

October 31, 2009

Seven Swan Rangers hiked most of the 77 switchbacks on the Switchback Trail Saturday, getting good and soaked in the process. It was a balmy breeze at Echo Lake Cafe but something a bit chillier, wetter, and slushier on the shoulder of Mount Aeneas!

The air, provided it didn't drown you, was refreshing. The views of the fog were enough to take one's breath away, as was the climb, and remember; there's no such thing as a bad outing in the Swan Range!

Next Saturday we will start our later winter hours, as stated below. Remember, it is a good idea to wear some "hunter orange" while hiking during big game hunting season!

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for **breakfast at 8:30, leaving at 9:30** 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:



Hey, weren't those bear grass stalks in bloom just a couple months ago?



Golden larch add a hint of color to an otherwise gray day.



Nothing like a good, wet hike to make one appreciate the creature comforts of home - like a wood fire to dry out the hiking gear, warm the hot chocolate, and remove the chill from the bones!