



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 485 SEPTEMBER 2022

## Basic Navigation Course #1 Sat 23 July 2022

After postponing the course from Wednesday to Saturday, a team of Instructor (Gavin H, Ian F, Peter M, Peter C, Kaye Y and myself) took 22 club members up to the head of Bowenvale Valley, for the first of the three Basic Navigation courses we ran this year.

The weather was vastly better than the Wednesday although, despite the sunny view in the photo, it was very cool, with a cutting breeze. Nevertheless we managed to get through all our planned teaching list, with everyone really picking up what we were teaching really well. It's fair to say that groups of 4 or 5 trampers wandering around with compasses and maps did give rise to a few questioning glances among passing cyclists, runners and other walkers!

Some might wonder what I'm doing with a globe in the picture below (taken by Marion Coxon)! No, I'm not puzzled as to where in the world we are but using it to explain to my group (Denise, Sharyn, Chrissy and Karen) why there is a difference between TRUE North and MAGNETIC North. In the background, Gavin is briefing his group on compass use. An excellent worthwhile day—thanks to the instructors and to all who attended and participated with enthusiasm, despite the cool temperatures.

**Paul Knox**

**Note:** An Advanced Navigation Course will be held on September 1 and 3. To attend, you must have attended one of the Basic Navigation courses, unless you can convince the organisers that your knowledge is sufficient. Email [knoxps@gmail.com](mailto:knoxps@gmail.com) indicating your interest **before August 28**.

## Car Pooling and Mask Wearing

When carpooling to and from tramps, members can use their own discretion about when they wish to wear a face mask. This is in line with the current government rules under the 'Orange' setting. However, the driver or a passenger can ask the other passengers in a car to wear masks. So, please continue to bring a mask to all tramps and wear it at your discretion or as a matter of courtesy when requested. And always: if you are feeling unwell, please stay at home.

**Edith Goesmann**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au)  
Wednesday trips to Vicki Grace—[vicki.grace@harcourts.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@oftc.org.nz))

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

"Are we still heading in the right direction or are we venturing off track?" This is a frequently asked tramping question. It is an equally important question for most organisations. A few weeks ago, the Committee started compiling a Strategic and Operational Plan. Initially I asked the committee to put down any 'issues' that they felt the club is facing, and to define the corresponding, achievable goal that we should be working on, going forward. While it was felt that we are generally 'on track' as a club, there are a couple of goals I would like to mention.

But first of all, what is the OFTC's mission? We came up with a very simple one: Our mission is to foster a lifelong enjoyment of the outdoors through a wide variety of tramping experiences.

The continuous recruitment of new members from Grade 2 through to Grade 4/5 tramping level will always be an important goal as new members replace members who leave, bring new ideas and take over leadership roles. Grade 2 tramps have for some time been our most popular tramps. These tramps are well managed and organised and both tramp planners and leaders are doing a fantastic job. The downside is that groups can often be large and, on many occasions, have consisted of more than 30 trampers. To keep the tramp leaders' job manageable and the ensure the enjoyment of all trampers we will keep working on a few measures to facilitate this.

'Enjoyment of the outdoors' requires tramps to be safe. Our continuous effort will be to offer training, enabling members to learn new skills and leaders to lead more confidently. It was encouraging to see that around 60 members signed up for the Basic Navigation Course. A big Thank You goes to the organisers and instructors Paul Knox, Gavin Hampton, Ian Fussell, Peter Moody, Peter Coursey and Kaye Young who made this happen! A leadership course that the club ran in October last year had a similar turnout, and it is fascinating to see how much talent we have at the club to run those courses 'in-house'.

If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions on the club's mission or goals, please contact me on [chair@oftc.org.nz](mailto:chair@oftc.org.nz).

Ken Lavender and Steve Lewis are joining Peter Moody and Peter Glasson as Grade 3 Wednesday Tramp Planners and I would like to thank them for their willingness to support the club in this very important role.

*Edith Goesmann*

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

What an achievement to have to run 3 Basic Navigation Courses to cater for the demand by members to learn these skills! By the time August 21 has passed, 60 members will have completed the Basic course and the Advanced Navigation Course will follow on from this. Many thanks to Paul Knox for making it all happen.

Our Tramp Leaders are the heroes of the OFTC. At the mid-winter nosh I acknowledged 5 people who led 10 or more tramps each in 2021. A big Thank You goes to David Jones, Evelyn Sheridan, Fiona Butterick, Howard Harvey and Mary Brinsdon.

