

August 23, 2008

Twelve Swan Rangers hiked the Switchback Trail up the side of Mount Aeneas Saturday to the ridge above the Jewel Basin Parking lot, with most continuing all the way to the top of the peak.

Besides wonderful views of the Flathead Valley, Mount Aeneas also afforded views of fresh snow on Mount Stimson and other large peaks in Glacier National Park!

Signs of fall along the trail included the flocking of Pine Siskins and Oregon Juncos, Mountain Ash berries turning red, huckleberries past their prime, Lady Bugs beginning to gather on the rocks atop Mount Aeneas, and plenty of sign of bears ripping logs apart along the trail in search of tasty ants.

Many thanks to Bob Muth for providing details and photos of Saturday's outing for this report!

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

Photos by Bob Muth on next page:



Hiking the ridge of Aeneas to the peak, with the Flathead Valley below.



Swan Rangers snacking and joking around on top of Mount Aeneas.