

August 20, 2011

Thirteen Swan Rangers broke into two groups and hiked into Jewel Basin's Birch Lake Saturday, with two continuing on to Crater Lake for an out-and-back of over twelve miles! The air was cool and the bugs were few.

In Bob Muth's words: "The wildflowers are at their peak. Glorious! What a gem in our backyard!"

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

PS - Next Saturday is our 300th outing, followed by burgers, pie, ice cream and Swan Range Jammers' music at the Mountain Brook Pie Social! Visit our web site at <http://www.swanview.org> for more details!

Photos on following pages and report info by Bob Muth and Roger Benson:



Another clear day with nice views of Flathead Lake and Valley!



Birch Lake under blue skies.



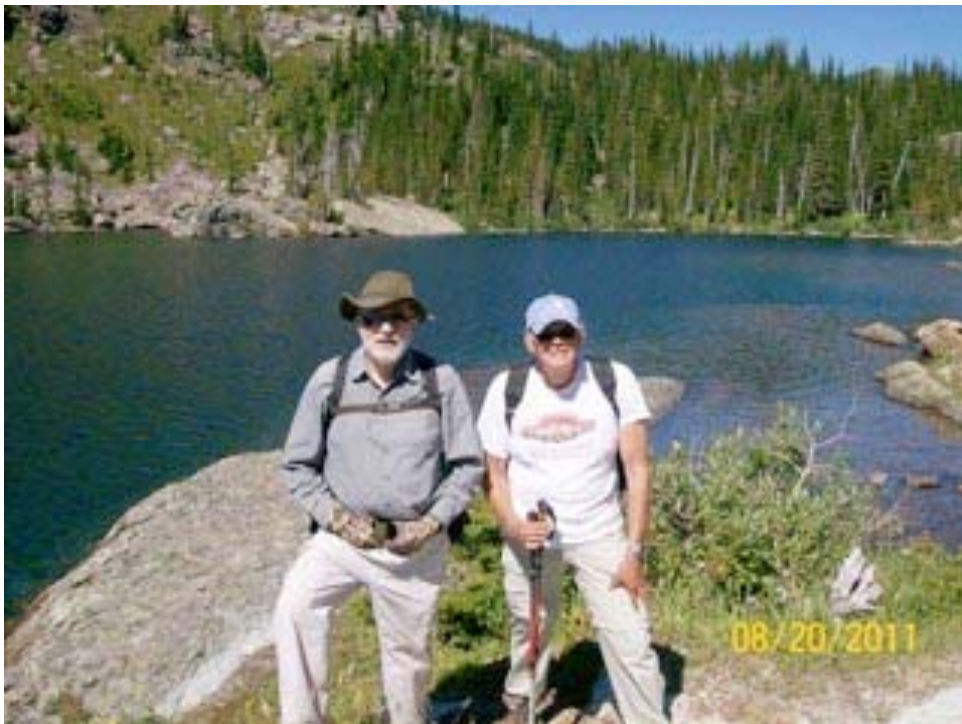
Birch Lake and Mount Aeneas.



Let's continue that-a-way!



Crater Lake.



OK, now it's another six miles back!