



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 482 JUNE 2022



April 27: David Jones led the G3s trip up Mt Horrible - great views as weather was cooperative—Howard Anderson



22 walkers on G2 walk in Orton Bradley, May 4. We went to the waterfall, then on to the lookout. Had to imagine the view as fog didn't lift. Thanks to Michel (Adriaens) for leading—Pamela Gibbons

Club Night

Tuesday June 7
Knox Church Hall
cnr Victoria St & Bealey Ave

Speaker: Geoff Spearpoint
– author, photographer, trumper
and member of the Back
Country Trust.

Mid-Winter Gathering

Sumner Surf Lifesaving Club
Wednesday June 22

Names A to M bring finger
food, M to Z bring soup. Food
can be dropped off anytime
after 9.00 ideally in a sealed
container with name and
number on it .

Walks leaving from 9.15am
then back at club for food at 12
noon. Two walks will be led by
Alison Ford and Chris Clarke.

Members no longer walking
most welcome to come along
for a catch-up, and remember
that there is a bus from town
to the Surf Club.

David Jones 027 288 5845

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

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

The OFTC Committee is always striving to use resources wisely. We only want to provide services that members value, so going forward printed copies of 'Backcountry' magazine, published by Federated Mountain Clubs (FMC), will only be sent to those members who request them. If you wish to continue to receive a printed copy in the future, or if you have any questions, please contact secretary@oftc.org.nz

In the future, copies of the magazine will be available at club events and email notifications will be sent once the electronic version of 'Backcountry' can be viewed on FMC's website. The FMC discount card will still be distributed to all members, and our club remains fully affiliated with the FMC.

Also, we will no longer print and send out the annual membership booklets. For member information, please refer to the club member Pdf file that can be accessed via the password protected 'members' page on the website. From now on it will contain each member's name, phone/mobile number and email address, but for privacy protection reasons will no longer list each person's full address. The file is updated monthly.

Cutting back on paper and postage that is of little value to members reduces waste, costs and volunteer time, and instead enables initiatives that generate more relevant member benefits.

I am happy to announce that Peter Coursey is our new Webteam Coordinator. Peter has been a valuable member of our Webteam and web development team for some time and is now taking over the Coordinator role from Terry Stevens who has recently resigned from the club (more information in the 'Our Club' section).

The Committee feels that now is the time to resume club nights and other social events. If you feel comfortable to do so, please join us on 7 June for a Club Night and/or on 22 June for the Mid-Winter Gathering.

Edith Goesmann

Book Recommendations

'**Across the Pass: A Collection of Tramping Writing**' by Shaun Barnett. Diary extracts from trampers and climbers, going back to the 1800s. (Peter Oliver)

'**No Picnic on Mt Kenya**' by Felice Benuzzi. Very engaging story of three Italian prisoners climbing Mt Kenya and returning to prison in second WW. (Peter Oliver)

'**Gone Bush —A story of a life in the back country and beyond**', by Paul Kilgour. A man's unforgettable journeys during his 50+ years of tramping. (David Jones)

'**Uprising: Walking the Southern Alps of New Zealand**' by Nic Low. The author's journey of 'becoming Ngai Tahu'. (Selena Chan)

Our Club: Terry Stevens

Not many people – if any – have transformed the club in recent times as much as Terry. He has been the driving force behind the club's move into the digital age and was the mastermind behind many of the systems and tools that have enabled the club to become the success it is today.

Terry joined in 2004 and a year later became the newsletter editor. His design of *Going Places* is still in use today. He also developed the website and became Webteam Coordinator when he ceased travelling around the South Island in his motorhome; a role that he has held until today. Terry established the tramp database and suggested the use of digital maps and GPS trails at a time when GPS was still in its infancy. By initiating monthly weekend backpacking trips, he provided members with more regular opportunities for overnight tramps.

Terry was the driving force behind the club's effort to obtain control of our online resources such as email hosting services and domain name resources and has until recently also been involved in the website upgrade.

