



Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,
AND THE HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
-- WITH THE AMERICAN-SCOTTISH FOUNDATION® --
TO OPEN "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN MUIR"
AN EXHIBITION BY SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHER KEN PATERSON
IN THE HENRY A. WALLACE CENTER
AT THE FDR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND HOME
ON AUGUST 1, 2016 (RUNS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016)**

HYDE PARK, NY -- On Monday, August 1, 2016, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home Of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site -- **with the American-Scottish Foundation** -- will open "**In the Footsteps of John Muir,**" an **exhibition by Scottish photographer Ken Paterson**. The exhibit will be on display in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home through September 30, 2016. A special opening reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on August 1 in the Wallace Center. Refreshments will be served. Visitors may view the exhibit free of charge in the visitor center, during regular operating hours.

"**In the Footsteps of John Muir,**" an exhibit of 30 photographic works by Scottish photographer Ken Patterson, traces Muir's early days in Dunbar, Scotland to his love of Yosemite allowing one to see the environment Muir loved and did so much to help preserve. The exhibit is part of the National Centennial Celebration of National Parks.

John Muir was a farmer, inventor, botanist, geologist, explorer, mountaineer, writer and pioneer of nature conservation. He was born in Dunbar, Scotland, on April 21, 1838. As a child he developed a deep love of the natural world. This grew into a lifelong journey,

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both physical and spiritual, of exploration, revelation, hardship and wonder. In 1849, Muir's family immigrated to the United States, starting a farm near Portage, Wisconsin, called Fountain Lake Farm. Later, his introduction to Yosemite Valley, California, resulted in his campaign to preserve wilderness for wilderness's sake. This led to the establishment of the world's first national park system. Today he is remembered as a pioneer of the modern conservation movement, and is often referred to as the "Father of the National Parks" in the United States.

Ken Paterson (www.kenpaterson.co.uk) has been photographing at the top level of Scottish photography for the last twenty years, specializing in creative location work based on people. Clients such as *The New York Times* have led to a strong portfolio in the United States and Japan, and resulted in the chance to complete a dozen travel guide books around the world. Recently, Ken has been lecturing in photography at Stevenson College in Edinburgh. Ken's passion is his self-started photographic project, aiming to reconnect Scotland with a proud global heritage: Famous Scots Project.

The American-Scottish Foundation is dedicated to strengthening ties between individuals, institutions and businesses of Scotland and the United States. The Foundation champions the extraordinary and creative relationship between Scotland and the United States with an extensive program of projects and events -- a bridge between the two great countries. ASF is proud to help bring attention and support to the preservation of parks and landscapes. Visit www.americanscottishfoundation.org.

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Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his

example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.org.

The National Park Service administers the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill, Top Cottage and Vanderbilt Mansion. Visitors to the sites can enjoy guided tours of the historic buildings. There are hiking trails that link all the parks. From May through October, visitors from New York City can reserve transportation from the Poughkeepsie Train Station to all the sites in Hyde Park by calling (845) 229-5320 for the "Roosevelt Ride." For information about tours and other programs visit www.nps.gov/hofr or call (845) 229-5320.

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