	97%

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The prairie at Prairie Park Nature Center in Lawrence has never been plowed, existing in place for at least 6,000 years, since the last ice age. Hundreds of species have thrived on this remnant, and last week it was mistakenly sprayed, threatening its very existence.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:25 AM	06:23 AM	08:13 PM	09:19 PM
Tuesday	05:23 AM	06:22 AM	08:14 PM	09:21 PM
Wednesday	05:22 AM	06:20 AM	08:15 PM	09:22 PM
Thursday	05:20 AM	06:19 AM	08:16 PM	09:23 PM
Friday	05:19 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:24 PM
Saturday	05:18 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:25 PM
Sunday	05:16 AM	06:16 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM



The photo above is what compassplant in the prairie looked like a year ago on May 1, and the image to the right is what it looked like on Sunday. The entire prairie has been sprayed, and it is uncertain how many of the native plants, will survive--time will tell. In the meantime, put a prayer out for this prairie, which existed some 1400 years before the Great Pyramid in Egypt was built. We have an incredible heritage in places like this old growth prairie and it is incumbent upon us to recognize its value not only as a living legacy from the past, but also as an incredible asset for our future. Every effort should be made to not only have in place solid management plans to assure that our natural heritage survive and thrive into the future; safeguards must be put into place to prevent such careless mistakes from taking place again. Prairie Park is owned & managed by the [City of Lawrence](http://www.cityoflawrence.org)