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Eleven Swan Rangers hiked the Switchback Trail from the lower part of the Jewel Basin Road to the ridge overlooking the Jewel Basin Parking Lot - counting off the 79 switchbacks one at a time! For all those switchbacks, however, this is a trail of modest incline with wonderful shady forest along the lower half and open, sunny views along the upper half.

Next week will be the Rangers' 200th outing, complete with red checkered table cloth and cold refreshments in some beautiful spot in the Swan Range!

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:



The Switchback Trail offers great views of Mud, Flathead, and Echo Lakes (clockwise from lower left).



The views from the lunch spot on the ridge above where the Switchback Trail meets Alpine Trail #7 aren't too bad either!