

John Muir Quotes

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As long as I live, I'll hear waterfalls and birds and winds sing.

~John Muir

Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.

~John Muir

The grand show is eternal It is always sunrise somewhere

~John Muir

I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God, than in church thinking about the mountains.

~John Muir

Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity.

~John Muir

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.

~John Muir

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.

~John Muir

God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools.

~John Muir

Wilderness is a necessity... there must be places for human beings to satisfy their souls.

~John Muir

The mountains are calling and I must go.

~John Muir

When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.

~John Muir

To sit in solitude, to think in solitude with only the music of the stream and the cedar to break the flow of silence, there lies the value of wilderness.

~John Muir

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.

~John Muir

I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.

~John Muir

Wander a whole summer if you can. Time will not be taken from the sum of life. Instead of shortening, it will definitely lengthen it and make you truly immortal.

~John Muir

God never made an ugly landscape. All that sun shines on is beautiful, so long as it is wild.

~John Muir

I am losing precious days. I am degenerating into a machine for making money. I am learning nothing in this trivial world of men. I must break away and get out into the mountains to learn the news

~John Muir

The power of imagination makes us infinite.

~John Muir

The United States government has always been proud of the welcome it has extended to good men of every nation, seeking freedom and homes and bread.

~John Muir

Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life.

~John Muir

While cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

~John Muir

There is that in the glance of a flower which may at times control the greatest of creation's braggart lords.

~John Muir

Any fool can destroy trees, they cannot run away.

~John Muir

The world is big and I want to have a good look at it before it gets dark.

~John Muir

Any fool can destroy trees. They cannot run away; and if they could, they would still be destroyed-chased and hunted down as long as fun or a dollar could be got of their bark hides.

~John Muir

Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.

~John Muir

Only spread a fern-frond over a man's head and worldly cares are cast out, and freedom and beauty and peace come in.

~John Muir

The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.

~John Muir

Take a course in good water and air; and in the eternal youth of Nature you may renew your own. Go quietly, alone; no harm will befall you.

~John Muir

In God's wildness lies the hope of the world.

~John Muir

How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains!

~John Muir

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.

~John Muir

Walk away quietly in any direction and taste the freedom of the mountaineer.

~John Muir

The sun shines not on us but in us.

~John Muir

We all travel the Milky Way together, trees and men.

~John Muir

When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.

~John Muir

Yosemite Park... None can escape its charms. Its natural beauty cleans and warms like a fire, and you will be willing to stay forever in one place like a tree.

~John Muir

Look! Nature is overflowing with the grandeur of God!

~John Muir

The world, we are told, was made especially for man - a presumption not supported by all the facts... Why should man value himself as more than a small part of the one great unit of creation?

~John Muir

Come to the woods, for here is rest.

~John Muir

Going into the woods, is going home

~John Muir

In the eternal youth of Nature, you may renew your own.

~John Muir

Lizards of every temper, style, and color dwell here, seemingly as happy and companionable as the birds and squirrels.

~John Muir

Walk away quietly in any direction and taste the freedom of the mountaineer. Camp out among the grasses and gentians of glacial meadows, in craggy garden nooks full of nature's darlings.

~John Muir

But no temple made with hands can compare with Yosemite. Every rock in its walls seems to glow with life...as if into this one mountain mansion Nature had gathered her choicest treasures.

~John Muir

Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.

~John Muir

The battle for conservation will go on endlessly. It is part of the universal battle between right and wrong.

~John Muir

Going to the mountains is going home.

~John Muir

No right way is easy in this rough world. We must risk our lives to save them.

~John Muir

In God's wildness lies the hope of the world-the great fresh unblighted, unredeemed wilderness. The galling harness of civilization drops off, and wounds heal ere we are aware.

~John Muir

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread.

~John Muir

Let children walk with Nature, let them see the beautiful blendings and communions of death and life, their joyous inseparable unity.

~John Muir

Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the green deep woods.

~John Muir

Few are altogether deaf to the preaching of pine trees. Their sermons on the mountains go to our hearts . . .

~John Muir

Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gloaming, on seas and continents and islands, each in its turn, as the round earth rolls.

~John Muir

Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm.

