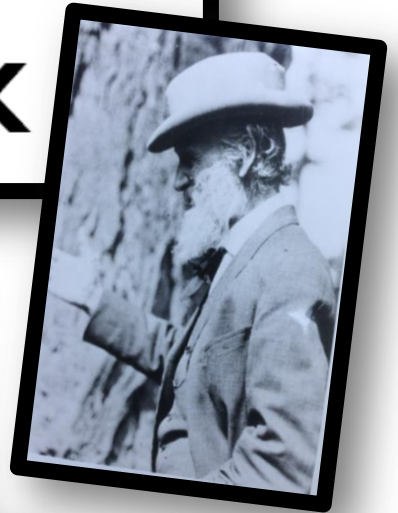


# John Muir Nature Quotes & Copywork



## John Muir Nature Quotes

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Carefully copy or write out your quote ~

I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.

John Muir

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.

John Muir

What inspired you in this quote?

The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.

John Muir

Come to the woods, for here is rest.

John Muir

What new word did you learn? meaning. Now use this word in your own words.

All the wild world is beautiful, and it matters but little where we go, to highlands or lowlands, woods or plains, on the sea or land or down among the crystals of waves or high in a balloon in the sky; through all the climates, hot or cold, storms and calms, everywhere and always we are in God's eternal beauty and love. So universally true is this, the spot where we chance to be always seems the best.

John Muir

## Nature Quotes for Charlotte Mason Copywork

These John Muir Nature Quotes can be used for copywork, vocabulary extension and as creative writing prompts and are power-packed if you progress their application using these three Charlotte Mason methods ~

### 1. Copywork 2. Transcription 3. Dictation

Gently moving from one stage to the next as the child is ready, you will very naturally teach beautiful handwriting, develop grammar and spelling, increase vocabulary, and seamlessly impart good writing style.

**Copywork** (Grades 1-2) is simply copying a passage with many excellent benefits ~

- \* Once a child has learnt to write each letter using my [laminated handwriting charts](#), beginners begin to copy each sentence, done slowly and gently, with an emphasis on quality not quantity.
- \* Careful copywork gives a child the opportunity to practice beautiful **handwriting** in context.
- \* Copywork reinforces the **habits** of **observation**, **best effort**, and **attention**.
- \* Lessons are kept **short** (5–10 minutes) and the goal is beautiful work.

**Copywork leads to Transcription.** (Grades 2-3) copying from memory ~

- \* Once the student has mastered the mechanics of handwriting, he can start concentrating on the spelling of the passages he is copying.
- \* At this stage he **looks at/ studies** the word in the passage, then **writes it from memory**, and **double checking his spelling** right away.
- \* Rather than copying letter for letter, he begins to write whole words from memory, working his way through the passage.

**Dictation** (Grades 4–12) is an advanced skill of writing out the prepared passage as the parent or teacher dictates it to him. Focus is on spelling ~

- \* The child studies the passage ahead of time making sure he knows how to spell every word in it, taking note of the punctuation and capitalization.
- \* Parents dictate the passage phrase by phrase.
- \* Dictation cultivates the habit of looking at how words are spelled, reinforces correct punctuation and capitalization; sharpens listening comprehension; increases vocabulary through context; reinforces correct sentence structure; reinforces the habits of observation and attention.

I love Charlotte Mason's simple, yet highly effective approach!

# John Muir Nature Quotes

The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.

[John Muir](#)

Come to the woods, for here is rest.

[John Muir](#)

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.

[John Muir](#)

Wilderness is a necessity... there must be places for human beings to satisfy their souls...

[John Muir](#)

What wonders lie in every mountain day!

[John Muir](#)

The mountains are calling and I must go.

[John Muir](#)

Of all the paths you take in life,  
make sure a few of them are dirt.

[John Muir](#)

Going to the mountains is going home.

[John Muir](#)

In the eternal youth of Nature, you may renew your own.

[John Muir](#)

Look! Nature is overflowing with the grandeur of God!

[John Muir](#)

Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life.

[John Muir](#)

The world is big and I want to have a good look at it before it gets dark.

[John Muir](#)

The sun shines not on us but in us.

[John Muir](#)

# John Muir Nature Quotes

In God's wildness lies the hope of the world.

[John Muir](#)

Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm.

[John Muir](#)

Nothing truly wild is unclean.

[John Muir](#)

How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains!

[John Muir](#)

As long as I live, I'll hear waterfalls and birds and winds sing.

[John Muir](#)

I wonder if leaves feel lonely when they see their neighbors falling?

[John Muir](#)

None of Nature's landscapes are ugly so long as they are wild.

[John Muir](#)

God never made an ugly landscape. All that sun shines on is beautiful, so long as it is wild.

[John Muir](#)

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.

[John Muir](#)

I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God, than in church thinking about the mountains.

[John Muir](#)

As long as I live, I'll hear waterfalls and birds and winds sing. I'll interpret the rocks, learn the language of flood, storm, and the avalanche. I'll acquaint myself with the glaciers and wild gardens, and get as near the heart of the world as I can".

