



A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain
- Wilderness Act 1964

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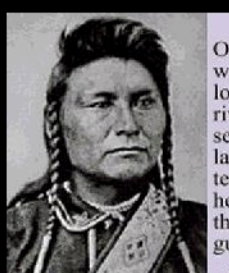
Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of the birds, the ebb and flow of the tides, the folded bud ready for the spring.
- Rachel Carson

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I wish to speak a word for Nature, for absolute freedom and wildness, as contrasted with a freedom and culture merely civil to regard man as an inhabitant, or a part and parcel of Nature, rather than a member of society
-H.D. Thoreau

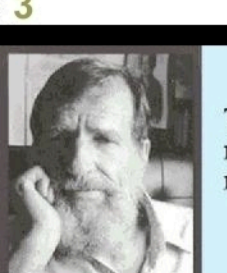


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Our dead never forget this beautiful world that gave them being. They still love its verdant valleys, its murmuring rivers, its magnificent mountains, sequestered vales and verdant lined lakes and bays, and ever yearn in tender fond affection over the lonely hearted living, and often return from the happy hunting ground to visit, guide, console, and comfort them.
- Chief Seattle (Suquamish)

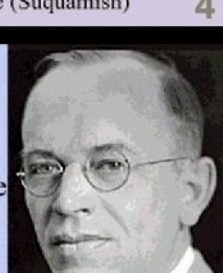
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The idea of wilderness needs no defense. It only needs more defenders.
- Edward Abbey

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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.
- Aldo Leopold



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There is just one hope of repulsing the tyrannical ambition of civilization to conquer every niche on the whole earth. That hope is the organization of spirited people who will fight for the freedom of the wilderness.
- David Brower

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I hope the United States of America is not so rich that she can afford to let these wildernesses pass by, or so poor she cannot afford to keep them.
- Mardy Murie

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I have hiked mountains throughout the West ..., and I think I am correct when I say that there is no place like Colorado. Our mountains... have weathered and crumbled to exactly the right degree to make them the most beautiful mountains in the world.
- John Fielder

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For me,... the most important passion of life is the overpowering desire to escape periodically from the clutches of a mechanistic civilization. To us the enjoyment of solitude, complete independence, and the beauty of undefiled panoramas is absolutely essential to happiness.
- Bob Marshall

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Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed... never again can we have the chance to see ourselves single, separate, ...part of the environment of trees and rocks and soil, brother to the other animals, part of the natural world and competent to belong in it.
- Wallace Stegner

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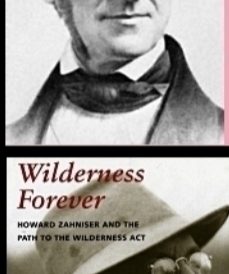
Without enough wilderness America will change. Democracy.. must be fibred and vitalized by the regular contact with outdoor growths -- animals, trees, sun warmth, and free skies -- or it will dwindle and pale.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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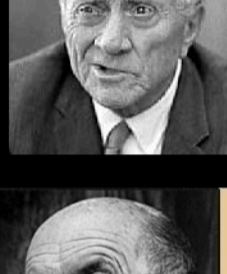
The concept of public welfare is broad and inclusive... The values it represents are spiritual as well as physical, aesthetic as well as monetary. It is within the power of the legislature to determine that the community should be beautiful as well as healthy, spacious as well as clean.
- William O. Douglas

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We have a profound fundamental need for areas of the earth where we stand without our mechanisms that make us immediate masters over our environment.
Howard Zahniser

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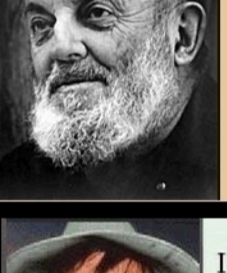
No matter how sophisticated you may be, a large granite mountain cannot be denied; it speaks in silence to the very core of your being.
Ansel Adams

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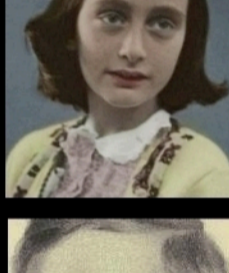
The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.
- Anne Frank

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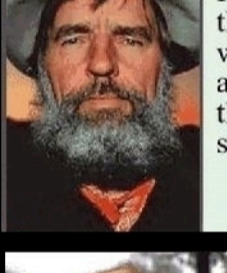
I come more and more to the conclusion that wilderness, in America or anywhere else, is the only thing left that is worth saving.
- Edward Abbey

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Here is this vast, savage, hovering mother of ours, Nature, lying all around, with such beauty, and such affection for her children, as the leopard; and yet we are so early weaned from her breast to society, to that culture which is exclusively an interaction of man on man
-H.D. Thoreau

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Wilderness is a resource which can shrink but not grow... the creation of new wilderness in the full sense of the word is impossible.
- Aldo Leopold

