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JOHN MUIR, YOSEMITE AND THE ENVIRONMENT: A bill creating the first national park, Yellowstone, was signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872. Eighteen years later, in 1890, Yosemite was designated a national park, due to the influence of John Muir on President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1892, the Sierra Club was founded by Muir and others interested in exploring the “mountains of the Pacific Coast” and in preserving the natural beauty of Yosemite.

We will journey with Muir as he explores the natural world and shows others its wonders. The Sierra Club created an information center in Yosemite Valley to educate visitors and protect the Valley from encroaching development; it still works diligently to educate and protect the environment on a much larger scale.