

# John Muir Day Celebrations (18 – 26th April)

All ages



It's John Muir's 182nd birthday this year – on 21st April to be exact! John Muir Day Celebrations offer a long-week window – 18th -26th April of opportunities to mark and share John Muir's legacy with dedicated resources and activities. John Muir was a founding father of the modern nature conservation movement.

## Top 10 favourite activities

Browse the John Muir Trust's favourite Muir activities to help inspire fun and connection with nature wherever you are. From creating a 'Muir-al', to crafting a mini Muir, and plotting your own John Muir Way, to giving 'Muir-ienteering' a go – there is something here for everyone.

[10 Favourite Muir Activities](#)

**Mission: Explore John Muir** – a unique set of activities that will inspire people to follow in the footsteps of John Muir. Act like a Victorian explorer, open a mini National Park, create your own 'small-five' safari and much more. Free download of 20 Muir-related activities (available in English, Welsh & Gaelic).

[www.johnmuirtrust.org/initiatives/mission-explore-john-muir](http://www.johnmuirtrust.org/initiatives/mission-explore-john-muir)

**Home activity keep a journal** – John Muir was taken on an adventure away from everything familiar to him when he was nearly 11 years old. One evening in February 1849, his father came to him while he was studying, saying 'Ye neednae dae yer homework the nicht boys, fur we're gaen tae America the morn.'

[www.jmbt.org.uk/2020/03/23/home-activity-keep-a-journal/](http://www.jmbt.org.uk/2020/03/23/home-activity-keep-a-journal/)

## John Muir, Earth – Planet, Universe

Download for free this graphic novel based on the life and adventures of John Muir. The novel is supported by a range of learning resources and activities designed to help children, young people (and adults) develop a deeper understanding and awareness of the nature and the importance of protecting wild places.

[www.scottishbooktrust.com/johnmuir](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/johnmuir)

**Observe Nature like John Muir** – "I'd sit for hours watching the birds or squirrels or looking into the faces of flowers... to make its acquaintance and try to hear what it had to tell me." John Muir: My Life with Nature.

[www.sharingnature.com/observe-nature-like-john-muir.html](http://www.sharingnature.com/observe-nature-like-john-muir.html)

Listen to bird song and recognise different sounds

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/identify-bird-song/](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/identify-bird-song/)

## Even more ideas to get involved!

Visit [www.discoverjohnmuir.com](http://www.discoverjohnmuir.com) for Muir information, activities and examples  
Download the [John Muir Resource Guide](#) from the John Muir Trust.

Be inspired by John Muir's Birthplace home activities [www.jmbt.org.uk/learn/](http://www.jmbt.org.uk/learn/)  
Share your John Muir adventures on social media throughout the week using #johnmuirday

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