

# Kaw Valley Almanac

October 9 - 15, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:18 AM	09:43 AM	04:57 PM	25%
Tuesday	03:20 AM	10:26 AM	05:21 PM	18%
Wednesday	04:20 AM	11:07 AM	05:43 PM	11%
Thursday	05:19 AM	11:47 AM	06:04 PM	6%
Friday	06:19 AM	12:26 PM	06:25 PM	2%
Saturday	07:19 AM	01:07 PM	06:46 PM	New Moon
Sunday	08:22 AM	01:50 PM	07:10 PM	0%



Asters such as this silver aster continue to bloom white, lavender and purple as the primary remaining fall flower, with a smattering of late blooming gentians, black eyed susans and lingering sunflowers, which are mostly shifting to seed production. The prairie grasses will continue to get richer in color, with sumac and vines still red, muted by dry weather.



## Sun

Jupiter rises E, Saturn SE at dusk; Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:32 AM	07:24 AM	06:51 PM	07:52 PM
Tuesday	06:33 AM	07:25 AM	06:50 PM	07:51 PM
Wednesday	06:34 AM	07:26 AM	06:48 PM	07:49 PM
Thursday	06:35 AM	07:27 AM	06:47 PM	07:48 PM
Friday	06:36 AM	07:28 AM	06:45 PM	07:46 PM
Saturday	06:37 AM	07:29 AM	06:44 PM	07:45 PM
Sunday	06:38 AM	07:30 AM	06:42 PM	07:44 PM

§ Afternoons into the evening are good times to hear the grasshoppers, crickets and tree frogs. Check out online the variety of songs to tease out exactly what you are hearing.

§ Check <https://www.getoutdoorskansas.org/trails> to find the closest-or most interesting new trail to hike in this ever more beautiful week ahead. If you hike around sunset, feel the cool air start to accumulate in the low spots after the sun sets.

§ This week, winds shift back to the south until next weekend when it shifts back north, which will once again boost fall songbird migration, which takes place mostly under the protection of the dark after sunset. Seagulls leave reservoirs in the morning, returning after sunset, while ducks and redwinged blackbirds abound.

§ Plan to check out the partial eclipse this Saturday between 10:30am and 1:15pm, with anywhere between 60 and 80% of the sun covered by the moon depending on where you live in Kansas. Telescope projections are nice, but the easiest way to see the progress is to look in the shadows underneath a tree and see the hundreds of "pinhole camera" images of the sun, caused by the leaves on the tree. Place some paper--or a friend--on the ground to see it better.

§ Speaking of Saturday, there will be another monthly walk at Prairie Park Nature Center in Lawrence at 2pm. Come see what is blooming and how the prairie is doing after this spring's accidental spraying.