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Eleven Swan Rangers hiked the Peters Ridge Trail to the Swan Crest Saturday. They enjoyed a snack on the Crest with great views of the valley below and Great Northern Mountain to the east.

There's still plenty of snow on the "back side" (northeast side) of the Swan Range, so the Rangers did not yet attempt to continue on to Lamoose Lake.

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:



There's only one switchback on the way up Peters Ridge itself . . .



. . . but there are several in the bowl at the head end of Browns Creek!



The trail as it tops the Crest offers views of Mt. Aeneas in the distance.



A gnarly dead tree still clings to the cliffs atop the Swan Crest . . .



. . . while these subalpine fir on Peters Ridge were recently stripped by bears seeking the sweet cambium beneath their bark!