[John Muir](#)

# John Muir Nature Quotes

Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity...

John Muir

To sit in solitude, to think in solitude with only the music of the stream and the cedar to break the flow of silence, there lies the value of wilderness.

John Muir

God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools.

John Muir

I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.

John Muir

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.

John Muir

Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the green deep woods.

John Muir

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

John Muir

Society speaks and all men listen, mountains speak and wise men listen

John Muir

Few are altogether deaf to the preaching of pine trees. Their sermons on the mountains go to our hearts . . .

John Muir

When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.

John Muir

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I never saw a discontented tree. They grip the ground as though they liked it, and though fast rooted they travel about as far as we do.

John Muir

The battle for conservation will go on endlessly. It is part of the universal battle between right and wrong.

John Muir

Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.

John Muir

Rivers flow not past, but through us; tingling, vibrating, exciting every cell and fiber in our bodies, making them sing and glide.

John Muir

I am well again, I came to life in the cool winds and crystal waters of the mountains.

John Muir

Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way.

John Muir

Handle a book as a bee does a flower, extract its sweetness but do not damage it.

John Muir

One can make a day of any size and regulate the rising and setting of his own sun and the brightness of its shining.

John Muir

This grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere; the dew is never dried all at once; a shower is forever falling; vapor is ever rising. Eternal sunrise, eternal dawn and gloaming, on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn, as the round earth rolls.

John Muir

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I am losing precious days. I am degenerating into a machine for making money. I am learning nothing in this trivial world of men. I must break away and get out into the mountains to learn the news.

John Muir

Wander a whole summer if you can. Time will not be taken from the sum of life. Instead of shortening, it will definitely lengthen it and make you truly immortal.

John Muir

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn.

John Muir

Nature is ever at work building and pulling down, creating and destroying, keeping everything whirling and flowing, allowing no rest but in rhythmical motion, chasing everything in endless song out of one beautiful form into another.

John Muir

These beautiful days ... do not exist as mere pictures - maps hung upon the walls of memory to brighten at times when touched by association or will ... They saturate themselves into every part of the body and live always.

John Muir

Let children walk with Nature, let them see the beautiful blendings and communions of death and life, their joyous inseparable unity, as taught in woods and meadows, plains and mountains and streams of our blessed star, and they will learn that death is stingless indeed, and as beautiful as life.

John Muir



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Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the green deep woods. Here grow the wallflower and the violet. The squirrel will come and sit upon your knee, the logcock will wake you in the morning. Sleep in forgetfulness of all ill. Of all the upness accessible to mortals, there is no upness comparable to the mountains.

John Muir

All the wild world is beautiful, and it matters but little where we go, to highlands or lowlands, woods or plains, on the sea or land or down among the crystals of waves or high in a balloon in the sky; through all the climates, hot or cold, storms and calms, everywhere and always we are in God's eternal beauty and love. So universally true is this, the spot where we chance to be always seems the best.

John Muir

The radiance in some places is so great as to be fairly dazzling... every crystal, every flower a window opening into heaven, a mirror reflecting the Creator.

John Muir

In God's wildness lies the hope of the world-the great fresh unblighted, unredeemed wilderness. The galling harness of civilization drops off, and wounds heal ere we are aware.

John Muir

Only by going alone in silence, without baggage, can one truly get into the heart of the wilderness. All other travel is mere dust and hotels and baggage and chatter.

John Muir

No words will ever describe the exquisite beauty and charm of this mountain park – Nature's landscape garden at once tenderly beautiful and sublime. No wonder it draws nature-lovers from all over the world.

John Muir



# John Muir Nature Quotes

When we contemplate the whole globe as one great dewdrop, striped and dotted with continents and islands, flying through space with other stars all singing and shining together as one, the whole universe appears as an infinite storm of beauty.

John Muir

Beside the grand history of the glaciers and their own, the mountain streams sing the history of every avalanche or earthquake and of snow, all easily recognized by the human ear, and every word evoked by the falling leaf and drinking deer, beside a thousand other facts so small and spoken by the stream in so low a voice the human ear cannot hear them.

John Muir

Wilderness is not only a haven for native plants and animals but it is also a refuge from society. Its a place to go to hear the wind and little else, see the stars and the galaxies, smell the pine trees, feel the cold water, touch the sky and the ground at the same time, listen to coyotes, eat the fresh snow, walk across the desert sands, and realize why its good to go outside of the city and the suburbs. Fortunately, there is wilderness just outside the limits of the cities and the suburbs in most of the United States, especially in the West.

John Muir

There are no accidents in Nature. Every motion of the constantly shifting bodies in the world is timed to the occasion for some definite, fore-ordered end. The flowers blossom in obedience to the same law that marks the course of constellations, and the song of a bird is the echo of a universal symphony. Nature is one, and to me the greatest delight of observation and study is to discover new unities in this all-embracing and eternal harmony.

John Muir

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The sun shines not on us but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us. Thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fibre and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing. The trees wave and the flowers bloom in our bodies as well as our souls, and every bird song, wind song, and tremendous storm song of the rocks in the heart of the mountains is our song, our very own, and sings our love.

