

September 29, 2007

Three Swan Rangers hiked in a bit of rain after having breakfast with a full table of great folks at the Echo Lake Cafe.

They hiked a loop up Wolf Creek from the gate on the Bear Creek Road, hiking the informal trail up the south side of Wolf Creek then down Broken Leg Trail on the north side of the creek, dropping down the informal "S-Turn Scree" trail back to the end of the Bear Creek Road.

They hiked in wonderful fall colors, falling birch leaves, and just a bit of fresh snow at the highest point where Broken Leg Trail crosses Wolf Creek.

Spirits were high in spite of the rain, which prepares the body, heart and soul for an evening before a warming fire at home. Nothing beats "cabin fever" like a good hike in the rain!

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.

Keith Hammer photos:



Rain gear was put to use but the uphill provided plenty of warmth!



Snow provided a jeweled frosting for the bear grass, but failed to blot out the red, orange and yellow fall colors.



A view back Wolf Creek canyon from the Broken Leg Trail, having just descended from the snow line - where fall and winter colors meet.