



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 480 APRIL 2022



G4 Woolshed Hill, March 13. Photo Howard Anderson



G2, O21K, March 2. Photo Pamela Gibbons

Basic Snow Skills Course

When:
Saturday, 9th July

Facilitator:
Anna Keeling IMFGA Guide
www.annakeelingguiding.co.nz

Where:
Craigieburns, Cheeseman or
Broken River ski field.

Cost:
One guide with 6 people costs
\$170 per person. However if 2
more people attend then the
cost reduces to \$127.50 for all 8
people.

Extra cost:
Hiring gear from Chill, if you
don't already have it.

Covering:
Basic snow craft skills including;
analysing terrain for best line of
ascent and descent, walking in
snow, ice axe use, self arrest
with and without ice axe.

Comment:
An essential, if you wish to par-
take in winter tramps that in-
volve travel in snow.

Register:
Kaye on bkmyoung@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 Vicki Grace—vicki.grace@harcourts.co.nz Ph: 027 201 2231

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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CHAIR'S REPORT

"What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people." (Māori proverb). The club is blessed with the most amazing members, many of whom volunteer their time, either visible to all or behind the scenes, so the club can continue to operate smoothly. Everyone who contributes, no matter how big or small, deserves a big THANK YOU! Following the recent AGM, I was honoured to be elected to the position of Chair of a club that I feel is well run, in good shape and feels warm, welcoming, and inclusive. I look forward to working with our very capable committee and all the other volunteers so the club can keep offering enjoyable and safe tramps and other events for all its members.

Over the next weeks I am planning to join tramps of different grades, so I can get to know members who I have not met yet. If you like, please share your thoughts about the club with me or with any of the other committee members.

AGM 2022: Subscription Renewals and New Committee

Being at the height of the Omicron outbreak and restricted by our current traffic light system, a decision was taken to conduct the AGM via email this year. A proposal had been submitted to the AGM and a members' vote has meanwhile confirmed that the subscription rate for the mailed copy of *Going Places* should cover all actual printing and postage costs. Please refer to the 'Subscriptions' section of this newsletter for details of the 2022 subscription rates. You should have received or will soon receive your subscription notice.

Lawrence Allpress is stepping down as Chair as our constitution limits this office to the duration of three years. Lawrence has done an outstanding job as Chair. The only 'issue' with Lawrence is that he has set the bar high for his successor. Fortunately, he has agreed to stay on the committee. Peter Coursay has left the committee. A big *thank you* goes to Peter, particularly for his hard work on the web team and web development. The rest of the committee remains unchanged, and I thank them for their continuous great work. 😊

Lastly, the committee has made a small change to the membership process: Members who leave the club and wish to rejoin within 12 months can now do so without going through our process of completing 3 qualifying tramps.

Edith Goesmann

Approved at the 2022 AGM

Committee:

Chair: Edith Goesmann
 Vice Chair: Alison Downard
 Club Captain: Kaye Young
 Treasurer: Peter Oliver
 Membership: Judy Collin
 Club Secretary: Chris Clark
 Committee Secretary: Jenny Hoffman
 Graeme Brown
 Lawrence Allpress
 Ross Walker

2022 Subscriptions:

Emailed copies of *Going Places*: \$40 for individual, \$70 for couple.

Mailed copies of *Going Places* incur an additional cost recovery rate (up \$12 from last year) and are now set at \$72 for individual, \$102 for couple.

Mailed copies of *Going Places* for club members who do not have access to email: \$60 for individual, \$90 for couple.

Subscription notices have been emailed (or posted out to those without an email address) or will be emailed/posted shortly.



