

Arthur Carhart: 1892–1978

In 1919 Arthur Carhart, the first landscape architect in the U.S. Forest Service, was sent to Trappers Lake, Colorado, to plot the shoreline for road access and several hundred vacation homes. He returned to his office and instead wrote, "There is a limit to the number of lands of shoreline on the lakes; there is a limit to the number of lakes in existence; there is a limit to the mountainous areas of the world, and ... there are portions of natural scenic beauty which are God-made, and which of a right should be the property of all people." Today, Trappers Lake, in the Flattops Wilderness, remains without roads or homes.