

December 31, 2011

Nine Swan Rangers hiked the Echo-Broken Leg Trail as far as Wolf Creek's Lunch Rock Saturday. The trail is thawed and bare at lower elevations, but frozen and a bit icy in Wolf Creek Canyon.

Though windy and cold in the canyon, there's still little snow. It's pretty strange to still be admiring moss on the rocks and carpets of pine needles at New Year! It's pretty much time to pray for snow!

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.

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

PS – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



Admiring "quilted rock" along the F.H. Stoltze section of the trail.



A ponderosa pine iTree along the Forest Service section.



A hidden and thawing waterfall along Deer Creek.



A view of Ferndale and Flathead Lake from Wolf Creek Canyon.



A frosty looking Crater Mountain from Lunch Rock.



Lunch was had in the shelter of some trees by Lunch Rock!