G4 March 6, Bealey Spur Power Stream.
Photo Neville Palmer



G5 February 27, Sudden Valley. Photo Ross Walker

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
		John Corbett	348 3158
	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**APRIL 3****River and Hill Tramp PHx NQ**

Cost : nil
Ashgrove Tce to Hollis Ave, up to summit for lunch, along to Sign of the Kiwi, down Harry Ell Track.
Grade : 1
Depart : Cnr of Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am.
Time : 4-5 hrs
Leader : Diana Hudson 355 6114
Co-leader : Paula Boot 021 0255 8204

Old Coach Road W004

Cost : \$22
Terrain open tussock. Leave cars at foot of Porters Pass. Enter DOC land at U-bend on road. Climb old coach track via Coach Stream route. Follow ridges around to views over Lake Lyndon.
Grade : 2
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel. 9 a.m.
Time : 4-5 hours
Leader : Heather Robertson 0211816019
Co leader : Carolyn Blackford 0226516066

Benmore Hut via Sugarloaf Hill W054

Cost : \$19
From carpark follow farm track to DOC signpost to Sugarloaf. Steepish ascent about 675m up farm track to summit. Return same way to junction signposted to Benmore Hut & follow the new track to the hut. Return via 13 Mile Bush. Great panorama Torlesse Range, Ben More, Selwyn & Canterbury Plains.
Grade : 3
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8:00am
Time : 6 hours
Leader : Alison Ford 021 077 6932

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)

APRIL 3 CONTINUED**Mt Aitken W044**

Cost : \$43
From Arthurs Pass take the Mt Aitken Track climbing 1100m to the twin peaks (1860m) for spectacular views of the other peaks in the park. Return by the same route.
Grade : 4
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7:30am
Time : 6 hours
Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660

APRIL 10**Grade 1**

Decide on the day.
Meet at cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St. 9a.m.

Okuti Valley BP31

Cost : \$20
Climbs steadily uphill from Okuti Valley Scenic Reserve through native bush and farmland to a saddle from where you can enjoy good views to Kaitorete Spit and Mounts Sinclair and Fitzgerald.
Grade : 2
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St. 9a.m.
Time : 5 hours
Leader : Vicki Steven 0221304342
Co leader : TBA

Mt Bradley Circuit from Kaituna BP89

Cost : \$12
Grade : 3
From Kaituna Valley to the Packhorse, around Bradley to the south and then over the top and back to the Packhorse and Kaituna.
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St 8:00am
Time : 7 hours
Leader : Adrienne McLeod 027 303 3227

APRIL 17

Otukaikino, The Groynes NQ

Cost : Nil

Follow in the footsteps of Grade 2 to the Waimak Bridge.

Grade : 1

Depart : From The Groynes main entrance, turn right, park in the first car park at 9.00am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Judy Eden 0274 726 538

Otukaikino Track, The Groynes. O21K

Cost : nil

Follow the Otukaikino Stream to the Waimakariri Bridge and then along the stopbank to Stewarts Gully area. A flat walk.

Grade : 2

Depart : From the Groynes main entrance turn right and park at the first car park. 9 a.m.

Time : 4-5 hours

Leader : Heather Robertson 0211816019

Co leader : Helen Rutledge 0212898491

No Grade 3/4 tramp scheduled as this is Easter weekend.
Please feel free to post something on the website.

APRIL 24

Bridle Path, Stan Helms Track Circuit PHx NQ

Cost : nil

Up the Bridle Path to the summit at a gentle pace, through Lytelton, up Stan Helms Track to summit, down Bridle Path to cars.

Grade : 1

Depart : Bridle Path car park at 9.00am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

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

Grand Circle Orton Bradley BP27

Cost : \$7 plus \$10 a car for Orton Bradley Park

A steady climb to the tablelands and part of the Packhorse track. Then farm tracks towards Mt Herbert. Descend down Mt Herbert track.

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/ Ferniehurst St. 9a.m.

Time : 5-6 hours

Leader : Carolina Kol (03)3127970

Mt Richardson via Richardson, Blowhard and Bypass tracks N09

Cost : \$18

Invigorating climb through pleasant beech forest via Richardson Track. Return via Blowhard and Bypass Tracks. Good views across Lees Valley to Puketuraki range.

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark 8:30am

Time : 5 hours

Leader: Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

Mt Thomas Bob's Camp Biv N61A

Cost : \$15

From Wooded Gully at end of Hayland Road proceed via the Ridge Track to the top of the ridge. From point 953 continue in a westerly direction to Bob's Camp Biv. Distance approx. 21km and climb approx. 1190m. Mostly through forest, with tussock section and exposed rocky high point.

