

July 7, 2012

Seventeen Swan Rangers hiked the Peters Ridge Trail Saturday under hot, sunny skies! All made it to the Swan Crest, though two lagged behind to saw and clear the trail of all dead-fall trees.

Most turned around at the Crest due to plenty snow on the east side, but four ventured about a half-mile further, ridge-running northward toward Hash Mountain.

In hot weather, the cooler temperatures of higher elevation are most welcome and well worth the climb!

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 and Roger Benson:



Recent winds felled many a tree!



Nearing the Swan Crest on that steep little set of switchbacks!



Stopping fly-swatting long enough for a photo on the Swan Crest!



Ridge-runner still-life with distant yellow canola field.



Looking north along the Swan Crest, with Hash Mountain at left.



Looking south along the Swan Crest, with Mount Aeneas at distant right.