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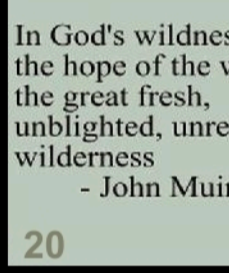
In God's wildness lies the hope of the world - the great fresh, unblighted, unredeemed wilderness
- John Muir

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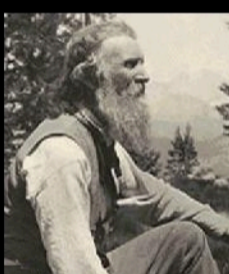
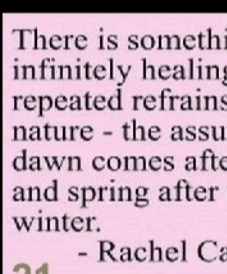
Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves
- John Muir

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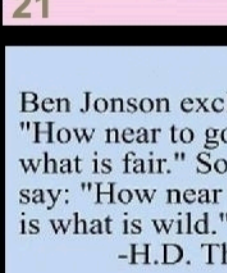
There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter.
- Rachel Carson

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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

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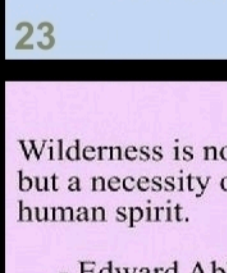
Ben Jonson exclaims: "How near to good is what is fair." So I would say: "How near to good is what is wild."
-H.D. Thoreau

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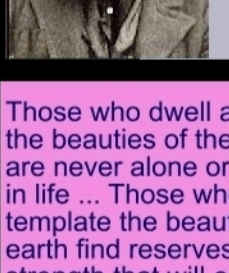
Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.
- Edward Abbey

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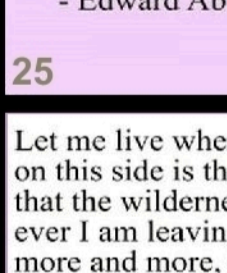
Let me live where I will, on this side is the city, on that the wilderness, and ever I am leaving the city more and more, and withdrawing into the wilderness
-H.D. Thoreau

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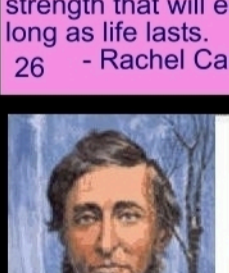
Those who dwell among the beauties of the earth are never alone or weary in life ... Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.
- Rachel Carson

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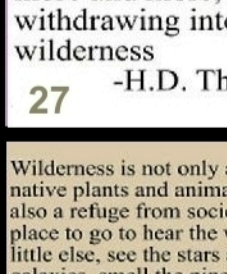
Wilderness is not only a haven for native plants and animals but it is also a refuge from society. Its a place to go to hear the wind and little else, see the stars and the galaxies, smell the pine trees, feel the cold water, touch the sky and the ground at the same time, listen to coyotes, eat the fresh snow, and realize why its good to go outside of the city
- John Muir

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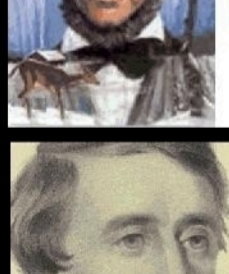
This curious world we inhabit is more wonderful than convenient; more beautiful than useful; it is more to be admired and enjoyed than used."
-H.D. Thoreau

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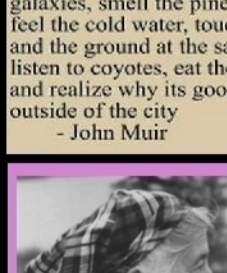
Fortunately, there is wilderness just outside the limits of the cities and the suburbs in most of the United States, especially in the West
- John Muir

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The West of which I speak is but another name for the Wild.... In Wildness is the preservation of the world. Every tree sends its fibers forth in search of the Wild. The cities import it at any price. Men plow and sail for it. From the wilderness comes the tonics and barks which brace mankind. -H.D. Thoreau

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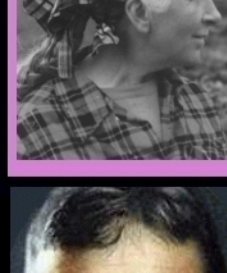
I am testifying as an emotional woman and I would like to ask you, gentlemen, what's wrong with emotion? Beauty is a resource in and of itself.
- Mardy Murie

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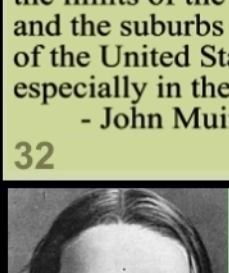
We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its fortune.
- Theodore Roosevelt

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It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air, that emanation of old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.
- Robert Lewis Stevenson

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