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Welcome

Dear Andrea,

Crocuses are blooming in the city right now and the hint of the forthcoming spring is in the air. But winter is still with us, especially in the mountains. This month we bring you a great snowshoe trip idea just off of Highway 2 that is perfect for both families and beginner snowshoers due to the gentle terrain and scenic forest views.

We also have a wonderful story by local mountaineer, Lowell Skoog, describing his son's first snow climb in the North Cascades. Finally we highlight a wonderful stewardship opportunity where you can get your hands dirty and have fun while doing it through the Washington Trails Association's Trail Work Parties!

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Know someone who would like to learn more about the North Cascades? [Click here and let them know!](#)

[Learning Activity of the Month](#)

New to Snowshoeing?
Learn how at Stevens Pass! Every Saturday and Sunday through the end of March, the Forest Service is offering guided snowshoe trips through some spectacular winter scenery, while educating visitors to winter ecology and dramatic local history at Stevens Pass. a long distance backpacking trip. [Learn more here.](#)

[Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition](#)

WWRC is a state grant program that funds new parks, wildlife habitat and working farms. Learn more about the great work they do at: [www.wildliferecreation.org/.](http://www.wildliferecreation.org/)

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Tell Us About Your Recent Trip!
Each month we feature a personal story about someone's latest travel

If you like what you see in this newsletter, please visit www.experiencewilderness.org where you will find additional adventures and exciting event suggestions. We update our website regularly, so please check back often.

Until next month,

--John Chelminiak, North Cascades Initiative Director

The Wilderness Society's North Cascades Initiative envisions the North Cascades as a celebrated national treasure, where wilderness is preserved for future generations, where recreational opportunities are enhanced and well-planned, and where vibrant local communities realize the benefits of the wildlands surrounding them.

My North Cascades Story

By Lowell Skoog

Publisher, Northwest Mountaineering Journal

The King of the World

As my 11-year-old son, Tom, stepped onto the summit I asked him to stop for a picture. He planted his feet wide, put his hands on his hips and gave a smile that said, "I'm the king of the world!" With the North Cascades spread out before us, he looked every bit the part. [Click here to continue reading Lowell's story.](#)



Tom at Wamihaspi saddle

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Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades

[Get Your Hands Dirty: Join a Trail Work Party!](#)

[Washington Trails Association](#) schedules more than 600 work parties each year, contributing 80,000 hours of trail work to the US Forest Service, National Park Service, Washington Department of National Resources and Washington's state and county parks. You don't need to have any prior experience (or be particularly strong) to join one of their Trail Teams - just sign up for a work party and they'll do the rest. [Find out more about this event and others here.](#)

Recreation

Explore the North Cascades

[East Fork Foss River, Skykomish](#)

The East Fork Foss River trail, also

known as the Necklace Valley trail, is a great place to take a beginner or child snowshoeing and hiking due to the gentle grade of the first 5 miles of the trail, which takes you into a beautiful forest and eventually right alongside the East Fork Foss River.

[Learn more about this beautiful hike by clicking here.](#)



*East Fork Foss River Trail
Credit: raising2hikers*

Vibrant Communities

Skykomish

"Where the Sky Meets the Mountains" is the proud motto of the town of Skykomish. In the early 20th century, Skykomish was a bustling railroad and logging town. Today, the town has reinvented itself as a community of recreation and tourism. Situated along the Highway 2 corridor, the town of Skykomish sees itself as the gateway to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. [Learn more about Skykomish by clicking here.](#)



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