As part of the OFTC mission and 'enjoyment of the outdoors', safety is our main concern. The club offers training but it is up to each member to take personal responsibility and acknowledge their tramping level. Be considerate when walking a grade as the Leader is required to lead the trip as advertised. Lastly, at the end of the tramp the Tramp Leader waits for the last car to leave the tramp site and makes sure that everyone has gone.

Recently, I returned from Australia and fortunately got my holiday in before joining the Covid Club. Hiking in Kakadu NP in the Top End of Australia and the Flinders Ranges NP in South Australia are good winter holiday hiking destinations without travelling too far.

Last January I hiked in the Richmond Range Forest Park, part of the Te Araroa trail, with Jenny Hoffman. What a wonderful asset this is for the people of Nelson. They have all these hills and peaks up to 1700 metres high, all clad in bush, on their back door step. There are three main entry points; off the Maungatapu Road from Pelorus Bridge or from Brook Street in Nelson city up to the Rocks Hut or from the end of Aniseed Valley Road to the Hackett Hut. The tramping is moderate and suitable for Grade 2 and Grade 3 trampers. All the trails have rivers alongside with good swimming holes, the best bush including Rimu trees to be found on the Te Araroa trail, as well as scenic views across to Nelson and Rabbit Island.

*Kaye Young*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

20 August 2022

### **New members:**

Martin Cropp: 021 073 6240  
Racheal Priestley: 021 246 6970  
Amanda Cartridge: 021 0249 6500  
Martin Badham: 027 587 5433

### **Membership:**

Total = 411 (Female – 250;  
Male – 161)

*Judy Collin*

## 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, which are held at the Belfast Z garage, Yaldhurst Mobil garage and Z Service Station, Barrington Street, beside the mall. Excellent for groups.



**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**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	Alec Mills	338 5002
	<b>Grade 1</b>		
	<b>Grade 2</b>	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
		Carol Eddington	021 045 3170
		John Corbett	348 3158
	<b>Grade 3</b>	Peter Moody	351 7448
		Peter Glasson	021 324 954
		Ken Lavender	348 6738
		Steve Lewis	027 725 0506
	<b>Grade 4</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	Judy Eden	027 472 6538
	<b>Grade 2</b>	Heather & Alan Robertson	021 181 6019
		Pip Clark	027 331 1739
		Helen Rutledge & Garry Roberts	021 289 8491
	<b>Grade 3, 4 &amp; 5</b>	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

**SUNDAY TRAMPS****SEPTEMBER 4****Adventure Park**

Cost : Nil  
Adventure Park walkway. Chair lift down and back to the cars.  
Grade : 1 NQ  
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am  
Time : 3-4 hrs  
Leader : Val Armstrong 384 3391

**Washpen Falls W009a**

Cost : \$21( will possibly drop to \$18. Plus \$10 fee)  
Interesting walk in the Windwhistle area for 2-3 hours, extended over farmland climbing to 900m to overlook Lake Coleridge.  
Grade : 2  
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel at 9am.  
Time : 5 hours  
Leader : Garry Roberts 349-7875 Co-leader TBA

**Mt Richardson key swap N09B**

Cost : \$18  
One group leaves from Maori Reserve road carpark and heads up Blowhard track to Teds Track and the Bypass track then intersect the Blowhard track, turn left to Mt Richardson, then down Mt Richardson Track to Glentui. The other group starts at Glentui Picnic area and tramps the exact opposite. This is a steeper route. Primarily changing bush walk, with great views of Christchurch and Lees Valley on the ridgeline.  
Grade : 3  
Time : 5 hours  
Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark at 8.30am  
Leaders : Alison Downard 021 133 7252 and Peter Moore 027 773 1670

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

Go to OFTC website and log in to access the MEMBERS AREA. Select MEMBERS HOME then follow HOW TO ADD A NOTICE instructions. 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](mailto:salgav@xtra.co.nz)

**SEPTEMBER 11****Halswell Quarry to Bellbird**

Cost : \$2  
Up Kennedy's Bush Track. Lunch at the Bellbird.  
Grade : 1 NQ  
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am. Or alternatively, meet at Halswell Quarry main car park at 9.30am.  
Time : 3-4 hrs  
Leader : John Winterburn 027 488 3073

