



## Andrew Wyeth, Adam Johnson

### Title

Adam

### Medium

Tempera on panel

### Date

1963

### Dimensions

24 1/4 × 48 in. (61.6 × 121.9 cm)

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### Web Description

Although the specifics are not always known, Wyeth did compensate his models. He had long relationships with many of them and at the time Wyeth painted this portrait he had known Farmer Adam Johnson for 30 years. In an extensive oral history, the artist recalls being drawn to Johnson as an imposing figure and one with a steady, confident presence. The sharp angles with which Wyeth renders Johnson's make-shift structures and tools contrast with the gently rounded curve of the hill. By choosing blue for the jacket, Wyeth draws the eye to the center of the composition and highlights Johnson's girth and commanding presence.