

Resources

For Schools and Classrooms

“John Muir Fact Sheet”

(available in English, Spanish, German, or Japanese)

Sierra Club, 85 Second St. Second Floor,
San Francisco, CA 94109

Muir Quote Bookmarks

Select one of eight Muir quotes, each with a different photograph of Yosemite or other wilderness scene. 2 1/4" x 7"

Mark My Words™, P.O. Box 240, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

“John Muir Exhibit,” World Wide Web Site

This Internet resource contains fact sheets, bibliographies, graphics files, quotes, the John Muir Study Guide, information on the John Muir National Historic Site, and more.

URL: http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/

Encountering Conservation’s Exemplar: Cross-Curricular Activities Based on the Life of John Muir

by Care Butler, 1990. Available for \$6.00, this curriculum guide is designed for fourth through sixth grades. A variety of activities are presented, focusing on developing science process skills.

Care Butler, 2131 South 21st St., Rogers, AR 72756.

John Muir T-Shirts

(\$14.00 ea, available in s-m-l)

John Muir Memorial Association, P.O. Box 2433, Martinez, CA 94553

Tours of Muir’s ranch house, brochures, booklets, environmental living programs, bookstore with posters, medallions, etc.

John Muir National Historic Site, National Park Service,
4202 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, CA 94553. (925) 228-8860

Audiotapes & CD’s

John Muir Tribute CD

http://www.johnmuir.org/martinez/tribute_cd.html

“Muir Power To You” and “Me and Stickeen”

Music by Bill Oliver, on *Better Things to Do*, *Audubon Adventures* and *Friend of the River*.

Bill Oliver, Live Oak Records & Tapes

801 W. Gibson, Austin, TX 78704,

512-447-2240 (Texas), 415-331-7032 (California),

1-800-95-OTTER

<http://www.geocitiescom/mrhabitat/> • mrhabitat@aol.com

Gilchrist, Garth, *John Muir: My Life of Adventures and Stickeen & Other John Muir Animal Adventures*

(Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 2000)

<http://www.dawnpubs.com>

“John of the Mountains”

Music by Matthew Werner, on *Mariposa’s First Light of Dawn*
Catalpa Records, P.O. Box 1314, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Lee Stetson, Dramatic Presentations of “Conversations with a Tramp,” “John Muir’s Stickeen,” and “The Spirit of John Muir”

Stetson is also available for live presentations for schools or special events.

Wild Productions, P.O. Box 811, Yosemite, CA 95389

Audiovisuals

Lee Stetson, “Conversation with a Tramp”

VIDEOCASSETTE. A KQED-TV S.F. production. 1992.

Wild Productions, P.O. Box 811, Yosemite, CA 95389

“John Muir: The Man, The Poet, The Legacy”

VIDEOCASSETTE. A KRON-TV S.F. Production in Association with Chronicle Productions, 1981. Produced by Ziggy Stone.

Panorama West Productions, P.O. Box 1255, Beverly Hills, CA 90213. Color w/ b & w sequences, VHS format, \$24.95

John Muir: Environmentalist (1838-1914)” (Part of “Portraits: The Americans” Series) VIDEOCASSETTE.

A GPN Production (Great Plains National Instructional Television), 1997. Product Code: 706.009. For grades 4-8; 15 minutes; color. Price: \$39.95

Available from Great Plains National Instructional Television, Lincoln, NE 68501-0669; Phone: (402) 472-2007 or Toll Free: 800-228-4630; Fax: 800-306-2330;

Email: gpn@unl.edu; Website: <http://www.gpn.unl.edu>

this educational video tells Muir’s life story in a conversational style presented by two engaging young people narrating, with an “expert” teacher occasionally appearing in the background.

General Bibliography

Fox, Stephen, *John Muir and His Legacy: The American Conservation Movement* (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1981).

Muir, John, *The Wilderness World of John Muir* edited by Edwin Way Teale (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1954, pap. reprint)

Muir, John, *The Wild Muir—Twenty-two of John Muir’s Greatest Adventures* selected and introduced by Lee Stetson, illustrated by Fiona King (The Yosemite Association, 1994).

Miller, Sally R. Editor. *John Muir: Life and Work* (Univ. of New Mexico Press, 1993).

Miller, Sally R. Editor. *John Muir in Historical Perspective* (New York: Peter Lang Publishing Inc., 1999).

Turner, Frederick W., *Rediscovering America: John Muir in His Time and Ours* (San Francisco: Sierra Club Books 1985)

Wilkins, Thurman. *John Muir: Apostle of Nature* (Norman: Univ. of Oklahoma Press, 1995)

Wolfe, Linnie Marsh, *Son of the Wilderness: The Life of John Muir* (Madison: Univ. of Wisconsin Press 1978).

Student Bibliography

(❖ indicates currently in print.)

❖ Albay, Diana T., et al., *John Muir: Life and Journeys/Vida y Viajes* (Earlimart, CA; Earlimart School District, 1990). Illustrated by Edward Campos, Jr. Contact Bruce Booz (805)849-2611.

