



# Citizen Ranger Program



## Longmire Area Quest #2<sup>(6.2017)</sup>

### Title: **A Year of Discovery**

**Introduction:** Floyd Schmoe's book, *A Year in Paradise*, chronicles his time as the winter caretaker for the Paradise Inn in the 1920's. After spending the frigid winter in Paradise, Schmoe became the first Park Naturalist at Mount Rainier, using his expertise in forestry and his sense of adventure to identify many of the plants and creatures we see in the park today. Through taking detailed notes and making sketches, he was able to create a culture of learning for fellow Rangers and park visitors that continues today.

**Length:** 45 minutes to one hour

**Safety Reminders:** Watch your step crossing roads. Dress for the weather. In winter, consider wearing "shoe chains" for traction.

**Materials Needed:** Scavenger hunt list for the Trail of the Shadows, grease pencil. Both can be obtained from the Ranger at the desk. Appropriate clothing for the weather. **Optional:** Digital camera, note paper, binoculars, field guides.

**Guidelines:** Quests can be completed by individuals or families/small groups. Have your Citizen Ranger Certificate stamped and initialed for each Quest you complete. Get your certificate after completing your first Quest. Complete (and have verified) four Quests to become a Mount Rainier Citizen Ranger.

**Other:** Some of the items on the scavenger hunt list may be new to you or more difficult to find, while others may not even exist! If there is anything on the list that you are unfamiliar with, ask the Ranger behind the desk and they will be able to help you along your way. Please follow the ethics of Leave No Trace and stay on trail while you are exploring and **leave everything you find where you found it**. Take only photos and leave only footprints. You **DO NOT** need to find every single item on the scavenger hunt list. Get as close to 15 items as you can, though if you are attempting this in the winter, many of the items on the list may be buried under the snow!

Longmire "A Year of Discovery" Quest Completion Verification:

Ranger Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_