

April 10, 2010

Twelve Swan Rangers revisited winter Saturday by hiking in six inches of fresh snow on a beautiful sunny day. They hiked from the Bear Creek Road up to the open scree slope above Elk Spring on the northern shoulder of Broken Leg Mountain.

The old snow pack was firm enough to walk on, in most places, and our fearless leaders were consistent in showing the rest of us the weak spots by post-holing to knee and waist from time to time! Snow pack depth ranged from zero at the Bear Creek Road to some 4 or 5 feet in among the large boulders of the scree slope where we turned around for the day.

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 short pause before heading uphill toward Elk Spring from the old road.



Day's reward: a nice sunny spot for lunch!



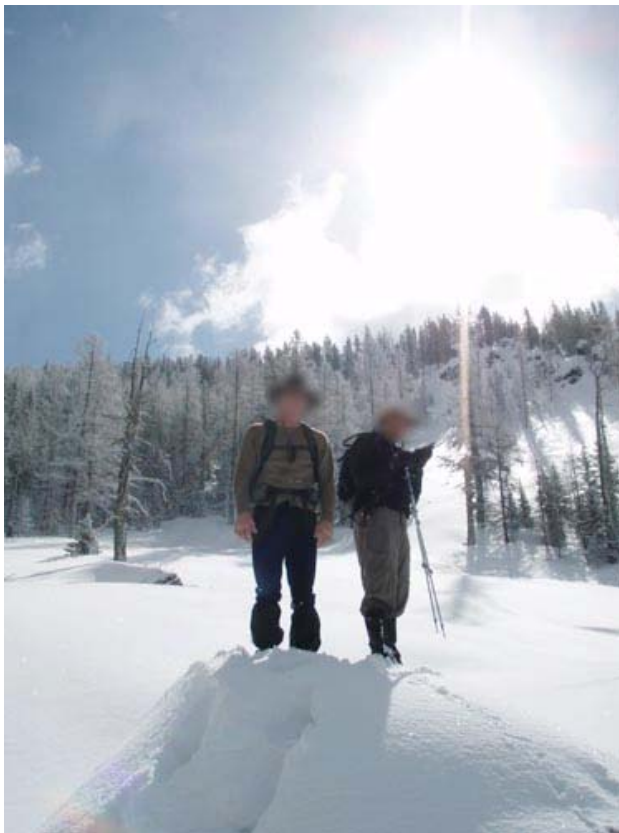
A smoothly sculpted winter scene that is a boulder-strewn scree slope in summer.



Looks like a good lunch and sunning spot. Get the drift?



And the view of Flathead Lake is not bad either!



Bad boys! Two errant Swan Rangers blow up a GPS satellite with a handheld device!