

Going Places



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 477 DECEMBER 2021– JANUARY 2022

CHAIR'S REPORT

There's not a lot to report from our last committee meeting. The unfolding Covid story continues to affect our activities, particularly on the social scene with club meetings, second hand gear sale etc. David Jones has continued to work on some possible solutions that he will have announced by email by the time you are reading this report. There is also a notice in this edition of Going Places. The second hand gear sale is something I would encourage you to support as it is a good means to getting gear at reasonable prices. It should also be a good social occasion.

Today (November 18) with ten others from the club, I went to his funeral. Colin joined the club sixteen years ago around age 69. He served twelve years on the committee, nine years as a tramp planner and led numerous tramps. He also served in a diverse range of other organisations in a voluntary capacity during his years with the club. He lived life to the full characterised by a desire to serve, a love of people and a puckish sense of humour. At 80 he was still doing stints as a hut warden at the Mueller Hut. One day he arrived at the Yaldhurst carpark muttering that he had had a previous engagement and that he wasn't sure he would get to Yaldhurst on time. He had come from an early morning session of radio therapy and went on to do a full day's tramp, although with a little more struggle than usual, but without fuss.

Christmas is almost upon us. Unfortunately I won't be at the Christmas afternoon tea December 15 as I'll be at the Arthur's Pass Base Camp. So to all of you, take care and enjoy this season.

Lawrence Allpress



On November 14, aged 85, long-time Club member Colin Garthwaite passed away peacefully in Nurse Maude Hospital, Christchurch. Colin was an enthusiastic and faithful tramper, well known for his down-to-earth humour, feisty spirit, generous nature and love of story telling.

Christmas Afternoon Tea at Orton Bradley Wednesday 15 December at 2 pm

An afternoon tea will be held after the tramps and we also encourage non-tramping members to join us. Hot water, tea, coffee and milk will be provided and everyone to bring a plate to share (with something on it) and a cup. A vehicle will be available to take over any extra chilly bins/foldable chairs for any tramp leaving Ashgrove at 830.

Any queries please contact **Chrissy** @ secretary@oftc.org.nz

Club Night

THURSDAY December 9
Knox Hall cnr Victoria Street
and Bealey Ave
7.30 p m

Speaker: Club member **Richard Suggate**, who will speak about Te Ahau Patiki, the new Peninsula Conservation Park.

Please note that this is THURSDAY not the usual Tuesday. We will be using the larger hall behind our usual venue which will allow more social distancing.

David Jones 027 288 5845

Tramping Club second hand gear sale

Saturday December 4
10.00 till 12 noon
Knox Church (cnr Victoria
Street and Bealey Avenue)

This will be held in our usual Knox room, according to whatever Covid protocols are appropriate at this time.

Please come along and support this venture which we hope may become an annual event.

Entry lists should be sent to
Chris Clark

at kiwisonbikes@xtra.co.nz
For further details, please
contact David Jones 027 288
5845 ballymol@xtra.co.nz

Note the deadline for Newsletter items to the Editor is the 20th of every month for the following month's Newsletter—send to Mavis Airey at mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz AND Terry Stevens at terendy2@gmail.com

**Trip details by the 15th of every month to Trip Collators: Saturday and Sunday trips to Vicki Steven—421 0060
mob 022 130 4342 vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au
Wednesday trips to Barbro Guard—980 2792 guard.gabk@gmail.com.**

Please note — address all correspondence pertaining to Club business to the Secretary, in the first instance by email (secretary@oftc.org.nz)

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Backpacking and Basecamps 2021-22

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Mon 28 Nov – Sun 5 Dec 2021	North West Circuit, Stewart Island <i>This trip is full, there is a waiting list available</i>	4	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 5 – Tue 7 Dec 2021	Waimakariri Falls, Arthurs Pass NP	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Dec 2021	Woolshed Creek, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Tue 14 – Sat 18 Dec 2021	Arthur's Pass basecamp	4	Moderate	Sue Weller 021 194 9550 suzmweller@hotmail.com
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan 2022	Jollie Brook Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 30 Jan – Wed 2 Feb 2022	Hope Kiwi Hut – Top Hope Hut – Nelson Tops	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Wed 2 – Wed 9 February 2022	Okains Bay	7	Easy	Judy Eden 3844857 / 0274726538 Carolyn Blackford 0226516066
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Feb 2022	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 Mar 2022	Welcome Flat Hut – Douglas Rock Hut, Westland 3 nights on the track and 2 nights at Fox	5	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fusseixtra.co.nz
Sun 6 – Tues 8 Mar 2022	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit, Reefton	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Mon 7–Fri 11 March, 2022	Travers – Sabine Circuit, Nelson Lakes Waiting list available			Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 13 – Fri 18 Mar 2022	Basecamp – Twizel and surrounds	5	4 & 5	Marcel Robb 039283733/0220125008 marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Mar 2022	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022	Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fusseixtra.co.nz
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Apr 2022	Huxley Hut – Broderick Hut	3	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fusseixtra.co.nz

