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Five Swan Rangers hiked the Broken Leg Trail into Wolf Creek Saturday, going as far as Windy Point, where it was indeed windy.

It didn't take long, even on this trail of gentle grade, to rise above the "melt line," where the snow has stayed soft and dry. While still skimpy underneath the trees, there is a good foot of snow on the trail on the open hillside of Wolf Creek Canyon.

Meanwhile, below the melt line, the good news is that the snow has warmed and firmed up to form a good base. Now, we just need some snowfall on top of that to get into the swing of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing rather than hiking!

Hey, check out our Swan Ranger logo and schedule included in the Jan/Feb 2008 issue of Flathead Living, on the page 144 Calendar of Events for Bigfork! We've also been mentioned fairly consistently in the Daily Inter Lake and Bigfork Eagle!

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.

They now carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe, rather than the Swan River Community Hall lot.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



Hiking will soon give way to snowshoes and skis in the Swan Foothills!



The wind is already carving drifts around the lichen-covered rocks at Windy Point.



Winter is settling in, especially in the upper reaches of Wolf Creek, seen here from Windy Point.