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Nine Swan Rangers hiked the "Tree Tour" in Krause Basin Saturday, a loop of old logging skid roads through some wonderful remnants of western hemlock and western red cedar forest!

The ecological value of dead as well as live trees was evident on the hike as the Rangers discovered dead trees being excavated by bears and woodpeckers for the ants and other insects hidden within!

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:



Sunlight is subdued beneath the canopy of the enchanted hemlock forest!



Tree huggers surround a big old cedar tree!



Woodpeckers have been drilling for insects in this old tree . . .



. . . while the bears have been using a less precise method to tear this tree apart for the ants hidden in galleries deep within!