

May 26, 2012

Ten Swan Rangers hiked to Bond Lake Saturday in "very pleasant hiking weather" that included cloudy skies and a brief snow flurry near the lake, but no rain. Pretty good weather for Memorial Day Weekend!

They saw two black bears, a mountain goat, and wildflowers too many to list. It's still early spring as the snow pack is still melting near and at the lake. Many a winter wren was heard along the trail!

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 and report info by Bob Muth:



The Swan Rangers test their "sea legs" on a pile of gravel!



No snow at Bond Falls . . .





. . . plenty of snow further up toward the lake!



Not quite summer at Bond Lake!



American Globeflower and . . .



. . . Ballhead Waterleaf make the approach of summer solstice more believable!