He has now resigned from the club as he lives a long distance away from the city and he feels he has achieved his goal of having the club self-sufficient in its online presence. Thank you for everything you have done, Terry. We wish you all the best!



Membership Report

20 May 2022

New members:

Sheryle Wootton: 389 6408/027 669 7977
Joy Kim: 021 0815 9709
Clare Delany: 027 286 9197

Returning Members:

Lynne Brice: 0274 058 398

Resignations (years in OFTC):

Ken Couling (4)
Ian Laws (10)
Alison McKechnie (15)
Charlotte Rivers (23)
Lyn and Max Robb (7)
Paul Tayler (13)
Terry Stevens (19)
Pat Pilkington (21)
Maryanne Webby (3)

Membership:

Total = 409 (Female – 249; Male – 160)

Judy Collin

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**JUNE 5****Bowenvale to Victoria Park**

Cost : Nil

Various tracks up and back from the carpark.

Grade: 1 NQ

Depart : At the end of Bowenvale Ave at 9.00am

Time : 4 hrs

Leader : Val Armstrong 384 3391 & Mary Brinsdon 366 9119, 027 220 6270

Governors Bay Bush Walk PH67

Cost : \$3

From Governors Bay up the Ngaio track, along O'Farrells track and then up Cass ridge to the Bellbird for lunch. If the weather and track conditions are favourable then we will take a different track back to the cars.

Grade : 2

Depart : Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St 9am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Carolina Kol 03 3137970

Rod Donald Hut from the Monument BP77 (variation)

Cost : \$11

A moderate climb past the Monument to main ridge, then along mostly open country to Waipuna Saddle and down to Rod Donald Hut. Return the same way.

Grade : 3

Depart : Ashgrove Terrace at 8.00 am

Time : 5-6 hrs

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)

JUNE 12**Mt Pleasant Circuit**

Cost : Nil

Walk up to the summit via Valley Track and Britten Reserve.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Meet at McCormacks Bay playing field at 9.00 am

Time : 4 hrs

Leader : Judy Eden 384 4857, 027 472 6538

Ryde Falls from Coopers Creek NW04

Cost : \$18

Picturesque bush and hill walk to the falls for lunch. The bush is a mixture of Black Beech with Rimu, Matai and Kahikatea.

Grade : 2

Depart : Belfast Hotel 9am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Vicki Steven 022 1304 342

Co leader Heather Robertson 021 1816 019

Bobs Knob W016

Cost : \$21

From Kowai Car Park head down the river to Hut then climb up onto the ridge. Continue along ridge and down to the river.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 8.00 am

Time : 5-6 hrs

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

Mt Bealey

Cost : \$43

Take track through the beech forest onto the main ridge leading to Mt Bealey. The unmarked route then follows the tussock covered and rocky ridge to the summit of Mt Bealey (1836). Depending on conditions ice axe and crampons and prior experience of their use may be necessary. Check the website on Saturday for details.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 7:30 am (note early start)

Time : 6-7 hrs

Leader : Mark Christensen 027 487 861

JUNE 19

Mt Vernon NQ

Cost : Nil
 Start at Hillsborough Tce car park, walk up Valley Track to the Summit Rd and maybe a little further to Witch Hill.
 Grade : 1 Time : 4 hrs
 Depart : Meet at Mt Vernon car park at 9.00 am
 Leaders : Joan Hewitson 03 388 4320, Val Armstrong 03 384 3391

Mt Vernon-CRW-Huntsbury PHx

Cost : nil
 From Hansen Park, we will make our way up the valley track and Mt Vernon, with 360o views over Christchurch. Return via Scotts Bush and various Huntsbury tracks.
 Grade : 2 Time : 5 hours
 Depart : Hansens Park, Hawford Road 9am
 Leader : Sheila Downard 03 337 4201 or 027 376 9619