Backpacking Tramps Confirmation System

Due to members withdrawing from backpacking tramps at late stages the committee decided the following conditions will apply:

- That a deposit of \$25 be paid to the leader no later than 6 weeks prior to departure if advertised more than 3 months ahead, otherwise at time of booking.
- The deposit will be non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the leader.
- Although the confirmation date will be advertised the actual tramp date will remain sufficiently flexible to allow changes to be made on account of the weather etc.

Gerald Edmunds Tel: 342 6331
or agedmunds@outlook.com
Base Camp and Backpacking
Co-ordinator



Grade 2 Sandy Bay/Bellbird Loop, October 20, photo Mike Currie.

DAY TRIP PROGRAMME

The tramps are listed in order of difficulty, with the easiest first, then moderate, then harder.
If you are unsure of a tramp please check with the tramp leader.

NQ means that this tramp is not a qualifying tramp for prospective new members.
All other day tramps grade 2 and above are qualifying tramps.
Travel costs for trips are calculated at three passengers per car.

Please note: It is club policy that these day tramps and the tramping programmes detailed in the newsletter are for members only.

Also **times given are indicative only** and do not include car travel to and from the tramp.

CANCELLATIONS

**Go to the OFTC
website home page -
Cancellation Notices.**

TRAMP PLANNERS

Note — Please forward your draft list to the Club Captain by the 20th of each month

Saturday

Wednesday	Veterans	Alec Mills	338 5002
	Grade 1		
	Grade 2	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
		Carol Eddington	021 045 3170
	Grade 3	Peter Moody	351 7448
		Peter Glasson	021 324 954
	Grade 4		
Sunday	Grade 1	Judy Eden	027 472 6538
	Grade 2	Heather & Alan Robertson	021 181 6019
		Pip Clark	027 331 1739
		Helen Rutledge & Garry Roberts	021 289 8491
	Grade 3, 4 & 5	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

SUNDAY TRAMPS**DECEMBER 5****Sumner Circuit****NQ PHx**

Cost : Nil

Up the Zig Zag and various tracks to CRW, gun emplacement, and back down Richmond Hill. Shorter option available avoiding the Zig Zag and Richmond Hill descent.

Grade : 1 Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Meet at Sumner Surf Club Carpark at 9am. For shorter option, drive up Clifton Terrace, park near corner of Panorama Road and meet the rest of the group at 9.40am approx - please let leaders know if you prefer this option.

Leaders: John Kelly 0211859108, Mavis Airey 0275293631

Hogsback track Castle HillWx

Cost : \$24

The track is approx 8 km each way of single track used by walkers and mountain bikers. Involves moderate hill work with spectacular views on a nice day. We start at Castle Hill Village, take the track to Texas Flat, and return by same route.

Grade : 2 Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel 9am

Leader : Theo Degen 0299773859 or 3320526

Co-leader Karen Degen 027 6785943

Sumner Figure of Eight PH02A or variation

Cost: none

From Wiggins St Sumner take Heritage Trail to Taylors Mistake, then up to Breeze Col and CRW to Godley Head. Back to Taylors by way of Boulder Bay, up from Taylors follow track to Evans Pass. Back to Sumner and the cars by Captain Thomas Track.

