

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 26 - February 1, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:26 AM	06:52 PM	01:14 AM	1 st Quarter
Tuesday	12:05 PM	07:50 PM	02:30 AM	61%
Wednesday	12:54 PM	08:53 PM	03:45 AM	72%
Thursday	01:54 PM	09:58 PM	04:56 AM	82%
Friday	03:05 PM	11:01 PM	05:58 AM	90%
Saturday	04:21 PM		06:49 AM	96%
Sunday	05:37 PM		07:29 AM	Full Moon



The cold temperatures have frozen over most rivers, except for where the current is fast enough to keep it open, as it has in several spots right below the Bowersock dam in Lawrence. Eagles, geese and other birds looking for food/protection are concentrated by the open water: great for eagle watching.



Sun

Saturn SW, Jupiter E in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:33 AM	07:31 AM	05:35 PM	06:34 PM
Tuesday	06:32 AM	07:31 AM	05:36 PM	06:35 PM
Wednesday	06:31 AM	07:30 AM	05:37 PM	06:36 PM
Thursday	06:31 AM	07:29 AM	05:39 PM	06:37 PM
Friday	06:30 AM	07:28 AM	05:40 PM	06:38 PM
Saturday	06:29 AM	07:27 AM	05:41 PM	06:39 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:26 AM	05:42 PM	06:40 PM

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

§ With the moon waxing to full this week and snow on the ground, it's a perfect time to enjoy a night walk, as the combination of moonlight and snow will make it quite easy to see. Listen and look for owls, coyotes, and deer, and check out all of the tracks that tell a story about who is out there and what they are doing.

§ In addition to making animal activities visible thru their tracks, snow makes it easy to track things falling onto the ground that normally disappear into the thatch. As a result, you can see what animals are finding to eat by looking at bird droppings, tree sheddings, seed chaff, nut and fruit hulls, owl pellets, fur, feathers, scat and other telltale signs.

§ There are plenty of gulls, geese, ducks and occasional eagles around reservoirs and rivers. Robin flocks, crows, hawks and owls are all busy looking for food. The coming month can be the hardest time of year for many animals to find food. Squirrels are eating the last of the hedge apples and acorns, so don't get too upset if they start raiding the bird feeders.

§ If you think about it, trees have eyes. Sap flow, bud burst, and photosynthesis are all timed by a tree sensing water and nutrient availability, temperature, day length and light intensity. Without light sensors in the buds and twigs, it wouldn't be able to avoid budding too early during a warm winter spell.