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“Edwin Way Teale” Indiana State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated in Furnessville

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2009. The state historical marker commemorating the life and work of naturalist Edwin Way Teale will be dedicated at 285 East U.S. Highway 20, Chesterton (Furnessville). The ceremony will begin at 10:30 A.M. Central Daylight Savings Time (11:30 EDT).

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Edwin Way Teale”:

Born 1899 in Illinois, Teale became an influential naturalist, author, and photographer who won 1966 Pulitzer Prize for his book *Wandering Through Winter*. Teale wrote that boyhood summers and holidays spent near here at his grandparents’ farm inspired his interest in nature. Teale moved to New York City; employed by *Popular Science Monthly* 1928-1941. Teale published his first critically acclaimed book, *Grassroot Jungles*, in 1937. In 1943, he published *Dune Boy*, recollections of time spent exploring the dunes and woodlands in this area. During his life, he wrote, edited, and contributed to over 30 books, which educated Americans about nature’s importance and beauty. He died in Connecticut in 1980.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony for this state historical marker that commemorates Teale’s accomplishments as an author and photographer and the influence that Indiana had on him. Following the dedication, at 2:00 P.M., Joan Gibb Engel will give a talk on Teale at the Beverly Shores Depot Museum, which is located nearby.

State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For more information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-2537.

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