

July 4, 2009

Nine Swan Rangers celebrated the Fourth of July by hiking the Peters Ridge Trail to the Swan Crest. Abundant flowering bear grass lined the trail like so many fireworks going off, but in silence befitting the forest.

It was a hot day at lower elevations, yet a cool breeze made for a pleasant hike and lunch high on the spine of the glorious Swan Range!

HAPPY 4th of JULY! May we celebrate our Independence, our Communities, our Health, and our Freedom to move about in this great country and countryside!

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

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Bear grass blooms on Peters Ridge explode in celebration of another great day in the world!



Peters Ridge Trail provides wonderful views of the Flathead Valley, Flathead Lake and Mission Mountains on the west side and views south along the Swan Crest and east to Glacier National Park on the other side.



Glacier lilies advance as snow banks continue to retreat on the east side of the Swan Crest.