**Halswell Quarry to Bellbird PH 22**

Cost : nil  
Climb around Quarry rim, up through farmland to Kennedy's Bush Spur Track and Summit Road. CRW to Sign of the Bellbird for lunch. Return to Quarry by alternative tracks where possible.  
Grade : 2  
Depart : Halswell Quarry carpark at 9am.  
Time : 4-5 hours  
Leader : Vicki Steven 022 130 4342  
Co-leader TBA on the day

**Trig M Rabbit Hill variation W003B**

Cost : \$26  
From the A frame shelter at Lake Lyndon, climb ridge track to Trig M. Follow the broad undulating ridge to Rabbit Hill. Return along the ridge before dropping down a spur through bush to the head of Lake Lyndon and back to the cars.  
Grade : 3  
Time : 5- 5.5 hours  
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am  
Leader : David Jones 027 288 5845

**Mt Bruce via Broad Stream W051**

Cost : \$38  
From the Cora Lynn DOC carpark along the Lagoon Saddle track and then climb up to Mt Bruce. Return via Broad stream. Ice axe and crampons (and prior experience) essential  
Grade : 4  
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 8.00am  
Time : 5.5-6 hrs  
Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126  
Please contact Ross if you are planning to come on this tramp

## SEPTEMBER 18

**Bruce's River Walk**

Cost : Nil

*Wandering the river ways with Bruce.*

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : From grassed area on east side of bridge by the Tannery (Garlands Rd &amp; King Edward Tce) at 9.00am.

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Bruce Stanton 338 1909

**Hogsback W142**

Cost : \$28

*Start from Castle Hill Village carpark, the track takes us through tussock and beech forest to the knob above Texas flat. Return the same way. Wonderful views of Castle Hill and the Craigieburn and Torlesse ranges.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.30 (NB earlier time)

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Selena Chan 027 301 5501

**Mt Thomas Wooded Gully Track N10**

Cost : \$16

*573m climb up Wooded Gully Track to Mt Thomas summit (1023m). Return down track on west spur (Track 2). Pleasant tramp through a range of native bush, beech forest and pine plantations.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark at 8.00 am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Alison Ford 021 077 6932

**Mt Olympus W078**

Cost : \$35

*Access is gained from the Windwhistle Ski Club's road to the lower slopes of the mountain. Views from the top (2094M) are over the Harper R and up to the peaks at the head of the Avoca River. Ice axe and crampons (and prior experience) essential.*

Grade : 5

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 7:30 am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660

Please contact Neville if you are planning to come on this tramp

## SEPTEMBER 25

**Coronation Reserve & Upwards**

Cost : Nil

*Various tracks up and down and around the area.*

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr of Whaka Tce &amp; Centaurus Rd at 9.00 am

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Gaye Morton 332 2284, 027 245 6147

**Mt Vernon and beyond PH62**

Cost : nil

*Through Coronation Reserve up to Huntsbury and Huia Gilpin Reserve, then follow the gorge to the CRW. Over Mt Vernon towards the Sugar Loaf returning down various Huntsbury tracks.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Enticott Place and Major Aitken Drive at 9am.

Time: 5 hours

Leader : Sheila Downard 337 4201 , 027 376 9619

**Woolshed creek via Bus Stop W040**

Cost : \$37

*From Woolshed Creek carpark, an initially steep climb to the Bus Stop, a view point on the lower slopes of Mt Somers, continue sidling the slopes before dropping down to the waterfall and hut. Return via old coal mine.*

Grade : 3

Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am

Leader : Jill Halliburton 021 022 67556

## WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

**For Grade 1 tramps, check the website.**

## SEPTEMBER 7

**Lincoln Area NQ**

Cost: \$4

*Walking on byways, old and new areas*

Depart: Cnr of Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Clive Morriss 358 2753

**Ferrymead Park/Heathcote River/CRW Loop - New Walk***From Ferrymead Park follow the Heathcote River around to Hansen Park. Then up Rapaki Track, along CRW then down to join Morgans Valley track back to Ferrymead Park.*

Cost: Nil

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Ferrymead Park at 8.30. Drive into Ferrymead Park, on Bridle Path Road, then turn left into Sports Parking area.

