

December 24, 2011

Five Swan Rangers hiked the nordic ski trails on Foothill Road Saturday to see the good work and improvements made there this fall. Snow is still a bit thin for skiing, but we can always hope for more snow!

North Shore Nordic Ski Club utilized FVCC's heavy equipment class this fall, completing more loop trails and building a nice bridge over Noisy Creek! You can learn more or support North Shore Nordic by visiting:

<http://northshorenordic.org>

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. Some bears are still not dened yet!

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

PS - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Photos on following pages and report info by Chris Gotschalk and Roger Benson:



It's beginning to look a bit like Christmas!



The Bigfork Community/Foothills Road nordic ski area is largely composed of groomed ski trails on closed State Forest Lands roads, with numerous loops and rolling terrain to make for a nice mix of skiing!



A new bridge constructed this fall over Noisy Creek.



A little more snow and we can strap our skis on!