

# park builder

**Hal Eidsvik** b. 1932

Before ecological significance gained the high priority it has today for park planners, Hal was one of the great minds envisioning a system to protect areas in every biogeographic zone in Canada. His forestry and park management background in B.C. launched a career of national and global contributions, including a zoning system for national parks, a Parks Canada Policy and the review of many existing and potential park systems worldwide. During his time as Chief of Planning with Parks Canada, ten new National Parks were created, including Pacific Rim on Vancouver Island. Hal's talents have led him far from his birthplace of Prince Rupert, and his ingenuity has helped preserve so many natural areas in B.C. as it has in Canada and abroad.



#### **Affiliations:**

UBC - B.Sc.Forestry  
U of Michigan – Master of Forestry  
BC Parks – Summer work  
BC Parks Regional Director, Northern region  
Parks Canada, Park planner, Assistant Chief of Planning, Assistant Regional Director of National and Historic Parks, Chief of Planning, Director of Policy and Int'l Affairs  
World Conservation Union (IUCN) Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas - Member  
UBC Forestry Adjunct Professor  
U of Michigan Adjunct Professor  
UNESCO World Heritage Centre - Senior Programme Officer (Natural Heritage) of the World Heritage Convention.  
PARCS International (Protected Areas Consulting Service)

#### **Awards:**

IUCN Fred M. Packard Award  
Provincial Parks Directors of Canada  
Royal Canadian Geographical Society - Gold Medal

#### **Parks:**

National Parks in Canada and abroad

*Top:* Hal in Grasslands National Park (*Photo: Hal Eidsvik*)



*Above:*  
(Photo courtesy Hal Eidsvik)

*Background image:*  
Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.  
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