

July 19, 2008

Seven Swan Rangers hiked to Strawberry Lake, then turned north for a bit on Alpine Trail #7 to gander at the wildflowers on the south slope of Strawberry Mountain.

It was a beautiful sunny day with cool breezes. An odd-looking moose was spotted in the brush along the shore of Strawberry Lake and a fairly rare patch of Mountain Lady's Slipper flowers were sought out where seen years prior (see photos below).

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:



It was a dog-day afternoon at Strawberry Lake, with swimming and stick-throwing for all!



Makeshift oars left on the shore of the lake inspired the appearance of a moose!



Spirea is blooming in its prime along Alpine Trail #7.



The day's bonus was the appearance of Mountain Lady's Slipper along Alpine Trail #7!