

September 27, 2008

Seven Swan Rangers hiked Peterson Creek Trail #293 Saturday, leaving the trail in the old Red Owl burn to lunch on an open ridge high up on Broken Leg Mountain. It was another beautiful fall day and, although the sky was a bit hazy with fall burning, the views of Swan and Flathead Lakes were nonetheless astounding.

Tasty huckleberries still persist along the trail, as do large piles of bear scat of similar color! The burn has healed nicely, is painted with the colors of fall in shrubs and grasses, and offers open country in which to wander off the trail and enjoy the open views.

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 Keith Hammer:



The old Red Owl burn provides wide-open views of Swan Lake, Flathead Lake and the Ferndale area.



Swan Rangers contemplate climbing up to a higher lunch spot.



The "Red Owl escalator" keeps on going, and going, and going . . . !