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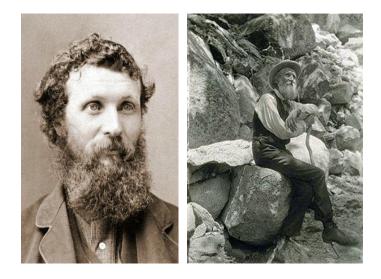


# John Muir Discovery Award: John Muir's and Tom Weir's Way

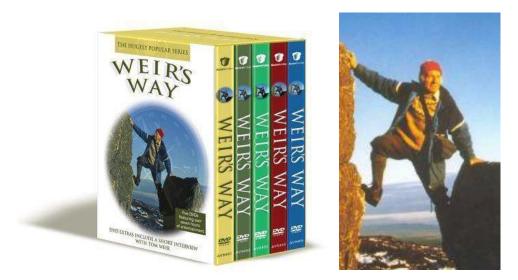
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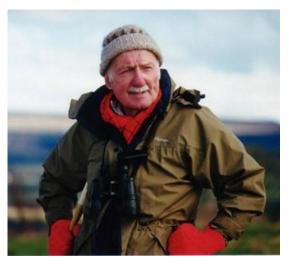
## John Muir (1838-1914) & Tom Weir (1914-2006)











## **The Four Challenges**





• Discover a wild place



Explore its wildness



• **Conserve** – take some personal responsibility



Share your experiences

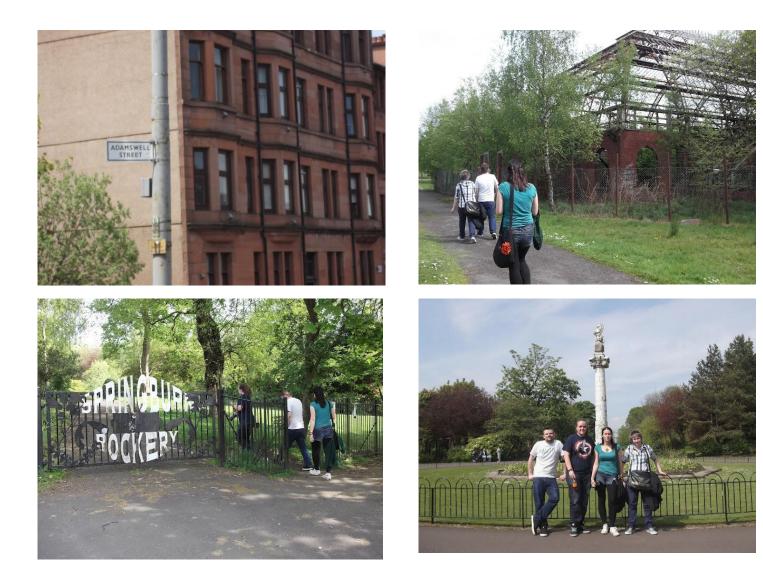
## **Conserve: Tom Weir Wildflower Woodland**



## **Explore: the wildflower area**



## **Discover and explore: Springburn**



Photos: Lisa Marsili

## **Discover and explore Garocharn: the Dumpling**





Photos: Lisa Marsili

## **Discover and explore Gartocharn with Rhona Weir**



Photos: Lisa Marsili

## Share and future work

- End of year SWAP party at college (opposite)
- John Muir Award Gathering
- SWAP curriculum group meeting
- Photo record, report & poster
- Featured in JMT Journal (Autumn 2012)
- This academic year:
  - Continue work with new SWAP students
  - Make more habitats, bird feeders, create a memorial cairn for Tom, work with Tech/Art Dept, Skills Development Scotland volunteers, community.
  - Further work with parks and biodiversity officers









## John Muir Trust Journal article, 'Inspiring Lives'

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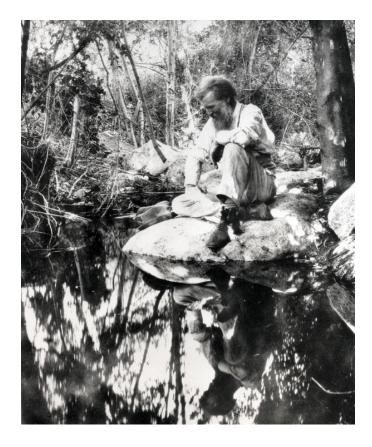
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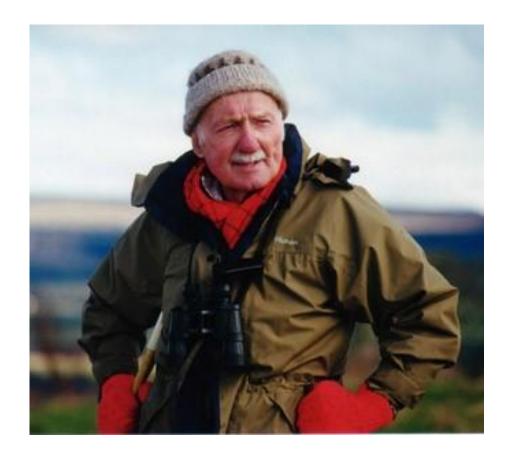
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## What we loved about doing the award

- Learning out of the classroom
- Physical activity, gardening
- Exploring and discovering Springburn and Gartocharn
- Good teamwork, friendship, laughs
- Conservation knowledge and skills
- Rhona's stories, zest for life and her ginger biscuits!
- Being inspired by John, Tom and Rhona
- Can take award at explorer and conserver levels (e.g. on expeditions)



## Tom Weir remembered by North Glasgow College SWAP Access to Science students



#### **Questions?**