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Twelve Swan Rangers skied and snowshoed a loop in Krause Basin Saturday on a foot of fresh snow that was quickly turning sticky with the warmer weather. There were tracks of snowshoe hare galore, as though they too weren't going to miss an outing in these rare days of winter!

Though it started raining soon after our return, we must have faith that the hemlock forests of Krause Basin will get more than just this single white cloak of the past few days! With a "winter" like this one, however, the moral of the story is: "Ski first, plow and shovel the driveway later!"

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:



Skis and snowshoes, finally!



A winter wonderland in hemlock forest.



Crossing a frozen-over Krause Creek, snowshoe hare style!



A veteran, thick-barked cotton wood tree further up Krause Creek.



A spring at the headwaters of Echo Creek.



A distant Echo Lake under a brooding sky.