Grade : 4

Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark 7:30am

Time : 8 hours

Leader: Ross Walker 027 558 2126

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

APRIL 6

For Grade 1 tramps, check the OFTC website.**Otakaro-Avon River and Waimairi Stream NQ**

Cost: Nil

Walk headwaters Ilam Stream to Ilam then return by a different route. At Avonhead Park find a source spring and follow stream through various parks and streets to Ilam. Return following the Waimairi Stream.

Depart: Avonhead Cemetery car park off Hawthornden Rd at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Howard, 342 9377 / 021 136 3043

Hogsback Track

Cost: \$27

Start from Castle Hill Village Carpark. Lovely walk through beech forest and open tussock with stunning views of the Craigieburn Ranges. One small unbridged river crossing.

Grade: 2

Time: 4 -5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.30am

Leader: Murray Allison, 021 0830 8933

Hurunui Peak**(N66)**

Cost: \$29

*From Korari Downs (230 m) a steady climb (clockwise) to ridge followed by some steep sections to the summit. An alternative approach to the summit is to point 819. Return by different route. 4 hours.**Suitable for G2 wishing to try G3 pace.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Belfast Tavern car park 8.30am

Duration: 4-5 hours

Leader: Required

Co-leader:

APRIL 13

South New Brighton**NQ**

Cost: Nil

Walking on tracks and beach to Southshore Spit Reserve and return.

Depart: South New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Helen Chan, 351 9888 / 021 750 085

Ashgrove Tce/Cashmere/Eastside Bush/CRW Loop – New variation

Cost: Nil

From Ashgrove Tce up through various byways in Cashmere to Latters Spur Track then on to the CRW via Eastside bush. Return through the Adventure Park. Vaccine Pass and mask necessary for chairlift. Then along newly planted area and Shalamar Dr back to Ashgrove Tce.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am.

Leader: Graeme Brown, 383 3732

Woolshed Hill**(W050A)**

Cost: \$37

Moderate to steepish climb until clear of the bush after about 1hr 10 (great morning tea stop). Great views along exposed ridge, but easy travel to Woolshed Hill.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am

Duration: 5-6 hours

Leader: Peter Oliver, 027 438 5082

Co-leader: Gavin Hampton, 343 1291

APRIL 20

Westmorland**NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Walking on tracks and byways on Westmorland.**Returning along Worsleys Rd*

Depart: Cnr of Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30 am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills, 338 5002

Mary Duncan Park to CRW and beyond (PH99)

Cost: Nil

From Mary Duncan Park we walk up through Linda Woods Farm to the CRW, over Mt Vernon and beyond, then return via Avoca Valley.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Mary Duncan Park, (almost opposite French Bakery on Port Hills Rd) at 8.30am

Leader: Anne Quinn, 027 415 1340

Leith Hill**(W029)**

Cost: \$27

From Castle Hill village park beside signpost for Hogsback Track. Walk up road short distance and then cross the bridge and immediately pick up track adjacent bridge and head upstream on true R/H side. Option here to follow track up past Lodge and out of bush and straight up or follow river up the north branch criss crossing where necessary (see W029A for this route). At about 1100 contour at the waterfall sidle around this and head towards the saddle. Proceed east towards the summit.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: David Jones 027 288 5845

Co-leader: Required

APRIL 27

Rakaia Ramble**NQ**

Cost: \$16

Walking in town area and river tracks.

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Clive Morriss, 358 2753

Cuckoo Creek – Cockayne Alley Loop (W139)

Cost: \$30

From Texas Flat follow Dracophyllum Track to Cuckoo Creek. Ascend to ski field road and continue to middle car park. Take Cockayne Alley Track till it rejoins Dracophyllum Flat Track. Fantastic views on a fine day.

Grade: 2

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.30 am

Time: 4.5 hours

Leader: Chris Evans, 361 1186 / 027 303 0838

Mt Horrible**(W084)**

Cost: \$34

From near Cass turnoff, up Mt Horrible (1234 m). Should be good views up Waimakariri. Follow loop track out via pylons (possibly a good track on the true left of the valley through open beech forest).

