



This land is your land -

This Land Is Your Land: the Story of a Song

This Display Division exhibit looks at a song that has been called America's Folk Song National Anthem. *This Land Is Your Land*, however, is not an anonymous traditional folk song in the way that *Yankee Doodle* and *On Top of Old Smokey* are. Instead, it was composed by a known author (Woody Guthrie) at a known time (February 1940) in a known place (New York City). Nevertheless, if you ask someone to name any three American folk songs, there is a very good chance *This Land Is Your Land* will be one of them.



Soil Conservation Stamp, released August 26, 1959, in Rapid City, South Dakota, during the annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America. The stamp commemorated the first 25 years of work to protect soil resources. **Water Conservation Stamp**, placed on sale April 18, 1960, in Washington, D.C., at the National Watershed Congress. This stamp emphasized protection and improvement of vital water sources. **Forest Conservation Stamp**, issued in Tucson, Arizona, October 27, 1958, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, an early forest conservationist. The occasion was the American Forestry Association annual meeting. **Range Conservation Stamp**, released February 2, 1961, in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the Society for Range Management annual meeting. This stamp emphasized the importance of range conservation to agriculture. **Wildlife Conservation Stamp**, issued July 20, 1970, in Custer, South Dakota, near a site set aside for protection of the American bison. The stamp was one of a series calling attention to the need for wildlife preservation.

Legacy of Our Land postmark from Oklahoma, Woody Guthrie's native state.

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