

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:25 AM	12:12 PM	05:04 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	08:10 AM	01:11 PM	06:20 PM	1%
Wednesday	08:46 AM	02:05 PM	07:33 PM	4%
Thursday	09:16 AM	02:54 PM	08:42 PM	10%
Friday	09:42 AM	03:41 PM	09:49 PM	17%
Saturday	10:07 AM	04:25 PM	10:52 PM	26%
Sunday	10:31 AM	05:08 PM	11:54 PM	35%



Looking for color in the dead of winter? Look in the woods, under trees, up close and you might be surprised by the wide variety of mosses amongst the leaf litter. Mosses are also a place where those fascinating, tiny creatures called tardigrades or water bears live. Even though tardigrades can survive dehydration and even outer space, moss' ability to retain moisture creates an ideal environment for them to thrive.



Sun

Jupiter SW after dusk, Venus, Mars E before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:29 AM	07:27 AM	05:41 PM	06:40 PM
Tuesday	06:28 AM	07:26 AM	05:42 PM	06:41 PM
Wednesday	06:27 AM	07:25 AM	05:43 PM	06:42 PM
Thursday	06:26 AM	07:25 AM	05:45 PM	06:43 PM
Friday	06:25 AM	07:24 AM	05:46 PM	06:44 PM
Saturday	06:24 AM	07:23 AM	05:47 PM	06:45 PM
Sunday	06:24 AM	07:22 AM	05:48 PM	06:46 PM

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

- § This is a good time to visit pretty much any natural area of our state as it is a good time to observe wildlife, not havin\o worry about ticks, chiggers and other nuisances. Snow brings its own pleasures if you dress well, with tracks even easier to see, and they help you figure out what they were up to: running, sleeping, hunting/ grazing, getting a drink: it's fun to see who is active and where.
- § Wetlands, lakes and rivers are always a go-to destination if you want to see wildlife this time of year. In addition to geese and ducks there are many other birds, including hawks, eagles, gulls, doves, owls, kingfishers, woodpeckers, crows, meadowlarks, and the usual winter flock suspects.
- § If you have ornamental snowdrop flowers, check them to see how far along they are: their leaves are emerging and some years they begin blooming the first week of February in northeast Kansas. This is true even if we get a snow: they are not called snowdrops just because the flowers are white!
- § So what else is green this time of year? Moss, bristly greenbriar vines; daisy, mullein, dandelion and thistle rosettes; yarrow, and some cool season grasses. Dogwood and willows often are starting to have sap flow now, which triggers chlorophyll production that turns their twigs red and yellow respectively, beginning another season of converting sunlight into glucose to feed the plant.