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: David Jones 027 288 5845

Co-leader: Jenny Hoffman 021 230 7577

Membership Report

20 March 2022

New members:

Stephen & Jade Church: 03 980 7509/021 106 9480

Patricia Inez de Andrade: 021 236 0030

Patricia Blik: 021 777 824

Resignations:

Pauline Timms (40 years in OFTC); 027 845 2616

Heather Spence (33 years in OFTC); 027 337 1690

Marion Macbeth (41 years in OFTC); 352 0040

Ava Nathan (9 years in OFTC); 021 212 5171

Adrienne Cunningham (3 years in OFTC); 027 355 2882

Sharron Philip (10 years in OFTC); 021 179 3538

Passed on:

Gabrielle Bolt, a member since 1990 and a vibrant, energetic, stalwart of the club, sadly died of injuries sustained in a bike accident. Will be sadly missed by many, especially by her fellow Grade 1 trampers.

Contact detail changes

Gary Batchelor: 021 294 5476

Fay Jackson: changed address but phone numbers the same

Membership:

Total = 418 (Female – 251; Male – 167)

Judy Collin**In Memoriam**

The Club is sad to report that long term member, Gabrielle Bolt, died on Saturday 12th March as a result of a collision with a bus on the 1st March when she was out on her bike.

Gabrielle was a member of the Club for 30 years, leading many tramps. In recent times she's tramped with the Sunday Grade 2, then Grade 1 tramps.

Gabrielle was always cheerful and happy, had a ready laugh, was fun to talk to and made an effort to talk to everyone on tramps. She was very supportive, caring and compassionate, and (with her physio background) always had a helpful eye out for anyone who was struggling or having a problem.

She was always a valuable member of the group and will be sorely missed.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

Hi all

Time flies and now I am writing my second report for Going Places. I am really honoured to have the role of Club Captain and look forward to meeting you all when I walk with each of the grades on Sunday and Wednesday. However I want to acknowledge Marcel Robb, in whose steps I walk. He will be a hard act to follow but he is not that far away in Te Anau, available for a chat and a friend of us all.

Covid 19 is finally here in the community and you will all personally know someone with it. Do what you need to do to stay safe and keep others around you safe. If you don't want to carpool, let the Tramp Leader know you will make other travel arrangements to the starting point. I'm not sure I want to visit a café right now but it is up to each of you to decide whether you go into a café after a tramp.

Petrol: Petrol prices are going up and down! By the time you read this there could be more volatility. However the government taking 25c/l off the price of the indicator 91 octane fuel is a pleasant surprise. As of writing this, Paul Knox, who is responsible for monitoring fuel costs, has increased the cost from 14c/km to 16c/km during March.

Providing "a Ride" for tramps: It is even more important with petrol becoming increasingly expensive, that everyone takes their turn. If you have "range anxiety" then I suggest you look ahead at Going Places, at what tramp you might like to do and what the driving distance is, then plan to offer to drive on those days.

Membership Application Form: Earlier you will have received an email about the MAP new look. If, as Tramp Leader, you find it uncomfortable raising the issue with prospective members about backpack inspections, then this opening line is helpful; "One of the things we insist on as a club is that people carry adequate gear. Some of it may seem like overkill, but the weather can change even on a summer's day in the Port Hills. Let me show you what I carry and see whether there is stuff you need to add". I will be seeking feedback, later on, from Tramp Leaders about what has worked for them.

Health and Safety: Recently I had a valuable learning experience. I was on an overnight trip and one of the participants got a graze to his arm. We all dismissed it, as just a graze, as on day tramps people feel uncomfortable asking the group to stop and wait just to clean a small graze! However, being an overnighter we did not have the opportunity to go home and have a hot shower and clean up! This graze became infected about 3 days later and fortunately we were all home by then. I will be checking that I have alcohol cleansing wipes and disinfectant in my first aid kit and from now on I will not feel so uncomfortable asking the group to stop, while I clean a graze.

Housekeeping: We have a car etiquette which all of you are pretty good about. This is just a wee reminder that it is important to fellow trampers, especially the driver; to keep poles separate from the backpack and lying flat, so they are less likely to scratch the boot lining, dirty boots in a bag, spare clean clothes to change into after the tramp, or a clean towel to sit on or for drying yourself off.

