

March 31, 2012

Four Swan Rangers hiked the Peterson Creek road until the snow became too deep and rotten, then headed over to the now-thawed Swan River Trail for another four miles of nice spring weather.

They saw nice mountain lion tracks on the Peterson Creek Road and lots of geese and golden eye ducks along the Swan River Trail. Ducks and geese nest along the upper half of the Swan River Trail, above the dam, so it's a great place to enjoy springtime strolls no matter what the weather!

Bears are emerging from their winter dens, so it's a good time to put the bear spray back on your pack belt if you removed it for the winter.

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 Bob Muth and Roger Benson:



Nice self-group portrait!



Mountain lions, like the rest of the cat family, register their hind foot on top of their front footprint and seldom show claws because they are retracted.



Clouds make way for a nice spring day along the Swan Range!



The Swan River Trail offers nice views of the Swan Range and lots of waterfowl watching!