

November 14, 2009

Nine Swan Rangers hiked up Wolf Creek Canyon via the closed Bear Creek Road and the informal trail up the south side of Wolf Creek Saturday.

It snowed the whole hike, blanketing and quieting the woods for a wonderful taste of the winter to come!

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:



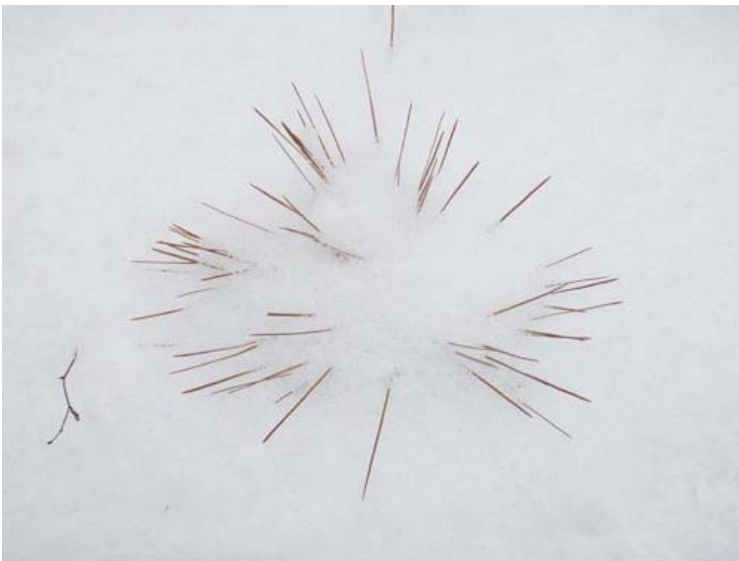
A taste of the winter wonderland that will soon enough surround us!



It was a good day for walking sticks and poles as the trail was slick.



New fallen snow blankets Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*) along the trail, a shrub that yields taxol, a drug used successfully to treat breast cancer!



A new species of tree was found and named on the way out: *Snowdonae porcupinus*!



And, by the time we got back to the old road, the snow was knee deep!