

June 9, 2012

Eleven Swan Rangers hiked the Hemler Creek Trail Saturday under mostly cloudy skies that spat only a bit of graupel and rain. Six made a slightly testy crossing of South Hemler Creek to continue on past the cliffs into North Hemler, where they ate a quick bite and turned around.

Bear grass is beginning to bloom in places, little green huckleberries have set on in others, and clematis abounds along this trail like we've not seen elsewhere this spring! Yellow lady slippers, mountain lady slippers and striped coral root can be found along Peters Ridge Road!

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

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How many Swan Rangers does it take to cross the road?



Bear grass beginning to bloom.



A vote on whether to cross South Hemler Creek!



Clematis above the trail.



A view of Lake Blaine and Kalispell from Hemler Creek Trail!



Yellow lady slippers along Peters Ridge Road.