October 2, 2010

Sixteen Swan Rangers hiked to the end of the old Bear Creek Road, then made a loop up the informal Wolf Creek trail and Broken Leg Trail to Elk Spring, returning via the informal ridge trail. It was a wonderful fall day with fall colors and mushrooms galore!

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. (Hours will shift one hour later starting November 6).

They carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

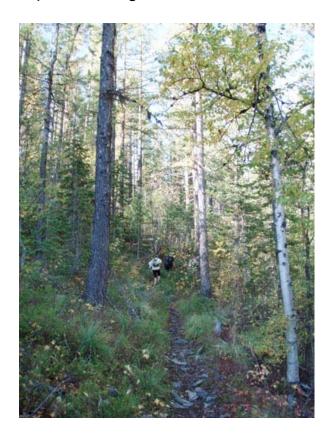
Everyone is welcome!

When hiking in bear country, remember to carry bear spray and avoid the 3-D's: dawn, dusk, and darkness.

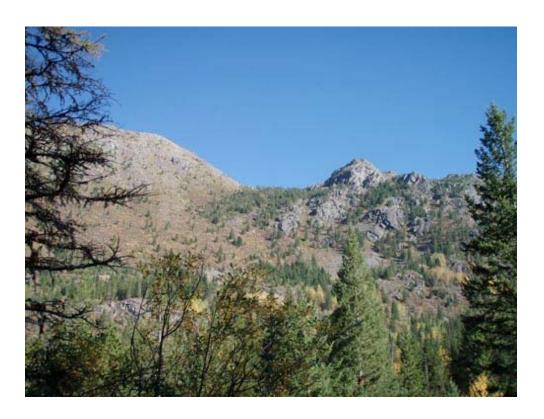
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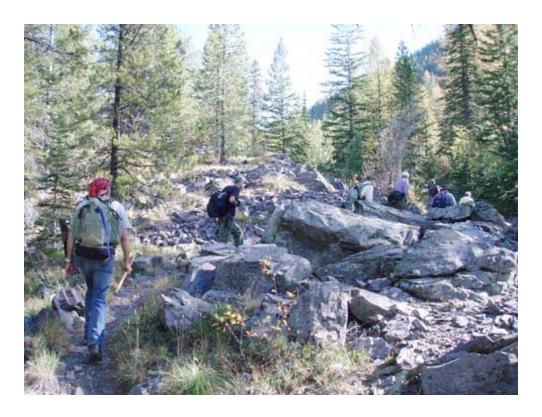
A pause along the old Bear Creek Road.



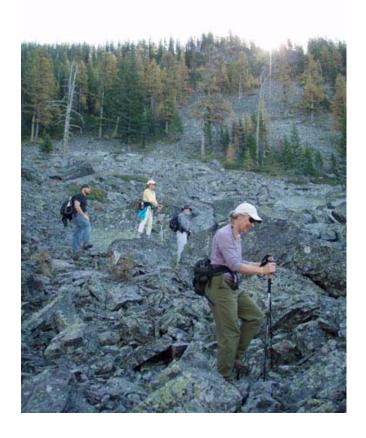
Fall along the Broken Leg Trail . . .



. . . with views across Wolf Creek toward Crater Lake.



Broken Leg Trail gets rocky above Elk Spring . . .



. . . and offers lunchtime boulders to lounge upon.



A handsome mushroom atop a stump!