February 19, 2011

Fourteen Swan Rangers skied the steep and deep along Bog Road in the Swan River Wildlife Refuge Saturday. It was too sunny a day to be skiing in the woods!

It was a welcome cold Saturday for a change and the snow was like silk. Spring is apparently in the air and in the streams, however, as there are some long leads of water to be negotiated along Bog Road and the thin ice provides for a few surprises!

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!

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:
After five years, the Rangers finally got their act together: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet!

Two beautiful birch and spruce along a backwater oxbow.
Open water in the main channel of the Swan River . . .

. . . complete with sunshine and sparkles!
A view of the Swan Range across the head of Swan Lake, with Hall Peak at center.

Snow cartoons!