

July 12, 2008

Fourteen Swan Rangers hiked the Sixmile Trail Saturday, with several reaching the peak but the majority turning around at snowbanks lingering near the final approach.

The trail passes through lots of bear grass in bloom and the several streams it crosses offer cool havens for hikers and monkey flowers.

A wonderful lunch was had on a sunny yet cool day near the junction with historic Alpine Trail #7!

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 except for the view from Swan Peak by Bob Muth:



The Sixmile Trail offers great views of the Swan Valley and Mission Mountains as it climbs . . .



. . . but also offers views of Swan Lake and Flathead Lake from Sixmile Peak!



Sixmile Trail crosses several small streams loved by hiking dogs and humans alike.



The Rangers descend through bear grass blooms on the return trip!