

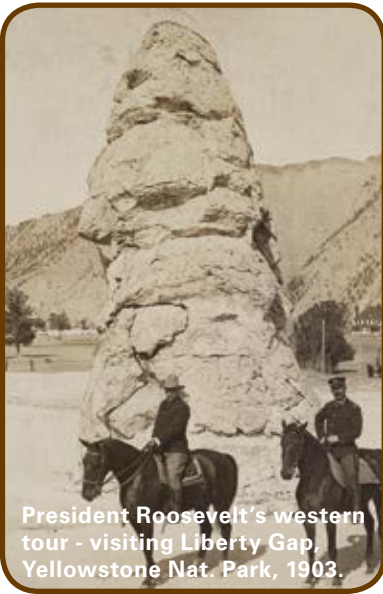
Milestones in Conservation

Boone and Crockett Club
2014

The history of the Boone and Crockett Club is a tale of over 127 years of measured and thoughtful commitment to conservation. It is a commitment that balances human needs with wildlife needs.

We will be celebrating the anniversaries of the passage of laws, the establishment of institutions, and the designation of wildlands, which exist today in large part because of the extensive efforts of the Club and its dedicated membership.

120 Years After the Yellowstone Protection Act



President Roosevelt's western tour - visiting Liberty Gap, Yellowstone Nat. Park, 1903.

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Enlarging and protecting Yellowstone National Park was the Boone and Crockett Club's first project. In 1894, Club Member and U.S. Senator John F. Lacey introduced the Yellowstone Protection Act. The measure provided armed law enforcement to protect against poaching, timber harvest, mineral extraction, defacing geysers and rock formations, and more. The bill, behind vital work by Club Members George G. Vest, George Bird Grinnell and Gen. Philip Sheridan, passed in 1894. The crusade to preserve Yellowstone marked the first time a natural resource issue secured the popular support of both sportsmen and non-sportsmen. Yellowstone also thrust Boone and Crockett into the national limelight as an organization of hunters effectively leading America's early conservation movement.



NCLI group, 2006

10 Years of Developing Conservation Leaders

Conservation faced a pending void in institutional knowledge and leadership. Surveys showed that 77 percent of state wildlife agency leaders would be eligible to retire by 2015, and more than half of federal conservation leaders even sooner. Next-generation hires, for all their talents, promised less personal connections to hunting and first-hand understanding of how conservation is funded—less knowledge of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Boone and Crockett Club President Lowell E. Baier called it one of our nation's most significant conservation challenges. In 2004, Baier, along with Club Members Robert Model, Steven A. Williams and John G. Baughman, founded the National Conservation Leadership Institute (NCLI) in Washington, D.C. Boone and Crockett remains a major sponsor. NCLI offers an intense, eight-month training experience featuring Harvard University facilitators specializing in the latest strategies for developing management potential. Today, hundreds of the most gifted conservation agency employees have developed their leadership potential through NCLI, helping to ensure that retirees will leave America's natural resource legacy in safe hands.

Reigning World's Record Caribou Taken in 1994

The taking and certification of any new World's Record big-game species is a cause for celebration. Twenty years ago, Donald J. Hotter III harvested a massive Central Canada barren ground caribou from the Humpy Lake area in Northwest Territories. The bull was declared a new World's Record. It remains the largest of its kind ever recorded, scoring 433-4/8. The significance to the hunter-conservationist community is twofold. First, Club's records program exists to document successful wildlife conservation, habitat and management programs; a World's Record is a barometer of our stewardship. Second, this is not a trophy of a bygone era, but still a relatively new World's Record. It's just one animal among tens of thousands, but it stands as a testament to modern, professional successes in sustainable-use conservation.



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