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FINAL WEEKS OF JOHN MUIR EXHIBITION AT OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

**First-ever major exhibition on John Muir's life and legacy
closes Sunday, January 22**

(OAKLAND, CA) January 3, 2012—The public has only two weeks left to enjoy the first-ever major exhibition on John Muir's life and legacy, on view at the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA). Closing Sunday, January 22, the exhibition, ***A Walk in the Wild: Continuing John Muir's Journey***, celebrates the legendary naturalist's life, work, and legacy in California and beyond.

Told through OMCA's collections of art, history, and natural science, as well as interactive digital technology and extensive loans—Muir's journals, manuscripts, original drawings and plant collections—the exhibition pays tribute to the "Father of the National Parks," whose legacy continues to inspire environmental stewardship. Through four main themes of wonder, adventure, discovery, and action, the exhibition brings John Muir's legacy to life and connects it to contemporary activists of environmental study, conservation, and exploration working today. For more information visit, museumca.org/muir.

Calendar Editor Please List:

LAST CHANCE TO SEE *A WALK IN THE WILD: CONTINUING JOHN MUIR'S JOURNEY*, CLOSING JANUARY 22, 2012, AT OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

- WHAT:** First-ever major exhibition on the life and legacy of John Muir, told through OMCA's collections of art, history, and natural science, interactive digital technology, and never-before-seen loans.
- WHEN:** Through January 22, 2012
- WHERE:** Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607
- TICKETS:** Admission is \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students with valid ID; \$6 youth, ages 9-17. Free for children 8 and under and OMCA members

ABOUT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) brings together collections of art, history and natural science under one roof to tell the extraordinary stories of California and its people. OMCA's groundbreaking exhibits share the California narrative with many voices, often drawing on first-person accounts by people who have shaped the state's cultural heritage. Visitors are invited to actively participate in the Museum as they learn about the natural, artistic and social forces that affect the state and investigate their own role in both its history and its future. With more than 1.8 million objects, OMCA is a leading cultural institution of the Bay Area and a resource for the research and understanding of California's dynamic cultural and environmental heritage.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Oakland Museum of California is located at 1000 Oak Street in Oakland. OMCA offers onsite underground parking and is conveniently located one block from the Lake Merritt BART station, on the corner of 10th Street and Oak Street. The accessibility ramp is located at the new 1000 Oak Street main entrance. For more information, visit www.museumca.org.

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