This paperback biography is bilingual, with both English and Spanish text. Chapters include “Early Years,” “The 1,000-Mile Walk,” “California,” “Earthquake,” “Stickeen,” “More Adventures,” and “The Sierra Club.” Includes an excellent one-page chronology listing events in Muir’s life and specifying years, U.S. president, and notable contemporaneous historical events.

❖ Anderson, Peter, **John Muir: Wilderness Prophet** (New York: Franklin Watts, A Division of Grolier Publishing 1995). A First Book. Color and black and white photographs, Bibliography, Index. 62pp. *A nice biography for primary grade readers, with colorful illustrations (even black and white photos have color borders). The design qualities of this book are a definite plus.*

Armentrout, David and Patricia, **John Muir** (Vero Books, FL: Rourke Publishing, 2002) 24 pp.

For primary grade readers, each page is in large print with the opposing page consisting of a full-page photograph.

Clark, Margaret Goff, **John Muir, Friend of Nature** (Champaign, Illinois, Garard (Discovery Books), 1974). Illustrated by Cary. *A short, illustrated biography, suitable for third to fourth grades or for reading aloud to younger grades. 80 pp.*

❖ Cobblestone Magazine, "**John Muir: Friend and Protector of Nature**," August, 1989. Available from Cobblestone Publishing, 30 Grove St., Peterborough, NH 03458.

In addition to the story about Muir, this special issue highlights other conservationists such as Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson along with a highly readable account of the environmental movement. Includes student project ideas.

❖ Cornell, Joseph, **John Muir: My Life with Nature** (Nevada City: Dawn Publications, 2000) Illustrations by Elizabeth Ann Kelley and Christopher Canyon. Paper, \$8.95, ISBN 1-58469-009-7, Ages 10-16, 72 pp, 34 photo/illustrations, includes "Further Reading" and credits, 6"x9".

A unique "autobiography" of John Muir for children and adults, delivers John Muir to us through the "Sharing nature" outdoor education philosophy. Author Joseph Cornell of Sharing Nature with Children fame explains, "To stay true to the spirit of Muir as clearly and fully as possible, I have told his story as if he were alive, using his own words and colorful expressions as often as possible. I have, however, simplified and condensed his words to make them more accessible to young readers." Cornell includes about ten journal-writing activities that assist in appreciating Nature through the inspiration of John Muir.

Dines, Glen, **John Muir** (See & Read Biography) (New York: Putnam 1974).

Another short, heavily illustrated biography suitable for primary grade children. 64 pp.

❖ Douglas, William O., **Muir of the Mountains** (San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1993). Illustrated by Daniel San Souci. Hardcover, \$15.95. *A reprint of the 1961 classic children's biography of Muir by the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, himself a noted mountaineer and conservationist. Ages 9-12. 183 pp. New illustrations.*

❖ Dunham, Montrew, **John Muir: Young Naturalist** (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1975) (New York: Aladdin Paperbacks (Simon & Schuster), 1998). Illustrated by Al Fiorentino. *This children's biography, part of a "Childhood of Famous Americans" series, is suitable for third to sixth grades. Includes appendices entitled "When John Muir Lived" (other events in history during Muir's lifetime); "Do You Remember" (questions testing the reader's memory about Muir's life); "It's Fun to Look Up These Things" (leading questions about geography and conservation); "Interesting Things You Can Do"; "Other Books You May Enjoy"; and "Interesting Words in This Book."*

❖ Force, Eden, **John Muir** (Englewood Cliffs: Silver Burdett Press, 1990). Part of "Pioneers in Change" series. Paperback, \$7.95, 145 pp.

This children's biography is suitable for older elementary through junior high readers. Includes a chronology of Muir's life, a bibliography, and an index.

Graves, Charles, **John Muir** (New York: Thomas Crowell Co. 1973). Illustrated by Robert Levering.

This children's book, well-written with a modern theme of ecology, is especially suitable for second to fourth grade readers.

❖ Greene, Carol, **John Muir: Man of the Wild Places** (Chicago: Children's Press, 1991) A Rookie Biography. 48 pp., illustrated, paperback, \$4.95.

Color and black-and-white photographs on literally every page enhance this simple biography suitable for grades 1- 3. Large print. Includes chart of Important Dates and Index.

Grossman, Adrienne Moss & Beardwood, Valerie, **Trails of His Own: The Story of John Muir & His Fight to Save Our National Parks** (New York: Longmans, Green & Co. 1961) *An imaginative biography of Muir, suitable for 6th to 8th graders. 206 pp.*

❖ Ito, Tom, **The Importance of John Muir** (San Diego, CA" Lucent Books, 1996). Part of "The Importance Of...biography series. 109 pp.

Billed as "Quality Nonfiction for Libraries and Classrooms: this book differs from many children's biographies in that the quotations are all from original sources, and there is no fictionalized dialogue. Each chapter is sub-divided into sub-sections, with frequent excerpts directly from Muir's writing set off by attractive borders. Amply illustrated with photos and maps. Includes footnotes, bibliography, and index.

