

January 22, 2011

Nine Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed 4 miles up Porcupine Road to the Mission Mountain Lookout Saturday, leaving the Swan Highway a couple miles south of Swan Lake. The snow was still quite fresh and not overly-watered by the previous evening rain - a pleasant surprise!

The day was blessed by a bit of sunshine, some nice views both from the lookout and from Porcupine Bridge, and great companionship!

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!



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Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



The first mile of Pocupine Road is quite steep (NOT)!



Approaching the Mission Mountain Lookout, on a knoll alongside Crane Mountain.



The stairs are accessible, though the observation deck is locked.



Swan Rangers with short legs all!



A nice spot of sunshine on the Swan River!



Looking down-river, toward the Swan Range.