

Edward Abbey Quote:

One final paragraph of advice: [...] It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still here.

So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, the lovely, mysterious, and awesome space.

Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to the body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much; I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those desk-bound men and women with their hearts in a safe deposit box, and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this; You will outlive the bastards.

~ Edward Abbey [\[33\]](#)

1. From a speech to environmentalists in Missoula, Montana, and in Colorado, which was published in [High Country News, \(24 September 1976\)](#), under the title "Joy, Shipmates, Joy!", as quoted in *Saving Nature's Legacy: Protecting and Restoring Biodiversity* (1994) by Reed F. Noss, Allen Y. Cooperrider, and Rodger Schlickeisen, p. 338. ISBN 1-55963-248-8