

# JOHN MUIR



- Was a Scottish-American environmentalist who lived in mid 19th century
- He was born in Scotland but moved with his family to Wisconsin
- He loved nature as a young boy as his grandad was taking him on walks in Scottish countryside
- He travelled to Alaska to track the movements of glaciers
- In 1867 Mr. Muir took a walk that was about 1000 miles from Indiana to Florida about which he wrote in his book
- Another long walk was from Kentucky to Gulf of Mexico
- John liked writing, he was writing articles about his travels and also he wrote some books
- As he moved to California he built a small cabin in Yosemite, as the visitors came to the valley they often met John there. He was a great storyteller, guide and knew a lot about natural history that he shared with the visitors

- He was attracted to Sequoia tree as he called them “big trees”, one of three species who survived Ice ages
- With John Muir’s efforts the logging of giant sequoias were largely stopped in 1920, helping to preserve the trees
- He helped to preserve Sequoia National Park, Grand Canyon, Yosemite Valley and some others
- John was also an inventor, one of his inventions was an alarm which was hooked to his bed and will flip in the morning his bed to wake him up
- He is known as John of the mountains and the father of America’s national park
- Many places in US and Scotland were named after him, such as Muir Woods National Monument, Muir Beach, John Muir Trail, Mount Muir and some others

