**Ways Photography Has Changed My Life**

* *I incessantly check the weather report –* daily reports, hourly reports, sunrise, sunset, high tides, low tides.
* *I find money on the street –* This has been a boon to the vendors of Spare Change since I assume unclaimed money on the sidewalk belongs to them.
* *I am using a backpack again for the first time in forty years*
* *Like the Eskimos and snow, my vocabulary for light has expanded*
* *My friends wonder why I get up so early –* I wonder why they would miss the sunrise.
* *I look forward to getting lost in the woods.*
* *I know more names and habits of birds, insects, and flowers.*
* *I now walk the places I used to run.*
* *I study the work of famous photographers to see how their pictures differ from mine –* then feel pretentious for making such comparisons.
* *I see new places*
* *I re-see familiar places*
* *I see, I see, I see.*

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