



The Yosemite

by John Muir (1838-1914)

John Muir was an American naturalist, author, and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. His letters, essays and books telling of his adventures in nature, especially in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California, have been read by millions and inspired readers -- including presidents and congressmen -- to take action to help preserve large natural areas. The Sierra Club, which he founded, is now one of the most important conservation organizations in the United States. In his later life, Muir devoted most of his time to the preservation of the Western forests. He petitioned the U.S. Congress for the National Park Bill that was passed in 1899, establishing both Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks.

The Yosemite is John Muir's "adventure guide" for the Yosemite Valley.



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