

May 10, 2008

Ten Swan Rangers hiked a loop on old roads below Peterson Creek Road Saturday, then up the main road and Peterson Creek Trail as far as Patterson Creek.

The hike was mostly snow-free, until the crossing of Patterson Creek that is! This is a nice low-elevation hike for early in the spring and allows lots of side-by-side hiking.

Upon return to the Swan River School parking lot we saw two pair of sandhill cranes fly overhead!

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for breakfast at 7:30, leaving at 8:30 for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

THESE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 17 AND ARE AN HOUR EARLIER THAN THE WINTER HOURS.

They carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



The hillsides and old roads below the Peterson Creek Road offer early season snow-free hiking.



The small stream just before Patterson Creek offered a sunny lunch spot and a good turn around point.



A ski pole tip lost on a winter Swan Ranger outing was recovered in the midst of the big thaw.