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Thirteen Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed into the North Fork of Krause Basin Saturday, under partly sunny skies, in warming temperatures, but on fresh snow! Most turned around at the crossing of North Krause Creek, while five made the steeper climb to Peters Ridge Road and two hearty souls continued from there down Peters Ridge Road to make a loop of it via Foothills Road!

There is snow aplenty in Krause Basin and its just gets deeper the higher you go! The trick is to visit often enough to keep the trails broken open!

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.

There's enough snow that either cross-country skis or snowshoes are necessary.

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



Most of the gang shares a ray of sunshine along the way!



One of the advantages of traveling in a group: a well-broken trail!



Crossing the South Fork of Krause Creek to head up the North Fork.



Packing out a good snow bridge over North Krause Creek.



The road less traveled has snow-laden brush on the climb to Peters Ridge Road . . .



. . . but has nice views into upper Krause Basin on the upper stretch!