

October 16, 2010

Ten Swan Rangers hiked to Strawberry Lake and most continued a mile north on Alpine Trail #7, through upper Krause Basin, before turning around. It was a beautiful sunny day, though a bit nippy in the morning!

The mountain ash berries are bright red, very abundant and moisture high in the atmosphere provided for a full ring around the sun! Fall days don't come much better than this one!

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.

Big game hunting season starts next Saturday, so it's a very good idea to wear some bright "hunter orange" while hiking!



Keith

Photos by Keith Hammer:



A great woodpecker tree along a new stretch of trail near the beginning of the hike.



Snack time along the shore of Strawberry Lake.



A view from Alpine Trail #7 above Strawberry Lake.



A view down Krause Basin to Flathead Lake.



Ripe mountain ash berries galore along the trail!



Chris points to the sun with a ring around it!