Morrill, Madge Haines, and Morrill, Leslie, **John Muir: Protector of the Wilds** (New York: Abingdon 1957). Illustrated by Avery Johnson.

This biography is suitable for fourth to sixth grade children. 128 pp.

❖ Ledbetter, Cynthia E. & Richard C. Jones, **John Muir** (Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Publications, Inc., 1993). Rourke Biographies: Pioneers, 112 pp., 14 color & 16 b & w photographs, index, hardcover.

This book (Grades 5 & up), is less a pure biography than a persuasive argument for environmental protection, using Muir's life as the inspiration. The final chapter, Muir's Legacy, describes modern environmental issues, highlighting those in which the Sierra Club is active. Appendices include: Organizations, Time Line, Glossary, Bibliography, Media Resources.

❖ Naden, Corrinne J. and Blue, Rose, **John Muir: Saving the Wilderness** (Brookfield, CT: The Millbrook Press, 1992) (Distributed by Houghton Mifflin) A Gateway Biography, 48 pp., illustrated, paperback, \$4.95.

This well-illustrated biography is suitable for the late primary grades. Excellent choice of modern and historical photographs, except for one mistakenly identifying a much larger reservoir as Hetch Hetchy. Includes "Important Dates" in Muir's life, bibliography, and index. The bibliography emphasizes not history but current conservation issues.

Norman, Charles, *John Muir, Father of Our National Parks* (New York: Messner 1957).

Although currently out of print, still widely available in many libraries; this biography is suitable for junior high to adult readers.

Silverberg, Robert, *John Muir: Prophet Among the Glaciers* (New York: Putnam 1972).

Part of the publisher's "Lives to Remember" series, this modern biography is suitable for sixth to eighth grade students. 255 pp.

Swift, Hildegard Hoyt, *From the Eagle's Wing: A Biography of John Muir* (New York: William Morrow & Co. 1962).

Illustrated by Lynd Ward.

An excellent biography for older elementary and junior high to high school readers.

❖ Talmadge, Katherine S., *John Muir: At Home in the Wild* (New York: 21st Century Books, Henry Holt & Co., 1993).

Illustrated by Antonio Castro. Hardcover, 80 pp.

Suitable for grades 3–5, this new biography is a good introduction to Muir. Part of the publisher's "Earth Keepers" series which portrays many noted historical and contemporary environmentalists, it includes numerous black and white sketches, a glossary and an index.

❖ Tolan, Sally, *John Muir: Naturalist, Writer, and Guardian of the North American Wilderness* (Milwaukee: Gareth Stevens Children's Books, 1990). Part of "People Who Have Helped the World" series. Hardcover, \$12.95, 68 pages.

An excellent biography for fifth and sixth grade readers. Illustrations include color and black and white photographs, charts, and maps. Also includes quotations by and about Muir and conservation philosophy. Includes addresses for further information, a short bibliography, a glossary, a chronology of Muir's life, and a one-page index.

❖ Wadsworth, Ginger, *John Muir: Wilderness Protector* (Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., 1992). Hardcover, \$15.95, 144 pages.

Superb modern biography of Muir, with emphasis on his conservation efforts. Grades 5 & up. Includes index, quotation sources, historical map of Muir's Yosemite, and bibliography.

❖ Weitzman, David, *The Mountain Man and the President* (New York: Steck-Vaughn Co., 1993). Illustrated by Charles Shaw. Paperback (also available in hardcover), \$4.95, 40 pages.

This short storybook for elementary school readers focuses on the 1903 Yosemite camping trip shared by John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt. The book is excellent in explaining how this historical event relates to the importance of wilderness in our lives today, and the continuing need to protect wilderness for the future.

Organizations

Alaska

Haines, Alaska, **John Muir Association**

<http://www.johnmuir.wytbear.com>

California

John Muir Memorial Association

<http://www.johnmuir.org./martinez/>

John Muir Tribute CD

http://www.johnmuir.org./martinez/tribute_cd.html

The View from John Muir's Window (Newsletter)

<http://www.johnmuir.org./martinez/view/>

John Muir National Historic Site (National Park Service)

<http://www.nps.gov/jomu>

John Muir Center for Environmental Studies, University of the Pacific

http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/educational_resources/muir_education_project.html

John Muir Newsletter

http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_newsletter/

The John Muir Collections at University of the Pacific

<http://library.uop.edu/deptholtmuir.html>

Sierra Club John Muir Education Project

http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/educational_resources/muir_education_project.html

Canada

Canadian Friends of John Muir

<http://www.johnmuir.org./canada/>

Scotland

Dunbar's John Muir Association

<http://www.djma.org.uk/djma/>

John Muir Trust

(Conservation organization in Scotland)

<http://www.jmt.org/>

John Muir Birthplace Trust

<http://www.jmbt.org.uk/>

Environmental Organizations Inspired by John Muir

Restore Hetch Hetchy <http://www.hetchhetchy.org>

A new organization devoted to reclaiming the beautiful valley in Yosemite National Park that was John Muir's one great loss.

Sierra Club <http://www.sierraclub.org/>

(Conservation organization serving U.S. and Canada with an International dimension; John Muir was its first President.)