

April 2, 2011

Three Swan Rangers hiked the Swan River Trail just upstream from Bigfork Saturday, under very drippy skies! The trail is mostly melted off, however, and offers nice viewing of wildlife and waterfowl right from the trail!

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. (Times will shift one hour earlier beginning May 7, for the summer).

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

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

Bears are emerging from their dens, however, so be sure to carry bear spray.

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer and Pam Willison:



Self-portrait of wet hikers!



The Swan River Trail is on the old road into Bigfork, now closed to motors.



There are cliffs on the upper side of the trail . . .



. . . and a drop-off to the Swan River on the lower side!

(April 2008 with a hint of Yellowstone NP!)