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Seven Swan Rangers beat the heat by hiking to Birch and Crater Lakes in Jewel Basin Saturday, where they came upon familiar faces hiking and swimming as well.

There was a welcome cool breeze along Alpine Trail #7 and an osprey at Crater Lake. Many wildflowers are still in their prime at these higher elevations and one meadow came complete with a Forest Service botanist providing Dr. Seuss nomenclature for the abundant anemone! It seems everyone has their own favorite name for this mopsy-headed flower!

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.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



Swan Rangers encounter familiar faces along Alpine Trail #7 near Birch Lake.



An inviting Birch Lake sits nestled in a low pass of the Swan Crest.



Crater Lake offers refreshing swimming, foot-soaking, bug-free breezes, and plentiful diving spots - and enough water to wet the lens on your camera!