~John Muir

I wish I knew where I was going. Doomed to be carried of the spirit into the wilderness, I suppose. I wish I could be more moderate in my desires, but I cannot, and so there is no rest.

~John Muir

I never saw a discontented tree. They grip the ground as though they liked it, and though fast rooted they travel about as far as we do.

~John Muir

Yosemite Park is a place of rest, a refuge from the roar and dust and weary, nervous, wasting work of the lowlands, in which one gains the advantages of both solitude and society.

~John Muir

The radiance in some places is so great as to be fairly dazzling... every crystal, every flower a window opening into heaven, a mirror reflecting the Creator.

~John Muir

Handle a book as a bee does a flower, extract its sweetness but do not damage it.

~John Muir

No temple made with hands can compare with Yosemite.

~John Muir

The moon is looking down into the canyon, and how marvelously the great rocks kindle to her light! Every dome, and brow, and swelling boss touched by her white rays, glows as if lighted with snow.

~John Muir

Nature in her green, tranquil woods heals and soothes all afflictions.

~John Muir

Society speaks and all men listen, mountains speak and wise men listen

~John Muir

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Of all the fire mountains which like beacons, once blazed along the Pacific Coast, Mount Rainier is the noblest.

~John Muir

Nature is always lovely, invincible, glad, whatever is done and suffered by her creatures. All scars she heals, whether in rocks or water or sky or hearts.

~John Muir

Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way.

~John Muir

Not blind opposition to progress, but opposition to blind progress.

~John Muir

Go quietly alone, no harm will befall you.

~John Muir

I will follow my instincts, be myself for good or ill, and see what will be the upshot.

~John Muir

The substance of the winds is too thin for human eyes, their written language is too difficult for human minds, and their spoken language mostly too faint for the ears.

~John Muir

One can make a day of any size and regulate the rising and setting of his own sun and the brightness of its shining.

~John Muir

Surely all God's people, however serious or savage, great or small, like to play.

~John Muir

I wonder if leaves feel lonely when they see their neighbors falling?

~John Muir

Nothing truly wild is unclean.

~John Muir

There are no accidents in Nature.

~John Muir

Gigantic second and third growth trees are found in the redwoods, forming magnificent temple-like circles around charred ruins more than a thousand years old.

~John Muir

Trees go wandering forth in all directions with every wind, going and coming like ourselves, traveling with us around the sun two million miles a day, and through space heaven knows how fast and far!

~John Muir

None of Nature's landscapes are ugly so long as they are wild.

~John Muir

Raindrops blossom brilliantly in the rainbow, and change to flowers in the sod, but snow comes in full flower direct from the dark, frozen sky.

~John Muir

God cannot save them from fools.

~John Muir

In this silent, serene wilderness the weary can gain a heart-bath in perfect peace.

~John Muir

I might have become a millionaire, but I chose to become a tramp.

~John Muir

Hidden in the glorious wildness like unmined gold.

~John Muir

Only by going alone in silence, without baggage, can one truly get into the heart of the wilderness. All other travel is mere dust and hotels and baggage and chatter.

~John Muir

Another glorious day, the air as delicious to the lungs as nectar to the tongue.

~John Muir

What wonders lie in every mountain day!

~John Muir

I am well again, I came to life in the cool winds and crystal waters of the mountains.

~John Muir

Man and other civilized animals are the only creatures that ever become dirty.

~John Muir

Anyhow we never know where we must go, nor what guides we are to get - -people, storms, guardian angels, or sheep.

~John Muir

I am hopelessly and forever a mountaineer.

~John Muir

Rivers flow not past, but through us; tingling, vibrating, exciting every cell and fiber in our bodies, making them sing and glide.

~John Muir

It is a vast wilderness of rocks in a sea of light, colored and glowing like oak and maple in autumn, when the sun gold is richest

~John Muir

I...am always glad to touch the living rock again and dip my hand in the high mountain air.

~John Muir

Look up and down and round about you.!

~John Muir

At the touch of this divine light, the mountains seemed to kindle to a rapt, religious consciousness, and stood hushed like devout worshippers waiting to be blessed.

~John Muir

Wherever we go in the mountains, we find more than we seek.

~John Muir

The gross heathenism of civilization has generally destroyed nature, and poetry, and all that is spiritual.

~John Muir

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