What I did during Spring Vacation

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I shoveled snow.....



....lots of snow....



....and my wife shoveled snow...



Our park house was covered by 12 feet of snow!







I had to dig our car out of the snow.





The next day after the sun came out and melted some of the snow.



Rim Village was a winter wonder land.



The 3 story Café building was covered over with snow.



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Over night snow campers.

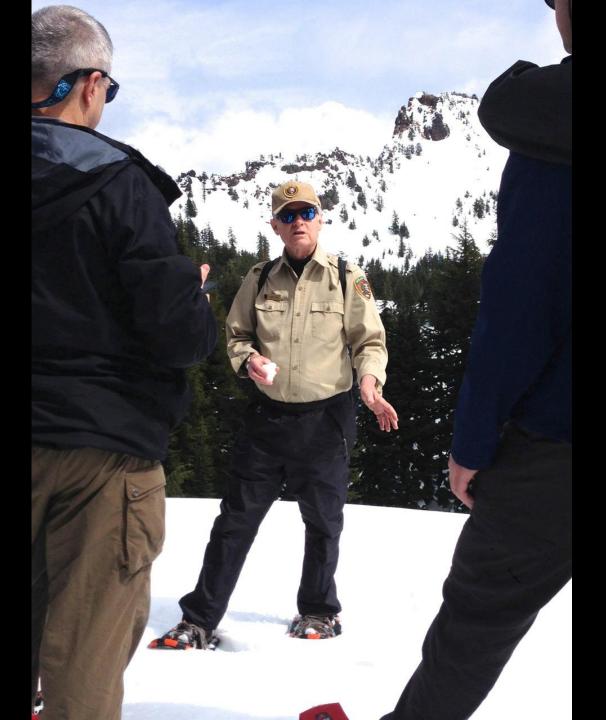


Selfie photo. Do not back up!





I led snowshoe hikes during spring vacation.



On behalf of the National Park Service I welcome you to Crater Lake National Park.

What a great day for a snow hike!



At our next stop we will be talking about how the animals at Crater Lake are able to survive 44 feet of snow.



Mountain Hemlocks have a drooping leader at the top.

West of Crater Lake we have the Western Hemlock and back East we have the Eastern Hemlock.



A snowshoe race. I am standing out at the finish line.



Twins Andrew and Thomas.





I took Stacy (right) on a snowshoe hike 34 years ago this week.

She returned with her husband and her twin sons, Andrew and Thomas.



Thanks for coming.

See you next winter.

I found this little lost Western Red Back Vole wandering down the middle of the road near Rim Village.



Voles are related to mice.



The little lost guy came right up to my feet. Not a bit afraid, just lost.

Voles live between the snow and ground eating plants and insects.



The snow plow had opened up his snowy tunnel.



Goodbye little fellow. I wonder if you ever found your way home?

Now it is your turn. What did you do during Spring Vacation?