Recently, one of the members had their car window smashed and some belongings stolen whilst parked at the Groyne. Please ensure any valuables are left at home and/or out of sight when parking the cars. It is a good idea to leave garage remotes at home as they can be a risk to home security, if stolen.

When we do overnighters we pack in and pack out all of our rubbish. Same goes for day tramps. Nothing worse than taking a break to look at a pristine view and then looking at your feet to see food scraps e.g. orange peel or a banana skin at the side of the track.

Basic Snow Skills Course: See details on front page

Kaye Young

Club equipment

The following Club equipment is available for members to borrow:
Emergency tent: John Hayman 335 0984 (This tent may be useful for backpacking trips)

Books: Ian Fussell 385 0856

Emergency Shelters (4-6 person Bothy Bags). The Club has three, held by Lawrence Allpress (348 3791), Ian Fussell (385 0856) and Gavin Hampton (343 1291). Excellent for groups.

House sitter wanted

House sitter required from 15th August -22 September. 3 bedroomed centrally heated house in Parklands. Care of a cat and small dog (10 month old Maltese / Shih Tzu).

Alternatively is anyone willing to board the dog as she is a house dog and kennels are unsuitable.

Evelyn Sheridan 03 3830891 027 2280754

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

Backpacking and Basecamps 2022-2023

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022	Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fusseil@xtra.co.nz
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Apr 2022	Huxley Hut – Broderick Hut, Ruataniwha	3	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fusseil@xtra.co.nz
Sat 2 – Sun 3 Apr 2022	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Wed 27 – Sat 30 April 2022	Old Ghost Road, West Coast <i>This tramp is full</i>			Garry Roberts 3497875/0273497865 garrymarie@xtra.co.nz
Sat 14 – Sun 15 May 2022	Double Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy - Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Fri 20 – Sun 22 May 2022	Base camp at Middle Rock Farm Rakaia Valley <i>The list of campers is full</i>	2	Moderate	Garry Roberts 3497875/0273497865 garrymarie@xtra.co.nz
Fri 29- Sat 30 April 2022	Comyns Hut, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Chrissy McCausland chrismccausland@xtra.co.nz
Sun 15 – Wed 18 May 2022	Avoca Hut, Craigieburn	3	Moderate	Neville Palmer 3479217/021550660 nevillepalmer@rocketmail.com
Fri 27 – Sat 28 May 2022	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Chrissy McCausland chrismccausland@xtra.co.nz
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Jun 2022	Manuka Hut, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Tue 21 – Wed 22 Jun	Boyle Flats Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 3374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Sun 26 – Mon 27 Jun 2022	Carlyle Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Tue 5 – Wed 6 July 2022	Lake Daniels Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 3374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Sat 16 – Sun 17 Jul 2022	Ces Clark Hut, West Coast	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
31 Jul – Mon 1 Aug 2022	Tribulation Hut, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 13 – Sun 14 Aug 2022	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 21 – Mon 22 Aug	Casey Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Mon 28 – Wed 30 Aug 2022	Woolshed Creek Hut, Mt Somers	2	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 3374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Sun 4 – Wed 7 Sep 2022	Top Hope Hut, Lake Sumner	3	Moderate - Hard	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Sat 10 – Sun 11 Sep	Boyle Flats Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 18 – Mon 19 Sep 2022	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Moderate	Peter Coursey 3324833/0210343183 pkcoursey@gmail.com
Sat 15 – Sun 16 Oct 2022	Nina Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 16 – Tue 18 Oct 2022	Cameron Hut, Hakatere	2	Moderate-Hard	Peter Moody 3517448/0212572031 Pmoody007@gmail.com
Mon 31 Oct – Thurs 3 Nov 2022	Paparoa Track, West Coast	3	Moderate	David Jones 0272885845 ballymol@xtra.co.nz
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Nov 2022	Woolshed Creek Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Fri 25 Nov	Golden Bay base camp	6	Moderate	Sue Weller 0211949550 suzmweller@hotmail.com
Sun 27 – Wed 30 Nov	McKenzie Hut, Lake Sumner	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 4 - Mon 5 Dec 2022	Nina Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy - Moderate	Jenny Hoffman 0212307577 jennybarbarah@gmail.com
Sat 10 – Sun 11 Dec 2022	Jolliebrook Hut, Lake Sumner	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 10 – Wed 14 Dec 2022	John Tait Hut, Nelson Lakes	3	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 3374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Sat 21 – Sun 22 Jan 2023	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 12 – Mon 13 Feb 2023	Youngman Hut – Tarn Hut circuit, Lees Valley	1	Moderate - Hard	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Sat – Sun 19 Feb 2023	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 26 Feb – Thur 2 Mar 2023	Carrington Hut – Waimakariri Falls Hut – Barker Hut, Arthurs Pass	4	Moderate +	Kaye Young 3296187/02102568702 rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Mar 2023	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 / 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Fri 10 – Sat 18 Mar 2023	Te Anau base camp	7	Grades 3 & 4	Marcel Robb Marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sun 26 – Tue 28 Mar 2023	Cookies Hut, Hakatere	2	Moderate	Edith Goesmann 3837924/021801718 edithgoesmann@gmail.com
Fri 31 Mar – Sat 1 Apr 2023	Boundary Creek Hut, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 16 – Tue 18 Apr 2023	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit	2	Moderate +	Edith Goesmann 3837924/021801718 edithgoesmann@gmail.com
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Lake Christabel via Rough Creek

