

May 30, 2009

Nine Swan Rangers hiked from the Bear Creek Road to above Elk Springs on the northern shoulder of Broken Leg Mountain Saturday. It was sunny and hot!

They heard the first Swainson's thrush of the season, saw blooming clematis and calypso orchid, and saw a western toad (sans cowboy hat) near Elk Springs.

Summer has now officially arrived - along with the beautiful call of the Swainson's thrush, gentle humming of mosquitos, and tender biting of black flies!

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 on following pages by Keith Hammer:



View from the boulder field above Elk Springs.



Taking in the view from the boulder field above Elk Springs.



A snack stop in the boulder field.



A western toad in the shade of bear grass and rotten logs, NOT in the boulder field!