April 28, 2007

Five Swan Rangers hiked into Wolf Creek canyon via the closed Bear Creek Road Saturday.

We spent a nice while among lots of trillium flowers near the creek, then continued up the informal trail along the south side of the creek up to the Broken Leg Trail, where we first hit snow.

There we sat near the creek like bumps on a log and ate a leisurely lunch in the sun before heading back down the canyon.

We saw a half-dozen mule deer on the south slopes of the canyon and a couple more along the road on the way back to the cars.

No ticks found or reported on the north slopes, which of course made us pine for the hotter south slopes.

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for breakfast at 8:30, leaving at 9:30 for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith
Trillium flowers abound near Wolf Creek. They are among the first flowers to bloom in spring as robins return and are hence called “wakerobins” as well. American Indians used the roots to aid in childbirth, hence yet another name of “birthroot.”