

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 9 - 15, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:04 AM	05:48 AM	10:27 AM	71%
Tuesday	02:05 AM	06:37 AM	11:07 AM	62%
Wednesday	03:03 AM	07:29 AM	11:54 AM	3rd Quarter
Thursday	03:55 AM	08:21 AM	12:48 PM	43%
Friday	04:40 AM	09:12 AM	01:49 PM	34%
Saturday	05:19 AM	10:03 AM	02:53 PM	25%
Sunday	05:51 AM	10:52 AM	04:00 PM	17%



Sandhill cranes have been heading north through Kansas in places like Quivira National Wildlife Refuge on their way to the Platte River between Kearney and Grand Island, NE, where approx. 80% of the world's population hangs out. The next week or so is probably the peak; consider going there!



Sun

Venus, Saturn W, Jupiter S in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:46 AM	07:41 AM	07:22 PM	08:17 PM
Tuesday	06:45 AM	07:39 AM	07:23 PM	08:18 PM
Wednesday	06:43 AM	07:38 AM	07:24 PM	08:19 PM
Thursday	06:41 AM	07:36 AM	07:25 PM	08:20 PM
Friday	06:40 AM	07:35 AM	07:26 PM	08:21 PM
Saturday	06:38 AM	07:33 AM	07:27 PM	08:22 PM
Sunday	06:37 AM	07:31 AM	07:28 PM	08:23 PM

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

§ Here's an outdoor checklist for this week: See if you can hear a frog, see a goose, see a maple tree blooming, taste a wild onion leaf and smell a crocus.

§ This is the time of year when you can easily identify whether an eastern red cedar/juniper tree is a male (it gets covered with pollen) or female (it has the little blue berries on it). Cedar pollen can be a real irritant to many who are allergic to it: expect it to increase in coming weeks.

§ Prickly pear cactus pads are transitioning from the red, dehydrated state they adopt to get through the winter, rehydrating and greening up their fleshy pads in response to recent rains, warmer temps and more sunlight.

§ March is ideal for indirectly observing animal activities through their tracks in the mud, before the growing vegetation and biting critters make it harder to find a good footprint. Take a picture and look online for a good match if you're not sure what it is.

§ Not only will you notice the later sunsets from the switch to daylight savings time; we will also gain 16 minutes during this week alone. Many nesting and mating behaviors of birds and some other animals are triggered by the pituitary gland being triggered by the longer photoperiod (read length of daylight) to release hormones related to these activities.