

April 9, 2011

Ten Swan Rangers snowshoed and skied up Infinity Ridge from the Strawberry Lake Road Saturday, with most making it to the peak overlooking Wildcat Lake in Jewel Basin (as well as the Flathead Valley, Flathead Lake, the Swan Range, and big chunks of Glacier Park and the Flathead Range).

It was a great, sunny day, the snow conditions were quite good for the climb, and we got back to the vehicles at Foothill Road well before dark for a change!

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:



Preparing to leave Strawberry Lake Road and start the steep bush-whack.



A well camouflaged blue grouse was perched in a tree at our brief lunch stop. Can you find it?



Into the wild blue yonder above tree-line.



Lots of snow poised to melt and run toward Flathead Lake!



Finally in sight of the true top of Infinity Ridge . . .



. . . where 360-degree views include Mount Aeneas in the distance!