

May 7, 2011

Four Swan Rangers again hiked the Swan River Trail upstream of Bigfork as they wait for backcountry trails to thaw out. Though later than usual this year, the Swan River Trail is now a great place to see a wide variety of spring wildflowers, a sampling of which are shown below!

But, don't miss the wide variety of ducks, geese and osprey nesting along the river!

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for **breakfast at 7:30, leaving at 8:30** 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.

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

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



Glacier lily.



Trillium.



Shooting star.



Fern-leaved desert parsley.



Oregon grape.



Blue-eyed Mary.