

# 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.



The wind was blowing so hard the snow was being blown off the mountains.



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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?



























































