"Thence we climbed into the noble forest of the Marble and Middle Fork divide. After a general exploration of the Kaweah basin, this part of the sequoia belt seemed to me the finest and I then named it 'the Giant Forest.'"

"The Big Tree...is nature's forest masterpiece, and, as far as I know, the greatest of living things."

—John Muir

John Muir taught the world about the mysteries and marvels of the Sierra Nevada and urged conservation of its wilderness. He explored the southern Sierra in 1875 and helped encourage the preservation of Giant Forest within a National Park.