Grade : 3 Time : 6 – 6.5 hours

Depart : Cnr Wiggins & Heberden Sts, Sumner 8.30 am

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

Reminders to Tramp Leaders**TO CANCEL A DAY TRAMP**

Go to OFTC website and log in. Click on *Members* section, then click on *Cancellations* on the left hand side list. Type your message into the dialog box then click save. **CANCELLATIONS MUST BE DONE 1½ HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

Any changes to your trip or equipment requirements should be placed 12 hours in advance. Leaders are no longer required to go to the start meeting place provided this has been notified earlier

LOCATOR BEACONS

Collect and carry these. **Please note** — they are collected from the Z Service Stations at Belfast or Barrington and Mobil at Yaldhurst. For any private use of these beacons please contact Peter Oliver to arrange (027 438 5082).

AT THE END OF THE TRAMP

Please send the number of participants to:
Sally Timms salgav@xtra.co.nz)

DECEMBER 5 CONTINUED**Mt Somers via Hookey Knob SW09**

Cost : \$29

From Staveley car park follow south track over Hookey Knob until track branches off to summit. Follow poled route to summit and return the same way.

Grade : 4 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8:00am

Leader : Sue Weller 021 194 9550

DECEMBER 12**Ashley Gorge Christmas Picnic**

Grade 1 & 2 will be picnicking together.

Please see Grade 2 for the relevant information.

Ashley Gorge Xmas picnic

Cost : \$15

Head out Oxford Rd, turn right at Oxford cemetery and follow Ashley Gorge road to the Reserve. It is this side of the river. We will do the loop track and up to the waterfall.

A shared Xmas lunch will follow. Ladies wear a frock and men a tie. [optional]

Grade : 2 Time : 1 1/2 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00am

Leader : Appointed on the day

Mt Herbert from Orton Bradley Park BP10

Cost : \$6 plus share of \$10 per car for Orton Bradley Park
It's a steady walk up the central valley from Orton Bradley Park to the shelter, and on to Te Ahu Patiki (Mt Herbert) summit at 919 m. Lovely views 360 °views. Return via the route under Mt Bradley and join the tablelands track back to the cars.

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St 8.30 am

Time : 6 hours

Leader : Alison Downard 021 133 7252

DECEMBER 19

Gibraltar Estate BP89 NQ

Cost : \$4

Farm track to Summit Rd, return via alternative farm tracks.

Grade : 1 Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Leaders : Bruce Stanton, 338 1909

Otahuna-Omahu Bush circuit PH106

Cost : \$4

From Rhodes Rd/Tai Tapu walk private road to Omahu Bush Reserve. View Anne's waterfall then by Nelson and Prendergast tracks below Gibraltar Rock climb to Summit Rd and CRW. May have time to climb Coopers Knob. Return Rhodes track.

Grade : 2 Time : 5 hrs

Depart : cnr Ashgrove and Ferniehurst 9am

Leader : Pamela Gibbons 3327531 or 022 678 0398

Mt Richardson N09 variation

This trip will only run if numbers are sufficient

Cost : \$16

From the Glentui picnic area, head up the Mt Richardson track to the summit at 1047 m. Take in the views of the Puketeraki Range and Lees Valley, and admire the colourful sub-alpine scrub. Cross the tops on the Blowhard Track and then take the Bypass track back to the cars.

Grade : 3 Time : 5 - 6 hours

Depart : Belfast Hotel 8.30 am

Leader : Jill Halliburton, 337 4973 or 021 022 67556

To ensure sufficient numbers, please contact Jill if you'd like to come on this trip.

Woolshed Hill and Hawdon River W050

Cost : \$32

Moderate climb from Hawdon shelter to summit (1431). Travel along ridge and descend ridge through bush to Hawdon River.

Grade : 4 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8:00am

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

DECEMBER 26

Grade 1 : No tramp planned.

For those who would like to stretch their legs, please meet at Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St (PMH) at 9.30am and decide where to go from there.

Grade 2 : No tramp planned.**Grade 3 :** No trip scheduled. Put a Message on the Club website if you'd like to lead one.

JANUARY 2

Grade 1 : No tramp planned.

If anyone feels like getting out and about, meet at cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am and decide where to go from there.

Grade 2

No planned tramp, however if anyone wants to walk then meet at cnr Ashgrove/Ferniehurst at 9am

Mt Grey from Lake Janet N37 variation

Cost : \$15

A longer than standard Mt Grey trip. From Lake Janet up to Mt Grey Summit at 934 m. All round great views: from Kaikoura to Banks Peninsula. Head across the tops then down the Red Beech track to the lower picnic area. Head up the Mt Grey track to the bypass track, and follow back to Lake Janet.

