

park pioneer

Bristol Foster b. 1932

Traveller, zoologist, educator, environmental advocate, and former Director of the Royal BC Museum, Bristol was in charge of the innovative Ecological Reserves program for British Columbia, starting in 1974. This program set aside ecologically unique areas for research and educational purposes and to compare with their surroundings when monitoring ecological change. Bristol's adventurousness, energy, and skill at collaboration served this program for a decade, protecting key areas such as Windy Bay on Haida Gwaii, Race Rocks, and areas in Spatsizi. Despite sluggishness from government, Bristol's small team raised enormous public support and formed the Friends of Ecological Reserves to continue protecting these important areas.



Affiliations:

BA Biology, Univ. Toronto
MA Mammalogy, Univ. Toronto
PhD Ecology, UBC
Canadian Nature Federation - Board member
Sierra Club of Canada - Board member
Friends of Ecological Reserves - Board member
Raincoast Conservation Foundation - Board member

Awards:

Canadian Council on Ecological Areas
- Distinguished Service Award

Parks:

Spatsizi Provincial Park
Gwaii Hanaas National Park Reserve
100+ Ecological Reserves

Top Right: Sealions at Race Rocks Ecological Reserve

Above:
Bristol Foster
(Photo: Edith Ladu, 2009)

Background image:
Gladys Lake Ecological Reserve

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