Stony Bay BP91

Cost : \$28
 From Stony Bay Saddle, walk down the road to Pikimai zigzag. Descend to join Opatuti track. Continue to bottom of Hinewai reserve and Mokimoki bush. Follow track down to the beach. Return via either Mokimoki gorge or Kawakawa tracks to rejoin Opatuti track. Join Tara track back to start. This is a very sheltered walk.
 Grade : 3 Time : 5-6 hrs
 Depart : Ashgrove Terrace at 8.00 am
 Leader : Adrienne McLeod 027 303 3227

Hamilton Peak

Cost : \$32
 Start at beginning of Broken River skifield road. Head over Lyndon Saddle and turn left onto long ridge to peak. Return same way.
 Grade : 4 Time : 5-6 hrs
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 8:00 am
 Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

JUNE 26

Diamond Harbour - Short Circuit NQ

Cost : Gold card, Metro card or cash for return ferry ticket.
 Various Diamond Harbour tracks and coastal walk. May meet up with Grade 2.
 Grade : 1 Time : 4 hrs
 Depart : B Jetty, Lyttelton. Ferry departs at 9.50am (NB allow time to find all-day parking in Lyttelton)
 Leader : Judy Eden 03 384 4857, 027 472 6538

Diamond Harbour BP35

Cost : \$8
 From Black Point Rock take cliff walk to Diamond Harbour and on to Purau. Proceed from Purau via paper roads and tracks to the Primary School, Charteris Bay yacht club and back to cars.
 Grade : 2 Time : 5 hours
 Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/ Ferniehurst St 9am
 Leader : Garry Roberts 03 349 7875
 Co-leader Helen Rutledge 021 289 8491

Parapet Rock to Castle Hill village W031A

Cost : \$30
 From car park near Parapet Rock on SH 73, follow MTB track uphill towards environment centre. Head down through the holiday houses, then turn left along Dracophyllum Flat track to Texas Flat. From there continue along Hogs Back track through to Castle Hill Village. Car shuttle required with a vehicle left at Castle Hill Village.
 Grade : 3 Time : 5+ hrs
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 8:00 am
 Leader : Peter Moore 027 773 1670

Mt Cloudsley / Leith Hill circuit (New tramp)

Cost : \$27
 From Castle Hill Village head up Long Spur with option to summit Mt Cloudsley. From Long Spur head across to point 1556, then towards Leith Hill, down scree to Thomas River & back along river.
 Grade : 4 Time : 5-6 hrs
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 7:30 am
 Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

For Grade 1 tramps, check the website

JUNE 1

Christchurch Coastal Pathway NQ

Cost: Nil
 A flat walk starting from Scott Park following Coastal Pathway to Sumner and return.
 Depart: Scott Park Mount Pleasant at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Helen Chan 351 9888 021 750 085

Sumner Loop (PH103)

From the surf club walk up the Zig Zag to Summit Road, gun emplacements, Evans Pass, Captain Thomas track and back to cars.
 Cost: Nil
 Grade: 2
 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Sumner Surf Club 8.30am
 Leader: Mike Currie 027 239 1129

Kaituna Valley to Gebbies Pass (BP83)

Cost \$12
 Group 1 – from head of Kaituna Valley, steepish climb on farm track to top of walkway, follow ridge track to Mt Herbert (919m), around harbour side of Mt Bradley to Packhorse and on to Gebbies Pass.
 Group 2 – opposite direction starting at Gebbies Pass. Car swap at PMH required; groups meet at lunch time and swap keys at mid-point. 80kms to Head of Kaituna, 40kms to Gebbies Pass.
 Grade: 3
 Time: 5-6 hours
 Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8am
 Leader 1: Gavin Hampton 343 1291, Leader 2: Peter Blackburn 027 229 5037 Co Leader: TBA

JUNE 8

Risingholme/Opawa NQ

Cost: Nil
 A flat walk from Risingholme Opawa to Hollis Ave Reserve
 Depart: Risingholme Cholmondeley Ave at 9-30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Rosemary Harper 3510677, 027 909 0226

