

May 2, 2009

Five Swan Rangers spent a sunny Saturday hiking the Peterson Creek Trail up to snow line, which is near the end of the switchbacks. It was a mellow day and they spent a bit of time clearing the trail of limbs blown down in last week's winds.

The streams are swelling with spring runoff, but the crossings are not yet difficult. It was a good day of jokes and companionship on the trail!

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. These earlier summer hours will continue until November 1, then switch back to an hour later.

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:



Let the waters rise. There's a log crossing Patterson Creek.



Four bumps on a log with happy dogs!



Ponderosa pine bark and needles - a.k.a. "puzzle bark."



A Swan Ranger fueled by biomass!