[John Muir](#)

Hiking - I don't like either the word or the thing. People ought to saunter in the mountains - not hike! Do you know the origin of that word 'saunter?' It's a beautiful word. Away back in the Middle Ages people used to go on pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and when people in the villages through which they passed asked where they were going, they would reply, "A la sainte terre," 'To the Holy Land.' And so they became known as sainte-terre-ers or saunterers. Now these mountains are our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently, not 'hike' through them."

[John Muir](#)

Few places in this world are more dangerous than home. Fear not, therefore, to try the mountain passes. They will kill care, save you from deadly apathy, set you free, and call forth every faculty into vigorous, enthusiastic action.

[John Muir](#)

The mountains are fountains of men as well as of rivers, of glaciers, of fertile soil. The great poets, philosophers, prophets, able men whose thoughts and deeds have moved the world, have come down from the mountains - mountain dwellers who have grown strong there with the forest trees in Nature's workshops.

[John Muir](#)

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So abundant and novel are the objects of interest in a pure wilderness that unless you are pursuing special studies it matters little where you go, or how often to the same place. Wherever you chance to be always seems at the moment of all places the best; and you feel that there can be no happiness in this world or in any other for those who may not be happy there.

John Muir

Wildness was ever sounding in our ears, and Nature saw to it that besides school lessons some of her own lessons should be learned, perhaps with a view to the time when we should be called to wander in wildness to our heart's content.

John Muir

So extraordinary is Nature with her choicest treasures, spending plant beauty as she spends sunshine, pouring it forth into land and sea, garden and desert. And so the beauty of lilies falls on angels and men, bears and squirrels, wolves and sheep, birds and bees...

John Muir

Bears are made of the same dust as we, and they breathe the same winds and drink of the same waters. A bear's days are warmed by the same sun, his dwellings are overdomed by the same blue sky, and his life turns and ebbs with heart pulsing like ours. He was poured from the same first fountain. And whether he at last goes to our stingy Heaven or not, he has terrestrial immortality. His life, not long, not short, knows no beginning, no ending. To him life unstinted, unplanned, is above the accidents of time, and his years, markless and boundless, equal eternity.

John Muir

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A few minutes ago every tree was excited, bowing to the roaring storm, waving, swirling, tossing their branches in glorious enthusiasm like worship. But though to the outer ear these trees are now silent, their songs never cease. Every hidden cell is throbbing with music and life, every fiber thrilling like harp strings, while incense is ever flowing from the balsam bells and leaves. No wonder the hills and groves were God's first temples, and the more they are cut down and hewn into cathedrals and churches, the farther off and dimmer seems the Lord himself.

John Muir

One learns that the world, though made, is yet being made; that this is still the morning of creation; that mountains long conceived are now being born, channels traced for coming rivers, basins hollowed for lakes...

John Muir

Another glorious Sierra day in which one seems to be dissolved and absorbed and sent pulsing onward we know not where. Life seems neither long nor short, and we take no more heed to save time or make haste than do the trees and stars. This is true freedom, a good practical sort of immortality.

John Muir

No synonym for God is so perfect as Beauty. Whether as seen carving the lines of the mountains with glaciers, or gathering matter into stars, or planning the movements of water, or gardening - still all is Beauty!

John Muir

How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains! To behold this alone is worth the pains of any excursion a thousand times over. The highest peaks burned like islands in a sea of liquid shade. Then the lower peaks and spires caught the glow, and long lances of light, streaming through many a notch and pass, fell thick on the frozen meadows.

John Muir

Oh, these vast, calm, measureless mountain days, inciting at once to work and rest! Days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show us God. Nevermore, however weary, should one faint by the way who gains the blessings of one mountain day; whatever his fate, long life, short life, stormy or calm, he is rich forever.

John Muir

We are now in the mountains and they are in us, kindling enthusiasm, making every nerve quiver, filling every pore and cell of us. Our flesh-and-bone tabernacle seems transparent as glass to the beauty about us, as if truly an inseparable part of it, thrilling with the air and trees, streams and rocks, in the waves of the sun,-a part of all nature, neither old nor young, sick nor well, but immortal.

John Muir

...full of God's thoughts, a place of peace and safety amid the most exalted grandeur and enthusiastic action, a new song, a place of beginnings abounding in first lessons of life, mountain building, eternal, invincible, unbreakable order; with sermons in stone, storms, trees, flowers, and animals brimful with humanity.

John Muir

How hard to realize that every camp of men or beast has this glorious starry firmament for a roof! In such places standing alone on the mountain-top it is easy to realize that whatever special nests we make - leaves and moss like the marmots and birds, or tents or piled stone - we all dwell in a house of one room - the world with the firmament for its roof - and are sailing the celestial spaces without leaving any track.

John Muir

I like to walk, touch living Mother Earth—bare feet best, and thrill every step. Used to envy happy reptiles that had advantage of so much body in contact with earth, bosom to bosom. [We] live with our heels as well as head and most of our pleasure comes in that way.

John Muir

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