

# park pioneer

## John Woodworth b. 1925

With a pilot's broad view of the land and an acclaimed architect's creativity, John has devoted himself since the early 1960s to the conservation of natural and cultural history. As a Director of the Nature Trust of BC for 25 years he was involved in the protection of over 200 natural areas across the province, but the Kelowna-resident has worked most tirelessly for the ecosystems and historical features near his home. His award-winning conservation work includes protection of the BC section of the historic Alexander Mackenzie trail from the Alberta border to Bella Coola. He also helped create the Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society, which has contributed to the founding of parks, ecological reserves, historical trails, and homes for wildlife.



### Affiliations:

UBC - B. Architecture  
Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society -  
Founding Director, President  
Nature Trust of BC - Federally appointed  
founding director  
Nature Conservancy of Canada - Chairman  
Alexander Mackenzie Voyageur Route  
Association - Founding president,  
volunteer Executive secretary

### Awards:

Canadian Parks Service Heritage Award  
Order of Canada  
Gabrielle Leger Award, Heritage Canada  
Honourary Doctorate of Law from  
Okanagan University

### Parks:

Conkle Provincial Park  
Cathedral Lake Provincial Park  
Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park  
Vaseux Lake (National Bighorn Sheep  
Preserve)  
Osoyoos Arid-Biotic Ecological Reserve

*Top Right* - John accepting one of his many awards. *Above:* John as a RCAF pilot in WWII

*Above:*  
(Photo: Edith Ladu)

*Background image:*  
Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park

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