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

Cost: Nil
 From Ashgrove Tce through various byways in Cashmere to Latters Spur Track and CRW via Eastside Bush. Return via Adventure Park chairlift, newly planted area and Shalamar Drive.
 Grade: 2
 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Ashgrove Tce 8.30am
 Leader: John Corbett 021 040 9024

Mt Grey (N35)

Cost: \$17
 Steady climb up Red Beech Track through native bush to trig (934m) then walk along the tops and return same or alternative route. All round great views – Kaikoura to Banks Peninsula
 Grade: 3
 Time: 6 hours
 Depart: Belfast Hotel car park at 8.00am
 Leader: Tim Slack 027 505 5746
 Co Leader: Jenny Hoffman 021 230 7577

JUNE 15

Travis Swamp

NQ

Cost: Nil

Walking on tracks around the swamp and surrounding area.

Depart: Travis Swamp car park off Beach Road at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Maree Bothwell 3825123

Misty Peaks Reserve combined G2 and G3 (BP93)

Cost: \$24

From the carpark at the Akaroa Recreation Ground walk along the waterfront to Rue Jolie then up Aylmers Valley Road to Newton's Waterfall. From there follow the markers to the 4WD track in Misty Peaks Reserve below Brasenose and return via the Purple Peak Track. This is a Grade 3 tramp at a Grade 2 pace and all Grade 2's are welcome.

Grade: 3 and 2

Time: 5-6 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8am

Leader: Kaye Young 021 025 68702

Co Leader: Pamela Gibbons 022 678 0398

Mt Oxford – Oxford Hill and Ashley Saddle (NW12)

Cost: \$16

Steady climb to Mt Oxford then along ridge to Oxford Hill and saddle. Exposed to strong westerly winds on ridge, over 1000m climb, return on 4x4 track. Suitable for stronger G3 trampers.

Grade: 4

Time: 6 hours

Depart: Belfast Tavern at 8am

Leader: Graeme Kerr 027 433 9055

Co Leader: Sharon Foster 021 038 4279

JUNE 22

Mid Winter Gathering (Nosh)

See item on front page.

Walks leave Sumner Surf Lifesaving Club from 9.15am, then back at club for food at 12 noon. Two walks will be led by Alison Ford and Chris Clarke. Vets will be joining in one of the walks.

JUNE 29

Kaiapoi Lakes

NQ

Cost: \$5

Walking on byways and through parks in the Kaiapoi area to the lakes and return.

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods 3588250

Coronation Reserve to Lyttelton (PH102)

Cost: Nil

Walk up Major Aitken Drive then through Coronation Reserve and Huntsbury Ave to the CRW and onto Lyttelton. Bus back. Bring gold card, metro card or cash for bus.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Start of Major Aitken Drive 8.30am

Leader: Ngaire Rigby 027 226 4534

Camp Saddle (WO10)

Cost: \$30

From shelter at Highway 73 proceed on marked track to Lyndon Saddle and Helicopter Hill intersection. Head up ridge line opposite track to Helicopter Hill and follow ridge to Camp Saddle.

From here drop down off Camp Saddle to track back down valley to join Ski Field Road and back to cars via Sidle 73 track.

Grade: 3

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Leader: Bernadette Smith 027 370 7737

Co Leader: Sue Weller 021 194 9550

Club Captain's Noticeboard

Over the last few weeks I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting members from the different grades. Normally I am a Wednesday Grade 3 trumper and when I don't have family commitments I enjoy joining the Sunday trampers. It is good to see that numbers attending have been holding up in spite of Covid in the community.

On Wednesday June 15, Pamela Gibbons and I are going to have a combined Grade 3 and Grade 2 tramp to the Misty Peaks Reserve above Akaroa. It is a Grade 3 tramp but at a Grade 2 pace and the purpose is to encourage more of the very able Grade 2 trampers to consider doing Grade 3 tramps on a regular basis. There will be two groups so Pamela and I will each lead a group and two coleaders will be appointed on the day. It is a while since we have had a combined tramp and Pamela and I would be keen to get feedback either on the day or afterwards.

