

June 23, 2007

Four Swan Rangers hiked the Hemler Creek Trail Saturday, which starts at the end of the closed portion of the Trail Creek Road stemming left/north from the Peters Ridge Road.

We hiked through old growth forest into South Hemler Creek, then across more open and rocky country into North Hemler Creek, turning around within a mile of Alpine Trail #7 in order to leave something for another day!

We saw Ladyslipper and many other flowers, with the bear grass coming into full bloom in most places, along with the track and scat of bears.

Hemler Creek Trail offers wonderful views of Flathead Lake, Lake Blaine and the Flathead Valley and is a great place to get away from the crowds.

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:



Hemler Creek Trail runs from the Trail Creek/Peters Ridge Road to Alpine #7 above Lake Blaine, offering lots of nice boulders to sit on.



Lake Blaine and Kalispell beyond.



Flathead Lake view from the Hemler Creek Trail.