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Six Swan Rangers hiked the Echo Broken Leg Trail into Wolf Creek Canyon Saturday, where ticks outnumbered hikers by a wide margin!

In addition to the trilliums spotted two weeks ago, glacier lilies, wild columbine, twisted stalk, and wild strawberry were blooming on this sunny, warm day. The trail is now free of snow to Wolf Creek.

We spotted two mountain goats and a grouse and were simultaneously serenaded during lunch by a Townsend's solitaire atop a nearby tree and buzzed by a hummingbird!

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.

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 on following pages:



Tall tales during lunch on the rocks above Wolf Creek.



The Broken Leg Trail offers great view, plenty of sun, plenty of brush, and hence plenty of ticks as it cuts a south slope into Wolf Creek!



Deer Creek was a welcome cool spot on a warm day.



A glacier lily is hugged by Oregon grape and flanked by yarrow.