

park builder

Freeman (Skipper) King b. 1891 d. 1975

Goldstream Park's Nature house is dedicated to a naturalist - to a friend of nature and of man. "Skipper" King loved nature in all of its forms. His curiosity led him to explore the world at his feet. There he discovered plants and animals that most of us have never seen. Skipper's love of people was demonstrated daily during his fourteen years as a Park Naturalist at Goldstream. Long after other park staff had gone home, he was there. He could be found assisting guests at the campground, either finding a spot or answering questions or just to make them feel welcome.

Children were welcomed by Skipper; he always had time for them and was delighted in his recognition of them - as people. To him they each had a special significance as individuals and as proof of the continuity of life. It can be said that his whole life was one of service; to his country, to his family, to the green living earth - to mankind.



Achievements:

Inclusion of the Westcoast Trail and Nitnat Lakes into the Pacific Rim Park

Development of Parks - Francis, John Dean, McDonald and Eves Parks (Vancouver Island Parks)

Taught thousands of children the importance of preserving our natural history

Parks

Goldstream Park



Top: Skipper chatting with park visitor Jack Schrivner, Goldstream Park

Above:
Skipper teaching about Nature

Background image:
Gulf Islands National Park

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