

April 7, 2012

Eight Swan Rangers hiked up the Bear Dance Trail on Crane Mountain Saturday, under sunny and mild skies. While the bottom portion of the trail was a carpet of pine needles, the upper reaches are still buried in snow and require "post-hole" style hiking!

The Rangers saw tracks of snowshoe hare, bobcat, grouse, voles, and squirrels. They also saw Painted Lady butterflies and a pileated woodpecker. They topped the ridge above Crane Mountain Road and had great views of Flathead Lake below!

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:



Six and one-half Swan Rangers pose for the camera!



Up, up!



Duck, duck!



Blue lake, blue sky, but not a blue mood anywhere!