

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 5 - 11, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:24 AM	02:31 PM	09:26 PM	1%
Tuesday	08:26 AM	03:12 PM	09:48 PM	5%
Wednesday	09:26 AM	03:52 PM	10:09 PM	10%
Thursday	10:24 AM	04:31 PM	10:28 PM	16%
Friday	11:22 AM	05:10 PM	10:49 PM	24%
Saturday	12:22 PM	05:50 PM	11:11 PM	32%
Sunday	01:23 PM	06:33 PM	11:36 PM	41%



One of my favorite memories from childhood is one I can renew almost every year: the Perseid Meteor Shower. If you want to renew/create these memories, find a dark sky (<https://www.darkskymap.com/nightSkyBrightness>) on the night of Sunday, August 11-12, spread out a blanket, bring some bug spray and a friend. The 1st Quarter moon sets at midnight, after which you might see upwards of 100 meteors/hour.



Sun

Jupiter E, Mars SE, Saturn S at dawn, Venus low W at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:27 AM	06:26 AM	08:27 PM	09:35 PM
Tuesday	05:28 AM	06:26 AM	08:26 PM	09:34 PM
Wednesday	05:29 AM	06:27 AM	08:24 PM	09:32 PM
Thursday	05:30 AM	06:28 AM	08:23 PM	09:31 PM
Friday	05:31 AM	06:29 AM	08:22 PM	09:29 PM
Saturday	05:32 AM	06:30 AM	08:21 PM	09:28 PM
Sunday	05:33 AM	06:31 AM	08:20 PM	09:26 PM

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

§ Prairie wildflowers currently blooming include ironweed, showy partridge pea, perennial sunflowers, wild petunia, blue sage, rattlesnakemaster, slender mountain mint and St. John's wort. Since August is called Yellow Flower Moon by Osages who lived in the region, it's worth noting that there are many species of perennial sunflowers that come up year after year in area prairies that are every bit as pretty as the fields of annual sunflowers grown or found along roadsides.

§ Many pairs of doves are in the area, while hummingbirds are surprisingly plentiful. You can still put out a feeder and see who drops by. Meanwhile, it's always fun to listen for chimney swifts around and right after sunset and see if you can locate which chimney they go into to roost for the night.

§ Days are beginning to get noticeably shorter again, as we lose 13 minutes of sunlight this week alone. There are plenty of things to notice in the evening: katydids still call out, with increasing volume from the cricket part of the nighttime chorus, accompanied by the sound of nighthawks flying above downtown lights looking for bugs to eat, tree frogs, and maybe an owl or whippoorwill as the moonlight gets brighter every night. Spider eyes reflect the light back from a flashlight!

§ County fairs across the state are winding down, but if you didn't get your fix yet, check out <https://festivalnet.com/fairs-festivals/Kansas> to see what's left.