

November 24, 2007

Seven Swan Rangers walked off some turkey Saturday by hiking the gated Bear Creek Road to Wolf Creek and back.

It was a sunny, clear morning up against the Swan Range while still a bit cloudy over the Flathead valley.

We saw tracks of deer, elk and mountain lion - and lots of hunters' pickup trucks as this is the last weekend of the big game hunting season.

The trees hung with a nice bit of dry, cold snow, which at times slipped off to shower down and sparkle in the sunlight.

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for breakfast at 8:30, leaving at 9:30 for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



The gated Bear Creek Road offers side-by-side hiking and room for dogs to dash about!



As it turns back into Wolf Creek Canyon, the gated Bear Creek Road offers spectacular views of Three Eagles Mountain (pictured here) and other peaks near Crater, Three Eagles and Big Hawk Lakes in the southern Jewel Basin.



In the shade of Broken Leg Mountain, Wolf Creek begins to show wonderful ice formations early in the winter.



Hanging roots and tree branches gather ice to form interesting sculptures above the cold waters of Bear Creek.