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel 8.30 am

Time : 6+ hours

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

JANUARY 2 CONTINUES

Avalanche Peak W071A

Cost : \$39

Go up via Avalanche Peak track and return via Scotts Track. An iconic but challenging tramp. 1100 m climb and much of it is steep and rough.

Grade : 4 Time : 7 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7:30am

Leader: Neville Palmer 021 550 660

JANUARY 9

Tumbledown Bay BPx NQ

Cost : \$15

From car park on Bossu Rd, walk down ridge to lovely swimming beach. BRING TOGS. Maybe walk around to Te Oka Bay. Shuttle back up or walk if you feel energetic

Grade : 1 Time : 4 hrs

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Leader : Judy Eden 384 4857, 027 472 6538

Head of Kaituna Valley towards Mt Herbert BP30A

Cost : \$12

From the head of Kaituna Valley follow up the track to Mt Herbert and return.

Grade : 2 Time : 5 hrs

Depart : cnr Ashgrove/ Ferniehurst 9am

Leader : Garry Roberts 349 7875

Co-leaders. Karen and Theo Degen 029 977 3859

Camp Saddle W010 variation

Cost : \$27

From Shelter near Highway 73 take track through the bush to Lyndon saddle with optional side trip to Helicopter hill, then along to the base of Camp saddle. A steep climb up the rocky slope to Camp Saddle (no track), traverse along the rocky ridge and then take a scree run down to re-join the track at Lyndon Saddle. A fun trip with a little bit of everything.

Grade : 3 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00 am

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

JANUARY 16

Ryde Falls NW04

Cost : \$15

Shorter tramp to the waterfall from View Hill.

Grade : 1 Time : 4 hrs

Depart : Belfast Tavern car park at 9am

Leader : Annemarie Wichmann 027 432 6206 & Digby Scorgie 03 312 0096

Ryde Falls from Coopers Creek NW04

Cost : \$15

Picturesque bush and hill walk to the falls for lunch.

Grade : 2 Time : 5 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark at 9.00am

Leader : Jenny Owens 021 027 04522 Co.leader : TBA

Mt Somers North Face Crossover SW16

Cost : \$29

One group starts from the Sharplin Falls car park (Flynn's Rd, Staveley) taking the route over Duke's Knob to Pinnacles hut. The other group starts from Woolshed Creek car park (Jig road), taking the direct route (Miners' track) to Mt Somers hut. From the huts, continue over the saddle (1170 m) enjoying some great rocky scenery. Approx. 16 km, 1000 m height gain.

Grade : 4 (due to length, but not technically difficult)

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel 7.30 am. Note early start.

Time : 7 -7.5 hours

Leaders: Deirdre Whitelaw 0210329351, Sue Weller 0211949550

To ensure sufficient numbers, please contact Deirdre or Sue if you'd like to come on this trip.

JANUARY 16 CONTINUED

The Gap W017

Cost : \$17

Long walk up Kowai River, followed by steep climb up to ridge and the Gap. The view inland towards Castle Hill and ski fields make it worth the effort.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8:00am

Time : 7 hours

Leader: Ross Walker 027 558 2126

JANUARY 23

Diamond Harbour and Environs BP84

Combined tramp with Grade 2 - see Grade 2 tramp for details.
Diamond Harbour and Environs BP84

Cost : gold card , metro card or \$13cash for return ferry ticket.
Various Diamond Harbour tracks and coastal walk. Bring togs for a swim.

Grade : 1 & 2

Depart : B jetty at Lyttelton at 8.40 for ferry crossing [allow time to find all day parking].

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Cynthia Watkins 3294990, 027 370 1304 and Liz Searle 384 3318, 021 058 6860

Kaituna Valley (Parkinson's Rd) to Monument Cross-over

Cost : \$12

Starting from Parkinson's Rd, it's a steady climb to Packhorse Hut and then onwards and upwards to Te Ahu Patiki (Mt Herbert) summit at 919 m. Continue along the open tops and down past the Monument to the cars. The other group makes the trip in reverse, with considerably less total height gain.

