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Six Swan Rangers took a rainy day hike along the Swan River Trail upstream from Bigfork, and it did not disappoint. This trail/old road always offers a nice variety of waterfowl, flowers and trees - and leads to Brookies Cookies!

The Rangers got a rare, close look at a Swainson's Thrush singing its heart out in the rain. The Swainson's, unlike its early-arriving cousins the Robin and Varied Thrush, arrives at the end of May when the weather has improved considerably. Its flute-like ascending spiral song is one of the most distinctive this time of year, especially early morning and late evening!

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:



A rainy-day trail that keeps your feet dry!



A Swainson's Thrush "just singin' in the rain!"



When clouds obscure distant views, there's always detail close at hand . . .



. . . like colorful buds of Ponderosa Pine . . .



. . . and flowers of Mariposa Lily!



A down-river destination of great taste: Brookies Cookies!