



# 125 YEARS OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Founded by legendary conservationist John Muir in 1892, the Sierra Club is now the USA's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization with more than two million members and supporters. Its successes range from protecting millions of acres of wilderness to helping pass the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act. More recently, the Club has made history by leading the charge to move away from the dirty fossil fuels that cause climate disruption and toward a clean energy economy.



## MISSION STATEMENT

To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth;

To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources;

To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.



Nature has come under siege as never before. Species are disappearing, climate change accelerating and our natural resources diminishing. As a result, Muir's ideas and philosophy look even more relevant in the 21st century, and the writings of this pioneering conservationist, still fresh and vibrant, are becoming ever more popular.  
*"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe"* he wrote, in an early insight into the global ecosystem.

This exhibition gives an overview of how the words and deeds of Muir provide the inspiration for the Sierra Club's fundamental message to ***Explore, enjoy and protect the planet***, and how the Club is rising to the environmental challenges that face us all.



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