“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.” John Muir

My Saunter Journal

Earth-Planet, Universe

Muir is still here.........

The Marquette County John Muir Nature and History Route
John Muir kept journals on all his travels. The earliest journal we know of is from 1867 when he walked from Wisconsin to the Gulf of Mexico. He called this his 1,000 mile walk. In the front of that journal he wrote his name and then Earth, Planet-Universe. This showed that he no longer lived in one place, but that his home was the whole earth, in fact the whole universe!

You can design your journal the way you want. You can draw or paste something like a leaf on the front. John Muir drew plants and people and places that he saw. It helped him be very mindful of details and helped him to remember his travels. He also pressed plants...be sure not to pick anything that is threatened or rare. Adding leaves, seeds, grasses, and other things you find makes your journal more special.

Have fun keeping your Marquette County John Muir Nature and History Route Saunter Journal.

Write a sentence about where Marquette County is located in Wisconsin:

1. Draw a circle around Marquette County.
2. Write N on the north side of Wisconsin
3. Write S on the south side
4. Write W on the west side
5. Write E on the east side
Circle the places you visit
Follow the roads you travel
Put a star on the places you saunter
“In a few weeks...we were taking adventurous rides...out to a big meadow frequented by sandhill cranes, and returning safely with wonderful stories of the great long-legged birds we had seen.”
“I wish, Mrs. Carr, that I could see your mosses and ferns and lichens.”

John Muir in letter to friend

“No flower was hailed with greater wonder and admiration by the European settlers...than this white water-lily. It is a magnificent plant, queen of the inland waters, pure white...the most beautiful, sumptuous, and deliciously fragrant of all our Wisconsin flowers. No lily garden in civilization we had ever seen could compare with our lake garden.”