



National Park Service Ice Age Trail and John Muir 2016 Centennial Event

Purpose of Event

In 2016, nationwide, the National Park Service and partners will be celebrating its 100th anniversary, by reflecting on our accomplishments and looking forward to the next century of conservation stewardship and public engagement. In preparation for this future, *A Call To Action* was developed to create a second century vision for the National Park Service by identifying goals that will provide for today and tomorrow's large, urban, and diverse population. To celebrate the National Park Service Centennial and our *A Call To Action* accomplishments, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail staff, partners and friends will be holding an event on August 6, 2016, at John Muir County Park in Marquette County, Wisconsin. Approximately 300 people are expected to attend.

Event Overview

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail (Trail) has the good fortune of being located in Wisconsin, John Muir's boyhood home, where the Trail meanders around Ennis Lake (Fountain Lake), site of Muir's first homestead in Wisconsin. It is not a coincidence that this Centennial celebration is being held at this location. John Muir played a key role in the creation of the National Park system, and the Trail and Muir share many common themes including the love of nature, sauntering and glaciers.

This event will recognize and capture the themes of John Muir's youth and life —adventurer, artist, writer/poet, spiritual environmentalist, naturalist, geologist, advocate—and show how they are alive today and reflected in the Ice Age Trail, individual citizens, and national and local environmental organizations. Highlights of the program will include: an original poem by 2011-2012 Wisconsin State Poet Laureate, Bruce Dethlefsen for the NPS Centennial; author presentations; an open air art exhibit by children from the Ice Age Trail Alliance *Saunter Like Muir* and Wisconsin Friends of John Muir *Saunters* programs who will have hiked the Ice Age Trail while immersed in the philosophy of John Muir; new digital exhibits on John Muir in Wisconsin, and a phone app of a tour of John Muir's Marquette County. After lunch, there will be hikes and workshops led by local and national experts. To close the celebration, we will have a discussion on the roots of Wisconsin's environmental tradition (Muir and others) and the importance of civic participation and building non-partisan support for the environment and future generations.





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Schedule of Events (Morning)

7:00 a.m. Birds of John Muir Hike with Ornithologist and Writer, Daryl Christensen

9:00 a.m. Registration

10-11:30 a.m. NPS Centennial Celebration Program (Large Event Tent)

- *Greetings and Overview of the Day*-- Ice Age NST Superintendent John Madden
- *Poem for event* by 2011-2012 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Bruce Dethlfesen; Muir quotes
- *Welcome* by Marquette County Board Chairman Bob Miller
- *Comments* by NPS Washington representative
- *Comments* by Invited Guest Senator Tammy Baldwin
- **John Muir and the National Park Service**, Associate Professor at Texas Tech University and author of *Inherit the Holy Mountain: Religion and Rise of American Environmentalism* Mark Stoll
- *John Muir—His Wisconsin Boyhood and Neighborhood* by Historian and Author Kathleen McGwin
- *Ice Age Trail Saunter Like Muir Program*—Ice Age Trail Alliance Executive Director, Mike Wollmer (5 min), Ice Age Trail Alliance Outreach and Education Director Luke Kloberdanz and SLM participants (A Call To Action # 16 & 18).
- *Greetings from Dunbar Scotland*, and NPS Sites over ham radio, Ham Radio Operator Gary Sorenson

11:45-1:00 Lunch





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Ongoing Afternoon Programs

- *Saunter Like Muir* (SLM) Open Air Art Exhibit—Ice Age Trail around Ennis (Fountain Lake),
Saunter Like Muir Participants
- *Communicate with Dunbar Scotland*, and NPS Sites over ham radio,
Ham Radio Operator, Gary Sorenson
- *Family Tent (Tent E)*—Youth Booth: Activities for Children
- *Readers Realm Bookstore*
- *Exhibitors Tent*: Times for presentations will be forthcoming.





Field Trips and Workshops—Registration is Required

1:00-2:30	Walks—Gather at John Muir Monument north of parking lot
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Walk Ice Age Trail around Ennis Lake</i> (Fountain Lake)-Ecologist, Mark Martin (1.5 hours) • <i>Walk/talk Eggleston Property</i>—IATA Land Stewardship Director, Kevin Thusius, Ice Age Trail Volunteer and WFJM Board Member, Fred Wollenburg (1.5 hours)

1:00 p.m. *Bus Tour of John Muir’s Neighborhood*—Kathleen McGwin and new app. Bus will be at park entrance. (90 min)

Workshops—Tents A, B, C and D

	Tent A	Tent B	Tent C	Tent D
1:00 p.m.	<i>John Muir</i> (others) and the religious roots of America’s environmentalism and its future in a growing secular society—Professor and Author Mark Stoll (90 min.)	<i>John Muir and Glaciers:</i> Wisconsin, California, Alaska—John Muir’s glacial theories/observations--Geologist David Mickelson (45 min.)	<i>The Alexander Wilson Story:</i> the Scot who founded American ornithology and influenced John Muir—Columbia Community College adjunct instructor, student of Jed Burt, and park ranger, Bryan Sharp (90 min.)	<i>Art and Nature</i> Writer and author <i>Doreen Pfof</i> , and Fine Artist <i>Todd Persche</i> talk about the inspiration and process behind their nature-inspired work.
1:45		<i>Marquette County Archeology for Kids,</i> Seth Taft Archeologist (45 min.)		

2:30-2:45 *--Break--*

2:45-4:00	<p><i>Plenary Session & Closing</i></p> <p>Roots of the Wisconsin Environmental Tradition (Muir and others)—Deputy Director, Library Archives, Wisconsin Historical Society, Michael Edmonds (15 mins)</p> <p>Building non-partisan support for the protection of the environment and future generations, Former Congressmen David Obey and Thomas Petri (45 mins)</p> <p><i>Closing:</i> Awarding of Junior Ranger Patches and Medallions to Participants in <i>Saunter Like Muir</i> and <i>Marquette County Saunter</i> Programs (15 mins), Ice Age Trail Alliance Outreach and Education Director, Luke Kolberdanz and Marquette County Historian and Author, Kathleen McGwin, Saunters Participants</p>	<p>Large Event Tent</p>
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