This is a lovely walk that takes you up Aylmers Valley Road to Newton's Waterfall. It then follows the new markers up above the waterfall to the 4WD track in Misty Peaks Reserve below Brasenose, where we can enjoy the views. We continue on the 4WD track to Stony Bay Road and descend via the Purple Peak Track. It is a 700m climb in total which we will take slowly, leading to a 5 to 6 hour day. This walk was part of the Banks Peninsula Walking Festival last year but only recently have all the markers been put in place.

Beacons: Every month our Beacon co-ordinator Peter Oliver compiles a Beacon Bookings spreadsheet. On some tramp days, usually at the Yaldhurst petrol station, all the beacons can be booked in advance. So if you plan a trip at short notice and want a club beacon, contact Peter first and also if any leader wishes to collect a beacon from an outlet other than the one advertised as the tramp departure point, also please check with Peter 027 438 5082.

Weather: When Tramp Leaders first start leading tramps a constant worry is what to do if the weather forecast is "iffy". In other words, if the weather forecast is not clearly bad enough to cancel the tramp but at the same time it doesn't look good enough to inspire confidence that it can still go ahead. So we have formed a group of 3 people who are available to be contacted during the days leading up to a tramp. However, Tramp Leaders should first look at the weather websites, e.g. www.windy.com, www.metservice.com, www.yr.no and webcams, as well as river flows on www.ecan.govt.nz/data/riverflow/. Then, ring one of these three people, who will be available to have a chat about what to do and alternative tramps, if that is a possibility: Gavin Hampton on 03 343 1291 or Peter Moore on 027 773 1670 or Kaye Young on 03 329 6187. Their phone numbers can also be found under "Your OFTC Committee".

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.

