

March 10, 2007

Seven Swan Rangers sensed sweet sweat and Spring Saturday while snowshoeing the Bear Creek Road to its end, then up an informal side hill trail to where Broken Leg Trail crosses Wolf Creek.

We heard Varied Thrush, which have recently returned from the south and saw tracks of both pine marten and wolverine, as well as numerous piles of chips at the base of dead trees drilled by pileated woodpeckers.

We safely observed the deposition of dirty snow left by several avalanches across Wolf Creek Canyon from our route and imagined the ticks would be coming out very soon over there on that south-facing slope!

It was a full day: crunchy in the morning and slushy in the afternoon.

The eighth Swan Ranger overslept and called it a day after scaling the heights of her pillow from both the north and south approaches!

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

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