

## THE MAD SCIENTIST'S CLUB: SCIENTIST PROFILE

### MUSICAL PARK PROTECTOR

#### **STEVE MADEWELL**

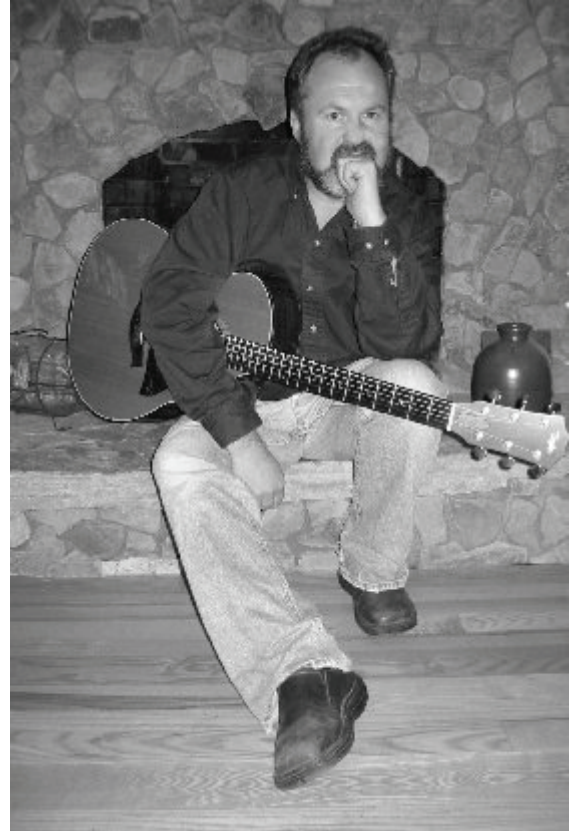
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LAKE METROPARKS,  
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**He watches over wetlands, forests and meadow lands, and protects endangered plants and animals.**

#### *Biography:*

Steve used to love to explore the woodlots and pastures around his house. He was outside from morning 'til dark. Even after dark, he would sit on the porch with a candle and watch carpenter ants and other insects. He also learned certain bird calls and enjoyed "talking" with the birds. Fishing was a big pastime, as well as building dams in the creeks near his house, and catching salamanders and fireflies. Steve collected arrowheads and fossils when he was young.

He loved to study anything out of doors, and read the natural history encyclopedias.



Steve learned by reading the encyclopedia. That's how he taught himself to play chess. At school, Steve didn't always do his homework. He didn't always study, but enjoyed class discussions, especially about science. He wasn't good at spelling or math. In fifth grade, he almost got suspended from school because he researched how to make gun powder, and made a small batch. In college, he learned how to write and realized that he was very good at figuring things out in his own way. Reading books, taking classes, and doing things were his best tools for learning. He always loved conservation, and knew that humans disrupted earth's natural systems. This made him very discourage at times.

#### *Steve's advice to young scientists:*

There is a great need for people to understand the world around us and how we're a part of that world. We still need to improve our understanding of how we can live and prosper in the world without destroying it by waste and consumption.

For more information about Steve's life, click on:

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