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Eight Swan Rangers hiked up Crater Notch Trail to the notch on a beautiful fall day Saturday. The fall colors, especially at the higher elevations, are the best in years!

The air was a great temperature for hiking, but a stiff wind in the notch made the lee side of some trees a great place for lunch. It was the kind of fall day that put everyone in good humor and spirits, so lots of good jokes and stories were told.

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:



It was another two-snack day, with the first snack enjoyed at "the lunch spot."



The hillsides are simply astounding in the vibrance of their fall colors.



The last half-mile of the Crater Notch Trail ducks around a bit of cliff and then switchbacks up to Crater Notch on the Swan Crest divide, which is also the Jewel Basin Boundary, between Birch and Crater Lakes.