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Biography of John Muir

Scottish-born American naturalist and conservationist John Muir immigrated to the United States with his family when he was 11 years old. Settling in Marquette County, Wisconsin, Muir found his love of the outdoors while growing to manhood here. The video was Produced by the National Parks Service. Part 1 [Watch Video](#) and Part 2 [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Wisconsin's John Muir—A Travelling Exhibit and Reading Program

During 2016 the Wisconsin Historical Society is providing a free exhibit to local public libraries and historical societies in 25 communities around the state. "Wisconsin's John Muir" explores Muir's youth in Wisconsin, his advocacy for national parks, and his views on environmental issues such as logging, hunting, and climate change. Its eight panels share facsimiles of images and manuscripts from the Society's library and archives alongside Muir quotes and interpretive texts. [Read More](#)

Observatory Hill State Natural Area Restoration

Once a favorite childhood haunt of famed naturalist John Muir, Observatory Hill State Natural Area is undergoing restoration work to reverse the impacts of invasive plants, overgrown trees, and past grazing and indiscriminate timber harvest in this special site. The primary goal is to restore the site to closer to what Muir experienced and to maintain it as valuable example of the different types of savannas disappearing from Wisconsin and from much of the world, including oak barrens, oak openings and oak woodland and cedar glade. [Read More](#)

The Evolution of Wisconsin's County Forests (by Jane Severt and Joe Schwantes)

In the late 1800's and very early 1900's, farming was promoted as the appropriate use of land in northern Wisconsin, trees were often seen as obstacles. Promoted agricultural land use coupled with a growing demand for lumber to build large metropolitan areas in southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and eastern Minnesota led to massive deforestation. Much of northern Wisconsin proved marginal at best for use as farmlands, and when the depression era hit many of these lands were abandoned and became tax delinquent. By Wisconsin law, such lands were forfeited to the county. [Read More](#) (see page 10)

Animating Forestry: A Short, Sweet Look at All that's Good about Wood

Confor, a membership organization promoting sustainable forestry and low-carbon businesses in the United Kingdom, recently released an animated film demonstrating the link between tree planting and the wood products many of us take for granted in our live [Read More](#)

The Wood Wide Web

In 1999, a team of scientists led by Christian Körner did what thousands of people do every Christmas: they wrapped Norway spruce trees in tubes. Except this was in March, not December. And the trees were 40-metre-tall giants in the middle of a Swiss forest, not 2-metre pipsqueaks in a living room. For years, the team fumigated five of these wild spruces. They wanted to see how trees will cope with the high levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide that we're pumping into the atmosphere. But in the process, and almost by accident, they showed that trees of different species exchange huge amounts of carbon via an internet of fungi—a "wood-wide web" that secretly connects their roots. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location / Dates	Cost	Notes
Celebrate and Experience Chippewa Falls History "The Past Passed Here" <i>enjoy this step back in time, exploring authentic re-enactor camps and participating in activities, camp skill competitions and more</i>	Allen Park, at the corner of Bridge and Spring streets, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Thurs, May 12: 3pm - 6pm Fri, May 13: 3pm - 6pm Sat, May 14: 9am - 6pm Sun, May 15: 9am - 4pm	\$3 per person Under 5 are free \$10 family pass	For Full Details Visit Here

Call for Nominations — 2016 Distinguished Service Award

Do you know of an individual or organization that deserves to be recognized for their meritorious service or accomplishments in the field of forestry, forest history or other related activities?

If so, submit your nomination to:

Don Schnitzler, 301 S. Cedar Ave., Marshfield, Wi 54449 or

email : thefhaw@gmail.com

Nominations will be accepted until May 10, 2016

Call for Papers

The 41st Annual Meeting of the FHAW will be held August 18—20, 2016 at Burlington, Wisconsin.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper at our annual meeting please contact Don Schnitzler.

Papers on any aspect of forest history of Wisconsin are welcome,

but those dealing with the South-eastern Wisconsin area or Conservation, Land Preservation or Forest Management are especially desired. Illustrated presentations are particularly encouraged and we have association members willing to offer suggestions and assistance to prospective speakers.

Suggest your topic to:

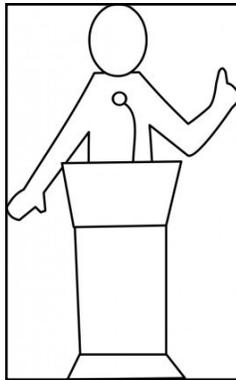
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To assist with meeting planning

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Forest History Association Announces 2016 Annual Meeting

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin (FHAW) is holding its 41st Annual Meeting on August 18 - 20, 2016, at The SENO K/RLT Conservancy, 3606 Dyer Lake Road, Burlington, Wisconsin. The theme for this year's meeting "Conservation, Land Preservation and Forest Management" is appropriate considering SENO's dedication to sustainable forestry, natural resources education, conservation and land preservation.

Make Your Lodging Reservations Early

Baymont Inn and Suites-

Waterford/Burlington

750 Fox Lane,

Waterford, WI 53185

Rooms are \$99.00/night plus tax.

To make your reservation:

call the hotel directly at

262-534-4100

and mention

the Forest History Association.

15 Rooms blocked until August 1, 2016

Other area Hotels/Motel (no blocked rooms)

Rainbow Motel

733 Milwaukee Ave

Burlington, WI

(262) 763-2491

Bristol Motel

4510 200th Ave

Bristol, WI 53104

(262) 857-2396