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## John Muir Day

John Muir Day is now celebrated on John Muir's birthday each April 21 (the day before Earth Day).

It provides us with a day to reflect on Muir's accomplishments and legacy as a writer, philosopher, and steward of our national park system. John Muir helped lay the groundwork for modern environmental thinking, prompting us to recognize that humans are a part of Nature – and that as John Muir said, "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe."

In 1976, the California Historical Society voted Muir the greatest Californian in the state's history. Now, nearly a century after his death, John Muir continues to inspire us as we tackle the myriad environmental challenges facing us now. April 21 marks the day to pay tribute to this great "Wilderness Prophet."

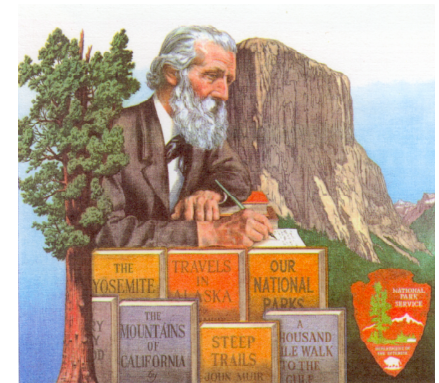


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## John Muir

### *Father of our National Parks*



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*Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.*

– John Muir  
1838–1914

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## About John Muir

*"When we contemplate the whole globe as one great dewdrop, striped and dotted with continents and islands, flying through space with all other stars all singing and shining together as one, the whole universe appears as an infinite storm of beauty." – John Muir*

John Muir (1838–1914) was America's most famous and influential naturalist and conservationist. Born in Scotland, John Muir immigrated to the United States with his family when he was eleven years old. After growing up in Wisconsin, spending time in Canada and journeying on a thousand-mile walk to the Gulf of Mexico, he found his way to the high country of the Sierra Nevada, eventually making California his home.

As a wilderness explorer, he is renowned for his exciting adventures in California's Sierra Nevada, among Alaska's glaciers, and around the world in search of natural beauty.

As a writer, he taught the people of his time and ours the importance of experiencing and protecting our natural heritage. His writings contributed greatly to the creation of Yosemite, Sequoia, Mount Rainier, Petrified Forest, and Grand Canyon National Parks. His home in Martinez, California is now a National Historic Site. [www.nps.gov/jomu/](http://www.nps.gov/jomu/)

## Resources

John Muir Exhibit  
World Wide Web Site  
<http://johnmuir.info/>  
– This is the most comprehensive website about John Muir, containing fact sheets, quotes, the full text of Muir's writings, annotated bibliography, songs, pictures, geography, educational sources, and more.

John Muir Day Study Guide  
– Lesson Plans for Teachers – Free online: [johnmuir.info/educational\\_resources/](http://johnmuir.info/educational_resources/)  
Or order booklet: Sierra Club California, 1414 K. St., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (\$7.00 ppd.)

John Muir – A Brief Biography  
– Sierra Club, Information Desk, 85 Second Street, Second Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105 or online at: [johnmuir.info/life/](http://johnmuir.info/life/)

John Muir T-Shirts and Polo shirts  
– These include a sketch of Muir leaning on his hiking staff, with a label around it reading "John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez, California".  
John Muir Memorial Association, P.O. Box 2433, Martinez, CA 94553.  
[www.johnmuir.org/martinez/](http://www.johnmuir.org/martinez/)

### Books by John Muir

*The Mountains of California*  
*Our National Parks*  
*Stickeen*  
*My First Summer in the Sierra*  
*The Yosemite*  
*The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*  
*Letters to a Friend*  
*Travels in Alaska*  
*A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf*  
*The Cruise of the Corwin*  
*Steep Trails*

## Audio and Video

John Muir Tribute CD  
Outstanding collection of Muir quotations, stories, and songs evocative of Muir's life.  
Preview and order online at: [http://www.johnmuir.org/martinez/tribute\\_cd.html](http://www.johnmuir.org/martinez/tribute_cd.html) © (925) 228–8860.

Lee Stetson, *Conversations with a Tramp* (audio and video), *John Muir's Stickeen*, and *The Spirit of John Muir*. Stetson is also available for live presentations to schools.  
– Wild Productions, PO Box 93, Midpines, CA 95345 (209) 742–7838 [www.johnmuirlive.com](http://www.johnmuirlive.com)

*John Muir: The Man, The Poet, The Legacy*. Video cassette. Canyonlands Publications, 4860 N Ken Morey Dr., Bellemont, AZ 86015 (928) 779–3888.

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