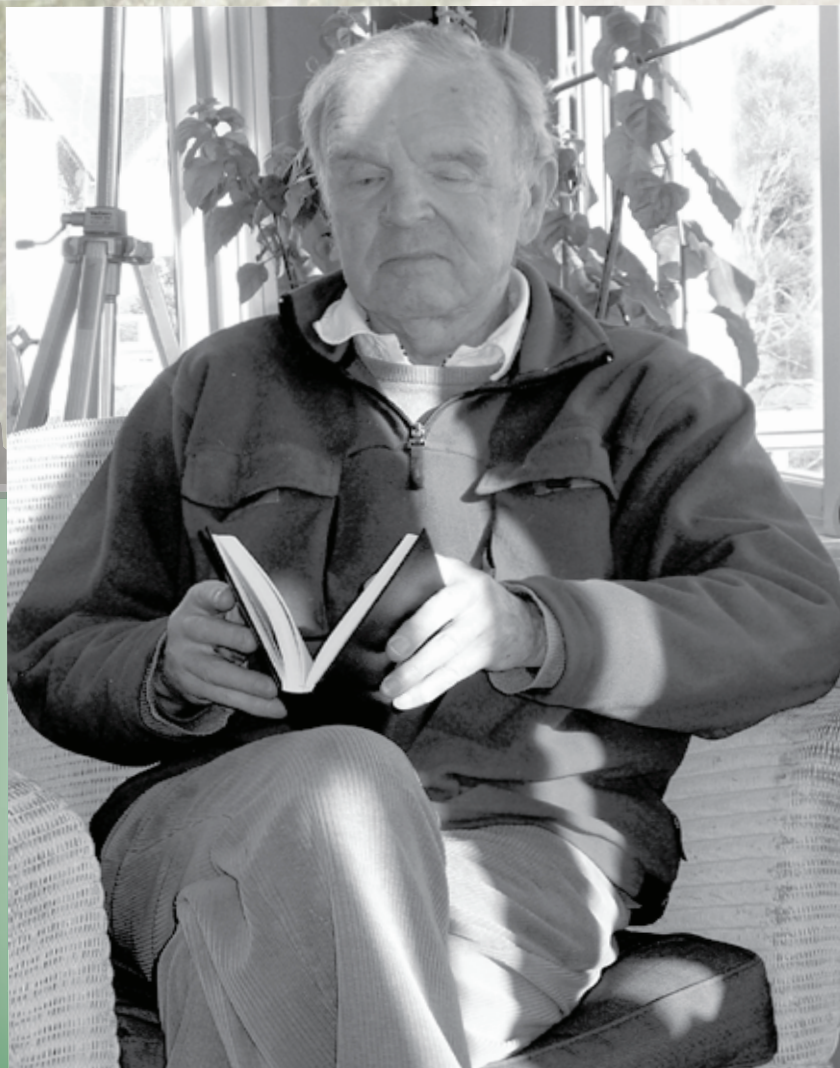


# park pioneer

## Yorke Edwards b. 1926 d. 2011

Yorke is celebrated as a visionary of nature interpretation. Traipsing through forests as a research biologist for BC Parks, tracking wildlife, Yorke was impassioned with a need to communicate the importance of such natural areas as havens for biodiversity. The interpretation programs that he designed provincially for BC Parks in the 1950s and 60s and nationally for the Canadian Wildlife Service in the late 1960s were considered some of the best in the world. These included visitor's centres, pamphlets, and interpretive displays. His first published work was a letter in the Globe and Mail at the age of 13. In the decades since, his eloquent articles, speeches and essays have all called for the appreciation, understanding, and protection of nature.



### **Affiliations:**

U of Toronto - B.F. Forestry  
UBC - M.A. Natural History  
BC Parks - Field biologist  
Canadian Wildlife Service -  
Head Interpreter  
Royal BC Museum - Assistant  
Director, Director  
Victoria Naturalist - Regular  
contributor

### **Awards:**

Honorary Member, Ottawa Field-  
Naturalists' Club  
Fellow of the Canadian Museums  
Association  
Gold Leaf Award, Canadian Council  
on Ecological Areas  
Commemorative Medal for the 125th  
Anniversary of the Confederation of  
Canada  
Fellow of the Royal Canadian  
Geographical Society

### **Parks:**

Wells Gray

*Above:* Yorke in 2009  
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*Background image:*

Beach on Murtle Lake in Wells Gray Provincial Park

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