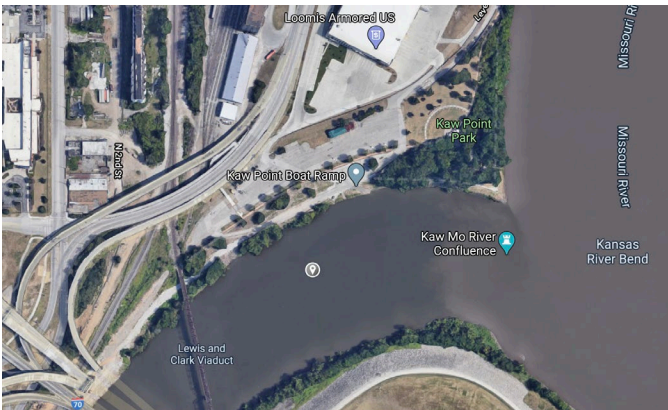


The Cityscape Photographer's Shooting Guide to Kaw Point



📄 **Summary.** Kaw Point at the Kansas Missouri River Confluence is a historic point used by Lewis and Clark and a very popular location for an exceptional cityscape photo with a water line in the forefront. At the point is a metal monument to Lewis and Clark that offers an addable forefront image.

📍 **Grid Reference.** 39.116416, -94.611372

🗺️ **Directions.** Access into Kaw Point Park is through the Southwest end of the Kaw Point Industrial Park parking lot at 1403 Fairfax Trafficway. [Click here](#) 📍 to open Google Map for driving directions.

🕒 **Best Time of Day to Shoot.** Evening golden hour highlights tree texture and illustrates glistening skyscrapers. Most photos are taken at blue hour and later in the evening to get the light trails from cars driving on the I-70 Viaduct.

📅 **Best Time of Year to Shoot.** Fall is clearly the best when colors are at their prime. Winter offers ghosting iceberg opportunities. Full moons over KC only occur during SEP and OCT months.

- Full moon over Kansas City skyscrapers.
🕒 9/3/20 @ 11:48 PM, 10/1/20 @ 10:28 PM, 10/28/20 @ 8:27 PM.

📷 **What Lens(es) Do You Need.** A 24-70mm zoom works best to capture the cityscape framed by the trees along the shoreline and light reflection on the water. A 35mm prime at the point or 50-55mm prime from the boat launch frames the cityscape with the shoreline. Panoramic shots are possible during daytime, but complex during nighttime.

📷 **Special Equipment Needed.** A sturdy tripod. Tripod spikes during wet periods. Neutral density (ND) filters to smooth the water. Remote shutter or intervalometer for long exposures. Bring a headlamp with a red light for nighttime shooting. Wear bug resistant clothing and use bug spray in the summer months. Wear suitable footwear for mud. Wear cold weather clothing and insulated footwear. Take hand and foot warmers.

👤 **Number of Other Photographers to Expect.** Expect in the evenings during the cooler periods, especially during full moons and sweet sunsets.

☁️ **Weather.** Heavy rain will present slippery mud along the bank. Flood season will submerge banks and push debris down the river. Summer months bring mosquitos and party groups.

📖 **Other Resources**

- [Photopills Planner: Find moonrises & moonsets](#)

🗨️ **Special Nuances.** The free boating ramp is a popular launch point that also creates water waves. In mild periods of the season the evenings at the point is a gathering place for party groups. Windy days cause ripples and waves in the water.

⚠️ **Warnings.** Exercise caution when visiting. It is best to visit with others. Don't leave property visible inside the vehicle.

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