November 26, 2011

Three Swan Rangers chose to get off the beaten path during this last weekend of the big game hunting season. They hiked the middle portion of the Peters Ridge Road Saturday, then headed off-trail into upper Krause Basin.

They saw tracks of elk and other wildlife - and got a little taste of bush-whacking!

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.

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

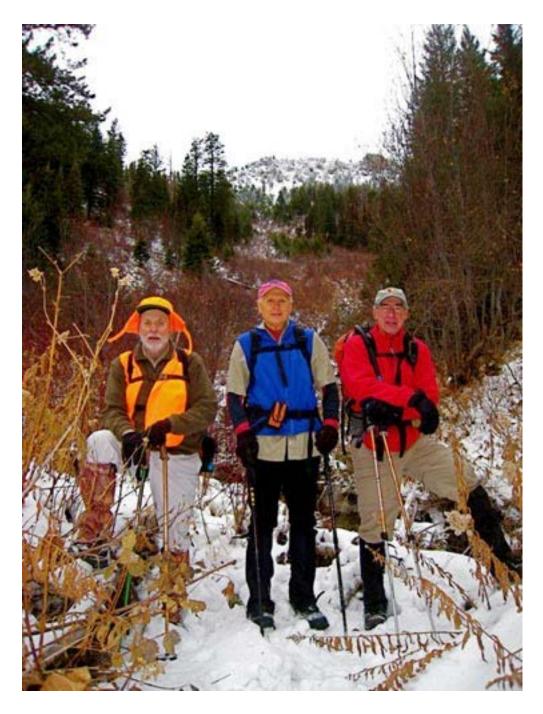
Photos on following pages and report info by Bob Muth:



A pause at "the overlook" on Peters Ridge Road, with a view of Flathead Lake.



Class 2 Alders: There is a bit of a bear trail in there!



A shot up the avalanche chute toward Strawberry Mountain.