

January 14, 2012

Eleven Swan Rangers hiked a loop using the first part of Echo-Broken Leg Trail, the Stoltze logging road, and DNRC logging roads Saturday. They paid a visit to a nice wet meadow that, when not frozen over, offers sights and sounds of geese and ducks.

They were treated to wildlife tracks galore, including the bobcat track pictured below. Birch Creek's display of ice formations was exceptionally nice, but we're still hiking and praying for snow so we can snowshoe and ski before spring arrives!

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

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



Big smiles, little snow!



No need for snowshoes, but . . .



. . . too cold for a swim in Birch Creek!



A serene wet meadow on DNRC land north of Brosten Lane.





Bobcat track next to a 3.5" diameter pole basket.



White pine cone turned art by snow and sun!