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Eleven Swan Rangers hiked the Crater Notch Trail today, planning to turn around once snow pack was encountered but instead continuing on to the notch. It's hard to stop once you get rolling, even uphill!

The snow pack was perfect; firm enough to trek on but soft enough to edge and heel into on steep slopes! The temperature was perfect and the slightly overcast sky cleared for some blue sky photos at Crater Notch!

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for **breakfast at 7:30, leaving at 8:30** 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.

When hiking in bear country, remember to carry bear spray and avoid the 3-D's: dawn, dusk, and darkness.

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



An unsuspecting band of Rangers pose on the Birch Creek bridge.



So when do we hit the steep part?



Crater Notch and the Jewel Basin boundary.



Time to head home!





Budding mountain ash leaves and flowers!



Anyone know what this is? A sedge of some sort?