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St 8.00 am

Time : 6 hours

Leaders : Alison Ford 0210776932, Peter Moore 0277731670

JANUARY 30

South Shore & Brighton PHx

Cost : Nil

From the bridge on Bridge St enjoy a ramble to the estuary, seaside and riverside.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : From the trees on the east side of the bridge on Bridge St at 9.30am

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Val Armstrong 384 3391 & Joan Hewitson 388 4320

Craigieburn/ Helicopter Hill W057

Cost : \$28

Up the luge track to Lyndon Saddle and down Craigieburn Valley track. A lovely tramp through beech forest with spectacular scenery and glorious views from Helicopter Hill.

Grade : 2

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel 8.30am [note earlier time]

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Chris Evans 361 1186, 027 303 0838

Mt Oxford up and back NW05 variation

Cost : \$16

From Coopers Creek it's a sustained 1000 m climb to the Mt Oxford summit at 1367 m. Return the same way.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00 am

Time : 6 hours

Leader : leader required. If you can lead this trip, please post a message on the Club website. If there is no leader, the trip will not run.

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

DECEMBER 1

Otukaikino Walk Sawyers Arms Road NQ

Cost: Nil

Walking on various tracks from Sawyers Arms Reserve, past lakes to Clearwater Resort then Groynes and return

Depart: Car park at the end of Sawyers Arms Rd at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Mary Brinsdon, 366 9119

Craigieburn – Lyndon Saddle W025

Cost: \$28

Up Luge Track to Lyndon Saddle and down Craigieburn Valley Track. A lovely tramp through beech forest and glorious views from Helicopter Hill.

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel, 8.30am

Leader: Chris Evans, 361 1186, 027 303 0838

Pinchgut Hut via Whare stream N13

Cost: \$15

Tramp begins by crossing the Okuku River which may be knee deep or above. There are several stream crossings and the Whare valley is mainly up the Whare Stream bed. Wet boots are inevitable. A steady climb from the Whare stream opens onto a tussocked ridge and a descent to the Pinchgut Hut. Return is along a sidling track above the Okuku River. The tramp ends where it began with a crossing of the Okuku River. Wasps are likely in summer.

Grade: 3 Duration: 6 hours

Depart: Belfast Tavern car park 8.30 am

Leader: Required

DECEMBER 8

Coastal Walkway and Mulgan's Track NQ

Cost: Nil

Following Coastal Walkway to the start of Mulgan's Track (taken slowly for great sea views) then down to Surf Club and return to cars via the new Coastal Walkway. Note: Some may wish to avoid Mulgan's Track by staying on the Coastal Walkway all the way to the Surf Club and meeting us there.

Depart: Meeting at Mt Pleasant Community Centre, McCormack's Bay Rd side at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leaders: John and Colleen Herzog, 384 9321

Lyttelton/Evans Pass Loop

Cost: Nil

From Albion Square through Lyttelton to the Urumau Track, then on to Evans Pass, back up the Greenwood Track to CRW, then return to Lyttelton via the Stan Helms track.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Albion Square, Lyttelton, 8.30am

Leader: Mike Currie, 382 8912, 027 239 1129

Benmore via Sugarloaf N054

Cost: \$17

From the carpark follow the farm track for half an hour to the DOC signpost to Sugarloaf. A steepish ascent of about 675m up the farm track to the summit. Return the same way to the junction signposted to Benmore Hut and follow the new track to the hut. Return via 13 Mile Bush.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am

Duration: 5-6 hours

Leader: Edith Goesmann, 021 801 718

Co leader: Select on the day

DECEMBER 15

Orton Bradley Park followed by Christmas Afternoon Tea NQ

Cost: \$5 plus \$10 per car

A pleasant walk through various tracks in the park. The lillies may be flowering. Meeting back at the cars parked in Orton Bradley Park at 2pm for afternoon tea with the other grades. Hot water, tea, coffee and milk will be provided. Please bring a plate to share and a cup.

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Maree Bothwell, 382 5123

Walk in Orton Bradley followed by Shared Christmas Afternoon Tea BP53

Cost: \$6 plus \$10 per car for Orton Bradley Entrance Fee

Walk up to the waterfall, then on to the Lookout and back via different tracks.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30 am

Leader: Michel Adriaens, 3327 521, 021 1598 8426

Orton Bradley Tablelands BP 64

Cost: \$6 + \$10 per car.

Take Valley track to below saddle, return on Tablelands Track. Club social at 2pm Orton Bradley Park.