We had a party of four for this wilderness trip: Garry Roberts (leader), Kaye Young, Edith Goesmann and Geoff Mahan. We were supposed to be doing the Kirwans Montgomery circuit, but this got cancelled by DOC as the track was severely washed out, so they closed the track. So, Lake Christabel became plan B.

We left Christchurch at 7.30 am Saturday 5th of March and travelled through to Springs Junction to meet Kaye at 10.15 am and placed Kaye's car at the finish place of our tramp, the Blue Grey River bridge. Then it was another 15 min drive to our starting place on State Highway 7 where the Rough Creek Track starts. We walked this overnight tramp in a clockwise direction.

We were on the track by 11.15 am and had a steady climb through lovely bush up Rough Creek having to cross the creek 3 times. We arrived at the bush line after about 2 1/2 hours, having started at 520 metres and climbing to 1482 metres. It was about an hour's travel across the open tops with wonderful views and then a descent down to the bush with only about 4 km's to go. This was a very hard 4 km's as the track had not been maintained in several years. We had lots of fallen trees to scramble over, and although you could see the orange markers, occasionally you could not see the track as it was so overgrown. This became a four-hour trip travelling at about 1 km per hour. We got to the Christabel Hut (an 8-bunk hut) in time to have just enough daylight to get unpacked and have dinner. A total of almost 9 hours and a very tough day for me.



The next day up bright and early and away by 8.15am. It was about 3 km's

to our first glimpse of the beautiful Lake Christabel, then another tough climb skirting around the lake and over to the Blue Grey River. Once again, this track has not seen any maintenance in several years, the track has been very overgrown and once again lots of logs to get over, making for another very long day. We arrived out at Kay's car just after 6pm, after a 9 1/2 hour tramp. A 15-minute drive to Springs Junction for a well-deserved ice-cream at the café opposite the petrol station and then on to pick up my car to drive home. We arrived back at Christchurch just after 10pm, four very tired trampers.

Garry Roberts

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Okains Bay Basecamp 2-9 February 2022

Okains bay camp attended by only six of us as the weather was fairly grey and wet so Akaroa movies were a welcome variation.

We were lucky to be able to join up with an Akaroa walking group and explore the Okains Bay precinct with a member of the local Thacker family.

Some of us joined up with OFTC group for a Misty Hills tramp, and we did some shortish local walks in the Bay area. A little swimming in the sea and lagoon was possible, but mostly it was too cold.

We continued to have sociable drinks and card evenings, which always add to the pleasure of even the smallest of basecamps.

Judy Eden

OFTC Mileage Rate

Following the Government's unprecedented (but, nevertheless welcome) step of taking 25c/l off the price of the indicator 91 octane fuel, the OFTC mileage rate has been dropped back to 16c/km w.i.e.—**Paul Knox**