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Five Swan Rangers hiked the Switchback Trail to the top of the switchbacks, where they encountered lots of snow and the tracks of two grizzly bears that had headed down the ridge the day before. In places the bears appeared to have slid down a slippery stretch, circled back up, and done it again!

It was a bright and sunny day and spring is working its way uphill, with trillium still in bloom and some edible morel mushrooms along the lower stretch of the trail. But things are still thawing out at higher elevations!

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:



Up, up, and away!



What kind of tracks are those?



Definitely griz!



Looks like this griz paid a visit to Old McDonald's whole-grain farm!



Mud Lake and Flathead Lake dressed up in spring green.



A yummy looking morel along the trail!