Leader: Pamela Gibbons 3327 531 022 678 0398

**Foggy Peak (W007)**

Cost: 120 kms = \$20

*Steady steepish climb up broad ridge to summit, 800m above road. Return by same route or drop down ridge to the West for half km then cross scree face leading south towards cars. Excellent views on clear days as far as Mt. Cook.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.30am

Duration: 5 hrs

Leader: Lawrence Allpress (348 3791; 022 092 8656)

## SEPTEMBER 14

**South Hagley Park NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Commencing the walk in the Addington area and then through South Hagley Park among the daffodils*

Depart: Cnr Kipling/Ruskin St (off Selwyn St) at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills 3385 002

**Benmore, Annavale, 13 Mile Bush W018***From Benmore Station carpark follow track along 13 Mile Bush Stream to Benmore Hut. Then up the ridge to 1010m and return via new marked track. There is an option the ridge to continue up the ridge to Sugarloaf at 1203 before returning via new marked track.*

Cost: \$20

Grade: 2

Time: 5hours

Depart: Yaldhurst 8.30am.

Leader: Mike Currie 027 239 1129

**Woolshed Hill from Hawdon Shelter return (W050A)**

Cost: 230 kms = \$39

*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. Ice axe and crampons may be required in winter (Leader to advise).*

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8 am

Duration: 5 - 6 hrs

Leader: Ken Lavender (348 6738)

## SEPTEMBER 21

**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 Ph 351 9888 021 750 085

**Holliss Avenue to CRW***From Holliss Ave, up to Latters Spur Track and Victoria Park, then down Eastside Bush, up to CRW and beyond.*

Cost: Nil

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: 8.30am from Holliss Ave, near Landsdowne Park

Leader: Carol Eddington, 021 0453170

**Sumner Figure of Eight (PH02A)**

Cost: 0 kms = \$0

*From Sumner Clock Tower, up Whitewash Head, Heritage Trail to Taylors Mistake. Up to Breeze Col, Crater Rim walkway to Godley Head. Back from Godley Head to Taylors by way of Boulder Bay. Up from Taylors to Evans Pass. Back to Sumner by way of Captain Thomas Track.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Sumner Clock Tower 8.30am

Duration: 5 – 6 hrs

Leader: Denise Cumberpatch (383 2661; 027 340 3299)

## SEPTEMBER 28

**Glentunnel New NQ**

Cost: \$12 Plus \$2 for Museum

*Meeting at Yaldhurst Hotel car park and driving to the Community Centre in Glentunnel. We will be taken on a short walk near the golf course and met by Pam at the cemetery. Lunch outside Community Centre will be followed by a tour around the village from the museum*

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Ruha Goodwill Ph 021 0888 5258

**Mt Richardson NO9***Invigorating climb through pleasant beech forest to Mt Richardson (1047). Return via Blowhard and Bypass track. Good views across the Lees Valley to Puketeraki Range.*

Cost: \$18

Grade: 3 walk at Grade 2 pace

Time: 6 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel at 8.30am.

Leader: Jill Haliburton, 337 4973, 021 67556

**Macfarlane Stream to Trig M**

Cost: 135 kms = \$23

*Coach Rd to Pt 918, just into the DOC reserve, drop into Macfarlane stream and head up until a good route onto trig M ridge. Good stream travel and open ridge from somewhere between rabbit hill and trig. Follow one of the tracks back to car at the lower U bend on Porters Road.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8am

Duration: 6 hrs

Leader: Steve Lewis (326 5186; 027 725 0506)

## A Celebration

On Thursday 27 October we are planning to have a celebration to mark the fact that the Club has done its last planting session in Bowenvale Valley. The celebration will take the form of an afternoon tea overlooking the plantings from Victoria Park. The celebration will be along the Latters Spur track so it is easily accessed from car parking but will still allow a view of the plantings. Both Di Carter and Fiona Fenton from the City Council will be attending. So, if you have been involved with the plantings over the years or know of someone who has been, come along and see what you have done and catch up with other planters.

More information will come out closer to the time, but in the meantime please feel free to contact me if I can be of further help.

**Gavin Hampton** 343 1291, [salgav@xtra.co.nz](mailto:salgav@xtra.co.nz)

## Maintenance Day

On 20 October we are due to do another spot of maintenance. I realise that the day will not suit everyone. As usual, the meeting point is at the bottom of Bowenvale, on Bowenvale Avenue, at 12.30. Equipment will be supplied by the Council. Any change in these arrangements will be notified by email.

Any questions phone me on 343-1291.

