

June 11, 2011

Eleven Swan Rangers hiked up the old Krause Basin Road and down the Peters Ridge Road for a near-loop. It was a partly sunny day with no rain until just after getting back to the cars!

There's still snow lying deep in shaded areas near the top of this loop and the streams are running high. The changes in elevation provide a wide array of flowers from early-season trilliums to several members of the orchid family, shown below!

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.

When hiking in bear country, remember to carry bear spray and avoid the 3-D's: dawn, dusk, and darkness.

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



How many photos have we taken at this fork in the road?



Fiddleheads as ferns begin to unfurl beneath the forest canopy!



The North Fork of Krause Creek running high, wide and handsome.



Striped coral root, an orchid that obtains its nutrients from fungi in decaying plant matter!



White lady slipper orchids.



Yellow lady slipper orchids.