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Eight Swan Rangers hiked up Crater Notch Trail Saturday and got nearly to the basin below the notch before turning around due to snow. Beginning at the bottom of the Jewel Basin Road, this trail is a good workout to get in shape for the hiking season!

There was lots of bird song, lots of wildflowers including some of our first Indian paintbrush, and plenty of speculation about what made tracks in the snow on a ridge across from our lunch spot.

The group also managed to solve most of the world's political problems through large doses of good humor!

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.

BEGINNING MAY 26, THE SATURDAY OUTINGS WILL SWITCH TO SUMMER HOURS, WITH BREAKFAST AT 7:30 AND DEPARTURE FROM THE CAFE AT 8:30.

Everyone is Welcome!

Hope to see you soon,

Keith

Keith Hammer photos:



The climb up Crater Notch is good for the heart, good for the lungs, and provides increasingly grand views of the Swan Range and the valley below.



The Swan Rangers cool their heels and snack on lunch within view of Crater Notch before heading back down the trail.