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/

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

Audiovisuals

Lee Stetson, “Conversation with a Tramp”
Wild Productions, P.O. Box 811, Yosemite, CA 95389

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


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


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


Student Bibliography

❖ indicates currently in print.

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.


- 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.


- 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 subsections, with frequent excerpts directly from Muir’s writings set off by attractive borders. Amply illustrated with photos and maps. Includes footnotes, bibliography, and index.


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- 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.


- Dunham, Monrew, *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.”


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

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

Illustrated by Lynd Ward.
An excellent biography for older elementary and junior high to high school readers.

  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.

  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.

  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.

  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.)