

October 3, 2009

Nine Swan Rangers hiked up the northern flank of Broken Leg Mountain, via the gated Bear Creek Road, Elk Springs, and the Echo-Broken Leg Trail. It's a steep climb once leaving the road and the northernmost knob of the mountain was plenty good enough for the day!

From there we watched some dark weather move in from the northeast and hunkered down out of the already fierce, cold winds and occasional snowflake. But the sun was out and it was really quite a nice fall day provided you didn't get blown off 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.

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:



All but the toughest pulled on jackets above Elk Spring!



A look across Wolf Creek Canyon at the "back door" into Crater Lake, which lies behind the cliffs. The "back door" game trail is visible in several places if you look closely!



As the Echo-Broken Leg Trail climbs, it offers great views!



Yep, time to pull out some warmer clothes for fall hiking and winds like today!