

# Happy Twentieth of July: Remembering That Pleasure Has Many Enemies

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Excellent post, Cassius, and happy Twentieth!

An excerpt from Thoreau's journal (emphasis mine).

## Quote

Up and down the town, men and boys that are under subjection are polishing their shoes and brushing their go-to-meeting clothes. I, a descendant of Northmen who worshipped Thor, spend my time worshipping neither Thor nor Christ; a descendant of Northmen who sacrificed men and horses, sacrifice neither men nor horses. I care not for Thor nor for the Jews. I sympathize not to-day with those who go to church in newest clothes and sit quietly in straight-backed pews. **I sympathize rather with the boy who has none to look after him, who borrows a boat and a paddle and in common clothes sets out to explore these temporary vernal lakes.** I meet such a boy paddling along under a sunny bank, with bare feet and his pants rolled up to his knees, ready to leap into the water at a moment's warning. Better for him to read “Robinson Crusoe” than Baxter's “Saints' Rest.”

A life dedicated to pleasure and the study of nature. Nature ephemeral, changing in appearance but unchanging in its atomic laws; raw, real, beautiful.

Fill your cup with pleasures!