Grade: 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tc & Ferniehurst St, 8.30 am

Duration: 4 hours

Leader: Required

DECEMBER 22

Westlake to Hillmorton NQ

Cost: Nil

Walking on paths and byways in the Westlake area

Depart: Car park at Westlake off Westlake Dr at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods, 358 8250

McCormacks Bay Loop

Cost: Nil

From McCormacks Bay walk round Redcliffs to Mulgans Track. Up to Mt Pleasant, then back via CRW, John Brittan and Draytons Reserves.

Grade: 2

Depart: McCormacks Bay, carpark at east end at 8.30am

Time: 5 hours

Leaders: Jenny Lee, 027 4131624, and Carole Bentley, 323 7665, 021 332 469

Cass Saddle W020

Cost: \$28

This is the first stage of the Cass Lagoon Saddle Track. From the DOC car park follow DOC markers up the track from SH73 near the road to the Cass settlement. The track goes to the riverbed and then up the centre of the riverbed for approx 3/4 of an hour to pick up a marked DOC track. The track enters the bush and it takes a further 2 hours to the Cass Hut. Recent floods have washed out the track but it mainly follows the river. Another 30 minutes is needed, through an alpine meadow, to reach the saddle, which has good views of the Craigieburns and down to the Harper River. Several stream crossings.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8 am

Duration: 7 hours

Leader: Alan Stow, 021 078 6038

Co-Leader: Select on the day

DECEMBER 29

Kowai River to Leithfield Beach NQ

Cost: \$4

Walking along the Kowai River Track from Leithfield Village towards the sea and the camping ground.

Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford, 339 2308

Epic, Round Mt Bradley

Cost: \$6 plus \$10 per car for Orton Bradley entrance Fee

Leave from Orton Bradley, walk up to Te Ara Pataka, on to Packhorse Hut then round Mt Bradley back to Orton Bradley.

Grade: 2

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St, 8 am. Note earlier time.

Time: 7-8 hours

Leader: Pamela Gibbons, 3327 531, 022678 0398

Montgomery Reserve to Mt Fitzgerald BP 32

Cost: \$17

From Montgomery Park Reserve at Hilltop (or Pettigrews Rd), climb through bush to ridge, then along to Mt Sinclair with lunch on Mt Fitzgerald. Note true summit of Mt Fitzgerald is further on from end of route shown. The route through Montgomery Reserve for the first 30 minutes is sometimes a rocky track and steep in places. The track is then undulating grassy farmland out to Mt Fitzgerald. Short car shuttle may be required.

Grade: 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Required

Co-Leader: Peter Blackburn, 027 229 5037

JANUARY 5

Avon Otakaro Riverside

NQ

Cost: Bring gold card for bus trip back. Note: Face coverings required on bus

We will commence our walk opposite Avonside Dr alongside the Avon River, continue to Lockley Ave past Kerr's Reach to New Brighton Rd. There we will catch a bus back to the cars. About 7km walk.

Depart: London St near Bealey Ave at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Clive Morriss, 358 2753

Allendale/Bellbird/Living Springs Loop

PH21

Cost: \$4

From Allendale walk along Head of Harbour then up to road and along to fire station. Various tracks up to the CRW, then along to Bellbird. Back via different tracks along to Living Springs and Allendale.

Grade: 2

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Time: 5 hours

Leader: Peter Blackburn, 420 0184 / 027 229 5037

Co-Leader: Anne Quinn, 027 415 1340

Hallelujah Flat / Andrews Stream

W089

Cost: \$29

Over Mt White bridge to Andrews Stream carpark. Up the ridge under bush canopy - over undulating country to Hallelujah Flat and return via Andrews Stream which has lovely pools for summer swimming. Bring swimming gear.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8.00 am

Duration: 6+ hours

Leader: No leader as yet

JANUARY 12

Broadpark to Spencer Park**NQ**

Cost: Nil

Walking on tracks from Broadpark towards Spencer Park
 Depart: Broadpark Rd off Beach Rd car park opp. Beach Cafe and Wine Bar at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Helen Chan, 351 9888 / 021 750 085

Rakaia Gorge Area**WO33**

Cost: \$20

Walk Rakaia Gorge Walkway then a bit more, magnificent views.
 Grade: 2
 Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel, 8.30am
 Time: 5 hours
 Leaders: Anne McKeever, 027 733 2850, Colleen Link, 022 21540