Backpacking and Basecamps 2022

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Fri 27-Sat 28 May	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Chrissy McCausland chrimccausland@xtra.co.nz
4 hour mostly flat tramp. (5 bunks; \$5 per night). 318 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 11-Sun 12 Jun	Mt Fyffe Hut, Kaikoura	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3 - 4 hour tramp.(8 bunks; \$5 per night). 366 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Tue 21-Wed 22 Jun	Boyle Flat Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Jill Halliburton 374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
5 hour mostly flat tramp (14 bunks; \$15 per night). 318 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 26-Mon 27 Jun	Carlyle Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
4 hour tramp involving river crossings. (8 bunks; free). 286 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 16-Sun 17 Jul	Ces Clark Hut, West Coast	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
5 hour tramp with 500 metres elevation gain. (16 bunks; \$45 per night). 480 kms return travel by vehicle.				
31 Jul-Mon 1 Aug	Tribulation Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
4 hour tramp to an old musterers' hut. (6 bunks; free). 190 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 13-Sun 14 Aug	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
4 hour mostly flat tramp.(5 bunks; \$5 per night). 318 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 21-Mon 22 Aug	Casey Hut, Poulter Valley, Arthurs Pass	1	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
6 - 8 hour tramp. (12 bunks; \$15 per night). 230 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 4-Wed 7 Sep	Top Hope Hut, Lake Sumner	3	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Day 1: 8 hour tramp to Hope Kiwi Lodge. (20 bunks; \$15 per night). Day 2: 3 hour tramp to Top Hope Hut (6 bunks; free) with time to explore the upper Hope Valley and try the hot springs. Days 3 and 4 are the reverse of the first two. 216 kms return.				
Sat 10-Sun 11 Sep	Boyle Flat Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
5 hour mostly flat tramp. (14 bunks; \$15 per night). 318 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 18-Mon 19 Sep	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Peter Coursey 3324833/0210343183 pkcoursey@gmail.com
4 hour tramp involving three river crossings. (20 bunks; \$15 per night). 230 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 15-Sun 16 Oct	Nina Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3 hour mostly flat tramp in a valley with a lot of bird life. (10 bunks; \$5 per night). 350 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 16-Tue 18 Oct	Ahuriri Valley	3	Moderate	Peter Moody 3517448/0212572031 Pmoody007@gmail.com
A maximum of 6 people, some of whom will have to sleep in tents. A tramp involving river crossings. 700 kms travel by vehicle.				
Mon 17-Wed 19 Oct	Woolshed Creek Hut, Mt Somers	2	Easy/Mod	Jill Halliburton 374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
3-4 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$15 per night). Day 2: side tramps in the area. 228 kms travel by vehicle.				
Mon 31 Oct-Thu 3 Nov	Paparoa Track, West Coast	3	Mod	David Jones 0272885845 ballymol@xtra.co.nz
4 day tramp involving about 20 hours of tramping. Hut fees: \$45 per night.				
Sat 12 -Wed 16 Nov	Old Ghost Road, Buller	4	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
The trip list is full but a wait list is available. We will probably return to Christchurch on Thursday 17 November.				
Sat 19-Sun 20 Nov	Woolshed Creek Hut, Mt Somers	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3-4 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$20 per night). 228 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 20-Fri 25 Nov	Golden Bay base camp	6	Easy/Mod	Sue Weller 0211949550 suzmweller@hotmail.com
Sun 27-Wed 30 Nov	McKenzie Hut, Lake Sumner	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Day 1: 5-6 hour tramp to Hurunui Hut (15 bunks; \$5 per night). Day 2: 5 hour tramp involving river crossings to McKenzie Hut (6 bunks; free) which has a natural hot pool nearby. Days 3 and 4: reverse of the first two. 232 kms travel.				
Sun 4 -Mon 5 Dec	Nina Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Jenny Hoffman 0212307577 jennybarbarah@gmail.com
3 hour mostly flat tramp in a valley with a lot of bird life. (10 bunks; \$5 per night). 350 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 10-Sun 11 Dec	Jolliebrook Hut, Lake Sumner	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
4 hour tramp. (7 bunks; \$5 per night). 216 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 10-Wed 14 Dec	John Tait Hut, Nelson Lakes	3	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz

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Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sat 21-Sun 22 Jan	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3 hour tramp to a bookable 19 bunk hut. (19 bunks; \$20 per night). 204 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Tue 24 – Wed 25 Jan	Manson-Nicholls Hut, Lake Daniels, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Jill Halliburton 3374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
3 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$15 per night). 384 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 12-Mon 13 Feb	Youngman Stream Hut – Tarn Hut circuit, Lees Valley	1	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Day 1: 5 hour tramp to Youngman Stream Hut (6 bunks; \$5 per night). Day 2: 5 hour tramp via Tarn Hut. 160 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat-Sun 19 Feb	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
4 hour tramp involving three river crossings. (20 bunks; \$15 per night). 230 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 26 Feb – Thurs 2 Mar	Carrington Hut – Waimakariri Falls Hut – Barker Hut, Arthurs Pass	4	Mod	Kaye Young 3296187/02102568702 rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz
Day 1: 6 hour tramp involving river crossings to Carrington Hut (36 bunks, \$15 per night). Nights 2 and 3 at Waimakariri Falls Hut (6 bunk, donations) and Barker Hut (10 bunks, donations). Night 4 at Carrington Hut. Day 5 to vehicles. 254 kms travel by vehicle.				
Sat 11-Sun 12 Mar	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
5 hour tramp. (14 bunks; \$15 per night). 380 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Fri 10-Sat 18 Mar	Te Anau base camp	7	Grades 2, 3 & 4	Marcel Robb Marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sun 26-Tue 28 Mar	Cookies Hut, Hakatere	2	Easy/Mod	Edith Goesmann 3837924/021801718 edithgoesmann@gmail.com
5 hour tramp involving river crossings to an ex-musterers' hut (6 bunks; free). Day 2 exploring the area around the hut. 190 kms.				
Fri 31 Mar-Sat 1 Apr	Boundary Creek Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy/Mod	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
A 5 hour tramp to an ex-musterers' hut (8 bunks; free). 250 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 16-Tue 18 Apr	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit	2	Moderate	Edith Goesmann 3837924/021801718 edithgoesmann@gmail.com
Day 1: 6 hour tramp to Kirwans Hut (12 Bunks, \$15 per night). day 2: 4 hours to Montgomerie hut (6 bunks, \$5 per night). Day 3: 4hour tramp to the vehicles. 500 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 30 Apr-Mon 1 May	Crow Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Kaye Young 3296187/02102568702 rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz
4 hour tramp involving river crossings. (10 bunks; \$5 per night). 254 kms return travel by vehicle.				

