October 22, 2011

Five Swan Rangers hiked the Strawberry Lake Trail Saturday, on a surprisingly nice day. It was cloudy and calm in the woods, then a bit blustery and cold at Strawberry Lake.

It is definitely fall! Fall colors and fungi abound along the trail!

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!

PS - Big game rifle season is Oct 22 - Nov 27, so it's a good idea to wear bright orange while hiking out there!

Photos on following pages and hike info by Fawn Simensen and Chris Gotschalk:
All set for a Fall hike!

Following the yellow-leaf trail!
A little red and orange thrown in for good measure!

Two Rangers fear they have lost the trail as they find themselves in unfamiliar territory!
Mushrooms on an old rotten stump.

Fungi of another sort!