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Eight Swan Rangers hiked beyond Strawberry Lake to the divide overlooking Wildcat Lake Saturday. There's a skiff of snow on Alpine Trail #7 above Strawberry, where we saw tracks and scat of grizzly bear and elk and munched on a few huckleberries that tasted a little bit fermented. Nothing like a little huckleberry liqueur to top off a perfect day and hike!

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for breakfast at 8:30, leaving at 9:30 for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

IMPORTANT: These breakfast and departure times are an hour later than our summer hours and will remain so until Spring/further notice. Also, hunting season starts October 26, so be sure to wear bright colors or "hunter's orange" while on the trail!

The Swan Rangers carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

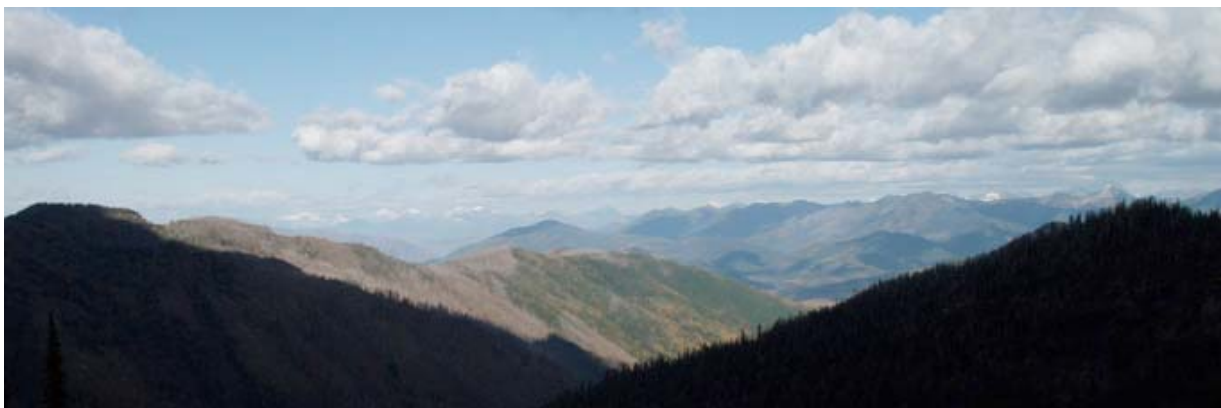


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A snack at Strawberry Lake before continuing to the top of the Swan Crest.



Alpine Trail #7 provides grand views across Hungry Horse Reservoir into Glacier National Park from the Strawberry/Wildcat Divide.



And the return provides novel views of Strawberry Lake, here framed by Mountain Ash berries.