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 that 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.

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"OFTC Cyclists Page" on Facebook

Cycling is becoming an increasingly popular pastime and OFTC members have formed several private cycling groups.

I have set up a Facebook page called "OFTC Cyclists Page". Here is a link to the page so you can see what it's about: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/405025997701631>. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Please note that this page is a private initiative and has been created to promote communication, share photos and news, exchange ideas, pass on maintenance tips, advise of good deals between cycle groups that have been formed by OFTC members and their friends. Please also note that it is a public page that anyone can view but that only people who have joined can post and receive notifications etc.

Paul Knox

Computer Savvy People Needed

The club needs a few more people who are confident around a computer and want to learn new skills. You do not need to have a high level of technical knowledge, but you do need to feel comfortable playing around with different software even when you are unsure of what you are doing.

The club's immediate need is for people to join the web team, but there are other areas where people familiar with computer systems and software could make a contribution. Training will be given.

If this sounds like you, let Peter Coursey know (pkcoursey@gmail.com)

Mt Owen Granity Pass Hut Trip Report 27-31 March 2022

I had visited this area once before on a hut bagging trip with Charlie, Paul and Tom but we did not stay at Granity Pass hut as it was a day visit over from Branch Creek hut. The area looked interesting with its great rock formations so I had to come back for another look and climb Mt Owen.

Eight of us drove the first day to Quinney's Bush camp where we stayed in cabins overnight which made it an easy trip the next day to drive into Courthouse Flat Campsite from Tapawera where the track started from.

There were two track options to start with which joined up later on so we took the ridge track for the views on the first day as the weather was perfect and took the Blue Creek track coming out. It was a bit of a grunt going in due to the steepness of the track in places but with plenty of rest stops we arrived to an empty hut around mid afternoon.



The next day we headed up the well worn track for the summit of Mt Owen at 1875 metres following many cairns in places through the Karst rock formations in perfect weather again. We arrived at the summit and had a lengthy lunch there while enjoying the views in all directions. On our return to the hut through the various rock formations we found that some of the cairns were misleading us on a different route as we commented that we missed a narrow ledge we had to navigate around going up. That evening another couple turned up to stay in the hut and it transpired it was the same couple some of us had stayed with at the Douglas Rock Hut when we did the Copeland track trip earlier that month.

Next day we explored the area with some climbing Lookout Range and the others checking out other various interesting places, including caves in the area. Another couple joined us that evening and we had a final game of Quiddler to check out if there was an overall winner.

The trip out next day was interesting when we went back via the Blue Creek track as we struck amazing bird song - a continuous chorus was heard until we got near the vehicles. There were also relics of early gold mining days, which never produced much gold apparently. We drove back to Christchurch after a lunch stop at Murchison. It was well worth the three nights stay at the hut as it is an interesting area to go to.

We were: Ian F, Leader (scribe), Kaye Y, Neville P, Howard A, Jill H, Brenda R, Peter B, Maree R.

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Grade 3 Okuti Valley to Montgomery Peak, led by Sue Weller, May 8—photo Deidre Whitelaw