

JOHN MUIR A GUDE FECHTER

“The battle we have fought for conservation will go on endlessly. It is part of the universal battle between right and wrong.” JOHN MUIR

Millions of people have come to see our dependence on the earth and its systems. Many influential individuals and organisations have been inspired by Muir to continue to fight to save the natural environment and its diverse ecosystems.

Theodore Roosevelt

“I want to drop politics absolutely for four days and just be out in the open with you.”

Muir spoke to Roosevelt of environmental degradation and persuaded him on a course of action that established 148 million acres of National Forest, 5 National Parks and 23 National Monuments.



“Those [forest] reserves are not merely for the convenience and benefit of the people near them, but they are the property of the nation and for its greatest good. It is unreasonable to suppose that they should be destroyed or imperiled for any local convenience, as a mere present to men engaged in one local industry.” THEODORE ROOSEVELT

The Sierra Club – founded by Muir in 1892 – is the most enduring and influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States. *‘We know that environmental issues can’t be separated from social justice—because we all breathe the same air and share the same land.’*

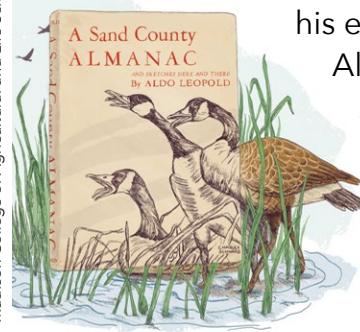
Greta Thunberg

“stands on the shoulders” of others who came before her



Aldo Leopold (1887 -1948) USA introduced the concept of a land ethic, arguing in his essays, ‘A Sand Country Almanac’ that humans should transform themselves from conquerors of nature into citizens of it.

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Rachel Carson

(1907 - 1964) USA – her book *Silent Spring* (1962) challenged the notion that humans could obtain mastery over nature by chemicals such as DDT and laid the foundations for the Environmental Movement.



Wangari Maathai (1940 – 2011), Kenya founder of the Green Belt Movement and the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate for her vast contributions to sustainable development.

“It is the people who must save the environment. It is the people who must make their leaders change. And we cannot be intimidated. So we must stand up for what we believe in.”



The John Muir Trust founded in Scotland in 1983 with a vision for a world where wild places are respected and protected for the wellbeing of people and wildlife.

Friends of John Muir’s Birthplace

formed in 1994 to promote the life and work of John Muir in Dunbar and beyond.