Mt Noble**N70**

Cost: \$28

Park cars near woolshed and tramp in a clockwise direction following farm track to top of ridge. Options are to or stay on the ridge or keep following farm track to its high point and then climb up onto ridge. Lunch on Mt Noble which hosts some interesting electronic gear the history of which can be found on the website of the North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club Inc.
 NOTE: The gate to Mt Virginia Stn at 2004 Virginia Road is locked and arrangements need to be made with Malcolm Spencer for the key.
 Grade: 3 Duration: 5-6 hours
 Depart: Belfast Hotel Carpark 8.00am
 Leader: No leader as yet

JANUARY 19

Diamond Harbour**NQ**

Cost: Bring gold card or money for return bus fare.

Face coverings required

Travel by bus from Heathcote to Lyttelton. Then by ferry to Diamond Harbour. Walking on trails or free time to explore Diamond Harbour, then catch the 2pm ferry back to Lyttelton and bus back to cars.

Depart: Heathcote Domain car park Port Hills Rd at 9.15am

Note: Earlier time. Bus leaves at 9.25am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Norma Powell, 384 1397

Halswell Quarry/Bellbird**PH22**

Cost: Nil

From Halswell Quarry, go up Kennedy's Bush Track to CRW and then to Bellbird for lunch. Walk around Orongomai Track at Bellbird.

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Halswell Quarry, 8.30 am

Leaders: Robyn Lester, 027 261 122, Michele Elliott, 358 9381 / 021 164 7976

Awa Awa Res/ Scott/ Saddle/ Pudding Hill Stream (SW05)

Cost: \$24

Turn from SH77 into McLennan's Bush Rd and continue for about 2km to the end. Take Aspen track near toilet block and climb gradually through rhododendrons and bush to ridge. A gentle track leads west to Pudding hill stream. A track to the south will lead to a wedding venue with great views of Mt Hutt. Return the same way to car park. A harder option is to continue north along the ridge and take a track to the east and car park. Tramp is rated a G3 if the return leg is via Pudding Hill Stream.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.30am

Duration: 4 hours or longer if doing harder option

Leader: No leader as yet

JANUARY 26

Hansen Park to Park to Hillsborough Park**NQ**

Cost: Nil

A flat walk through parks in the Opawa Area.
 Depart: Hansen Park car park at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Eileen Mc Grade, 942 7380

Pinchgut Hut**N13**

Cost: \$15

Tramp begins by crossing the Okuku River which may be knee deep or above. There are several stream crossings and the Whare valley is mainly up the Whare Stream bed. Wet boots are inevitable. A steady climb from the Whare stream opens onto a tussocked ridge and a descent to the Pinchgut Hut.

Grade: 2

Depart: Belfast Hotel, 8.30 am

Time: 5 hours

Leaders: Dave Morgan, 313 4783 / 027 449 5011

Co-Leader: Graeme Brown, 383 3732

Little Mt Guy**SW13**

Cost: \$39

From Lake Clearwater village follow poled track East around edge of lake and climb Mt Guy (1319m). From summit follow the ridge North West to saddle gaining the Te Araroa Trail. Descend along the trail SW past small tarns and on boardwalk to the West end of the lake then return to village along the Lake Clearwater Circuit Track.

Total climb 640m.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8 am.

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Peter Moody

MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 20, 2021

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Twizel Basecamp 2022

March 13th (Sunday) to 19th (Saturday)

Those interested in partaking please email Marcel now.

The principal scheduled tramp each day will be either a Grade 4 or 5.

Simultaneously, a Grade 3 tramp will be run in the same vicinity. This is a new aspect for the Twizel experience.

The same accommodation has been arranged as in 2021.

Meal arrangements will however, differ.

A selection of new tramps will be offered.

Apply by email to marcel.robbs@gmail.com

(Don't be alarmed if you don't receive an immediate response)

Spaces are limited as some are already enrolled.

Marcel Robb

Basecamp Leader

The Old Ghost Road 18-23 October 2021

Ian Fussell, Sharyn Foster, Garry Roberts, Phillipa Watkins

This trip had been planned to do in August but with covid restrictions the track was closed for a period when we were in lock down. It was then difficult to find another date that suited everyone and fit in the hut availability for the four of us as the huts were nearly booked out until April next year. I had done this trip before five years ago and I was interested in seeing the upgrades that had been done to the track and the huts with the addition of showers and additions to one hut. The OGR Trust and transport people were very good in transferring our bookings to the new dates in October.

