

July 14, 2012

Nine Swan Rangers hiked the Echo Broken Leg Trail Saturday to Wolf Creek and Lunch Rock. It was a misty, cool day and a welcome break from the heat of the last week!

The Rangers ate their first ripe huckleberries of the year but refuse to say where they were - other than to insist they are NOT along the Echo Broken Leg Trail and to go find your own! It was also a great day for plant identification as whole new arrays of wildflowers come into bloom.

Five Rangers spent an extra couple of hours on the way out, cutting encroaching brush back from the trail between Lunch Rock and Windy Point. Many thanks go out to Amanda, Judi, Pam and Stuart for helping with this back-bending task!

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:



Rangers pause on the Birch Creek bridge.



A misty hike into Wolf Creek Canyon!



Brush encroaching on the trail.



Same stretch of trail after a go of Swan Rangers and their loppers!



Mutiny at Windy Point: Enough brushing!



Deer Creek: Pretty and refreshing as ever!