

June 19, 2010

Thirteen Swan Rangers hiked to Strawberry Lake Saturday under wonderfully sunny skies. While it may be Summer Solstice in a couple days, it still looks a lot like springtime at upper elevations!

Youngsters William and Kir made the trek with their parents on this great 6 mile round-trip outing that is indeed perfect for families. Don't let the first quarter-mile buffalo you, as that's the steepest of the whole hike and the rest is on a pretty gentle grade.

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.

They carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you soon,



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



A bit of a springtime surprise after that last corner into Strawberry Lake!



After last week's snow, even the ice-free portion of the lake is half-full of slush!



Kir shows us how to hike with a smile!



The Strawberry Lake Trail has awesome views of Echo and Flathead Lakes!



Glacier lilies stand back up after a tromping of fresh snow.



A snag stands sentinel along the trail, cloaked in lichen.