The first day Gary and I left Christchurch at 7.00am and picked up Sharyn and Phillipa at Rangiora on the way and with stops at Culverden and Springs Junction we arrived at Lyell camp ground at 11.00am in light rain. At Lyell we met two cyclists, one on an e bike who were going through to Lyell Saddle hut that night to share with us. A steady climb through Beech Forest through the Big Slips caused by the Murchison earthquake in light rain where we arrived about 5.00pm at the hut. We were met by smoke pouring out of the hut as the cyclists did not have too much of an idea on getting the fire going however Sharyn and Garry rectified that and we soon had the hut warmed to start drying our gear out. We had an introductory game of Quiddler that evening for everyone where one of the cyclists won the game. (after all he was a lawyer)

The next day from Lyell Saddle to Ghost Lake hut the weather was dismal again and we set off about 8.00am although it was not going to be a long day. We had low cloud and cold winds which hid most of the scenery and was disappointing for the others who had not been through the track before. The track was initially a steep climb through forest and then breaks out in the open near the granite tors and towards the tops. A new hut shelter has been built along this section which was very welcome. We arrived at Ghost Lake hut early afternoon and got the fire going to warm ourselves up and dry our gear out. Then the cyclists started arriving, those coming from Lyell end and we ended up with nine that night, one lady on an e bike who was returning to Lyell to shuttle their car around. Not much of a view from the hut due low cloud but we did get glimpses of the lake and the track where we were going the next day.

The weather was starting to pick up next morning at Ghost Lake and we did delay our start a little so as we travelled onwards, we started to see the tops and views about us. A long stop on Skyline ridge rewarded us with great views and sunshine finally. Most of the cyclists passed us along here before we descended the 291 steps. Great scenery for the rest of the day until our arrival at Stern Valley hut where I was impressed with the add on that had been done to the hut which made it far more comfortable. The adjacent river provided a refreshing wash although the outside shower was available. We shared the hut with three cyclists who were with us the previous night and two ultra-marathon runners who were running the track in the opposite direction with a one-night stop.



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The next day from Stern Valley hut to Specimen Point hut was our biggest day of 25kms long and we were away by 7.40am in fine weather. The track leads between Lakes Grim and Cheerful before going through the Boneyard which is the remains of a massive and old landslide. We climbed steadily until reaching Solemn Saddle and then the long descent through the valley to Goat Creek hut where we stopped for lunch and boiled the billy for a cuppa. From there on a nice track in the bush past The Resurgence which was impressive to Mokihinui Forks hut for a stop and watch a helicopter shifting river gravel onto the track for maintenance where wash outs had occurred. An hour later we were at Specimen Point hut besides the Mokihinui river where we were met by two trampers going the opposite direction to us. We tried the shower out there which was very welcome. Most of the huts have had outside showers built since last through the track. Several more cyclists joined us that evening but the hut was not full and we had a decisive game of Quiddler to decide who was overall winner which Phillipa took out. We had an interesting visitor next morning when a lonely trumper walked into the hut as he had stayed in a tent near the hut overnight. He was from Westport and being of the older generation filled us in on a lot of the history on the area.

The final day in stunning weather we walked besides the Mokihinui river from Specimen Point hut to the Rough and Tumble Lodge with a lunch stop besides a stream where cyclists past us going both ways plus a walker out for a day trip. This section of track was cut by miners through granite bluffs and a lot of mining equipment is still there to be seen besides the track. The track descends through regenerating rimu forests and punga trees and ferns to the Lodge with a beautiful section of forest the last few kms. A welcome beer sitting outside besides the river in the sun at the Rough and Tumble topped the trip off. We found our vehicle which had been relocated for us to the Rough and Tumble Lodge and then a short drive to the Seddonville hotel for a clean-up and where we stayed overnight.

Although having done this trip before I really enjoyed it again and I can see why people do repeat trips of this track as there is so much to see. I think cyclists would miss so much on this track as they would be too busy concentrating on where they go. The huts were all in good condition and warm and the sealing of the timber joints that had been done recently to prevent bed bugs.

Thanks to Sharyn, Gary and Phillipa for the company and enjoyable games of Quiddler.

Ian F.