

June 30, 2012

Twenty-three Swan Rangers broke into three groups Saturday and hiked Mount Aeneas and Sixmile Mountain. It was a wonderful, sunny day!

One group hiked the Sixmile Trail as far as the saddle and junction with Alpine 7, where they turned around in the face of lots of snow on up to the peak. Two groups hiked the Switchback Trail from low on the Jewel Basin Road to the ridge of Aeneas by the communications building, with one group continuing on to the peak.

We hear the Jewel Basin road is now clear of snow almost to the parking lot at Camp Misery, but not quite, and there's lots of snow from there on up the trails. Switchback Trail is now clear of snow all the way to Alpine Trail 7. Mount Aeneas Trail 717 from Alpine 7 still has some snow on up to the ridge, but a couple Rangers cleared all the dead fall trees out of the way.

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, Roger Benson and Bob Muth:



Mount Aeneas with Sixmile Mountain further south along the Swan Crest!



The Sixmile Gang.



The Aeneas Ridge Gang.



The Aeneas Peak Gang.



View of Flathead Lake from Mount Aeneas.



Picnic Lakes are just starting to thaw in Jewel Basin!