Thanks, **Gavin Hampton**



**G2 August 10 Westmoreland Wander, led by Sandra Knox. Photo Vicki Steven**



## Backpacking and Basecamps 2022

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
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 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. Trip list is full – a wait list is available.				
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-Thur 15 Dec	John Tait Hut, Nelson Lakes	3	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Day 1, drive to St Arnaud, stay overnight; day 2 to John Tait Hut, 5-8 hours walk, day 3 day walk to Cupola Hut and basin 5+hours; day 4 day walk to Upper Travers Hut or Travers Saddle 6-9 hours; day 5 back to Lakehead Hut, 4.5 hours, day 6 walk out and drive home. Annual Hut Passes no longer accepted. THE TRIP LIST IS FULL – A WAIT LIST IS AVAILABLE.				

### 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](mailto:agedmunds@outlook.com)** Base Camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator



**G4 August 14: a cracker day for a circuit of Crystal Basin, adjacent to Porter's skifield. Snow ranged from deep powder to crampon conditions with a buried slippery, icy layer making for cautious travel at times. A challenging fun day! Neville Palmer.**

## Backpacking and Basecamps 2023

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 02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
3 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$15 per night). 384 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Mon 8 – Sat 11 Feb	Scott Creek, Death Valley, Kay Creek Hut, Mid Caples Hut. Glenorchy, Otago	3	Moderate	Maree Richards 0210364648 mareegonebush@playful.com
Involves tenting and huts.				
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.				

**G2 Mount Grey, August 17, led by Ken Francis. Photo Cathie Graves**





## Our Club: Paul Knox

Paul's contribution to the club has been extensive and there is barely enough space in this column to do him justice. Over the years the club has benefited hugely from Paul's interest in and knowledge of technology. Currently, Paul is leading the Basic and Advanced Navigation courses, which have proved to be both very popular and successful.

Paul developed several of the club's tools that we all take for granted these days: Prior to the establishment of the Tramp Map Database, club tramps were kept by one person, in a Word file. As a result, tramps were being lost to the club, and getting people to lead tramps was difficult. Paul decided to establish a database that had a map, gpx track and tramp information, all in electronic, readily accessible form. The result was a very usable database and a goldmine of information. In 2010, Paul totally updated the website, along with Gavin Hampton, which served the club very well for many years.

More recently, Paul has done a few stints as a DOC Hut Warden, been involved in volunteer work with DOC such as track clearing, hut maintenance etc and he is currently the club's DOC liaison person. He, as part of the Mapteam sets the OFTC mileage rate via the Tramp Map Database. For several years, assisted by his wife Sandra and Ian Fussell, he organised an annual bulk buy of Back Country Dehy Foods for club members at wholesale prices.

Around about the start of Covid, Paul established an OFTC Facebook page to help with club communication during lockdowns and beyond. It has been very successful and has over 650 members. He also set up an offshoot, the OFTC Cyclists Page which is slowly growing as people become aware of it.



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Paul and Sandra joined the OFTC in 1999 with little or no tramping experience. Since then, both have participated in and led countless tramps, both day and multi day, as well as organising several base-camps. Paul was on the Committee for 15 years, including 2 years each as Chair and Club Captain and he is a Life Member of the club. When asked about his most memorable tramps, a trip that Paul led over the Whitcombe Pass springs to mind. This was a much-extended trip, starting at the Louper Biv and included going over the Whitcombe Pass, Frew Saddle, Mathias Pass, Canyon Creek to the Mathias Hut. Leading a trip to Mt Tapuaenuku (see picture) was the highlight of his climbing endeavours as he prefers multiday tramps as a rule.

How lucky are we to have such an all-rounder in our club. Thank you, Paul!

### Book Recommendations

#### Edmund Hillary – A Biography (2021)

A Biography by Mike Gill. An in-depth record of triumph and tragedy (Peter Oliver)

#### On my Own Two Feet (2006)

Autobiography by Norman Hardie (was member of OFTC). A record of his life including the first ascent of Mt Kangchenjunga (Peter Oliver)

***Below is a list of books that belong to the club. If interested, please contact Ian Fussell, [fussei@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fussei@xtra.co.nz)***

#### Enjoying the Port Hills – Gordon Ogilvie

#### Hypothermia – Mountain Safety Council

#### Waimakariri, An Illustrated Guide – Robert Logan

#### Southern Alps - Alison Ballance

#### John Pascoe - Chris MacLean

#### Natural History of Banks Peninsular - Hugh Wilson

#### Huts - Untold Stories from Back country N.Z. - Mark Pickering

#### The Rise & Fall of the Southern Alps - Glen Coates

#### West of Windwhistle - Stories of Lake Coleridge Area

#### Hinewai, The Journal of a NZ Naturalist – Hugh Wilson