

October 24, 2009

The nighttime downpours let up just in time for nine Swan Rangers to hike up the Peterson Creek Road and Trail Saturday in pleasant fall weather. While the cold snap earlier this month froze most leaves to brown, the larch is now turning yellow and providing nice fall color.

Next Saturday will be our last outing at the current hours, then will switch to an hour later beginning November 7. It is also time to wear some "hunter orange" while hiking during big game hunting season, which starts tomorrow.

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 Peterson Creek Road provides dry hiking after heavy nighttime downpours.



Western larch are now turning yellow and providing some nice fall color.



The Peterson Creek Trail heads off a switchback in the old, now-closed road.



If you've converted your car to burn wood, the Flathead offers everything!