



Going Places



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 486 OCTOBER 2022



G3, Trig M Rabbit Hill, September 11: *A great day out, pretty chilly when the fog set in. Great leadership by Sue Weller and team ensuring we stayed together. Started at Lake Lyndon then up a ridge and on to Rabbit Hill. That stretch killed the conversation...It's been 20 years since I did this trip last. My watch recorded 12.5k, 5 hours, 24,000 steps, high point 1,238m and total ascents 4.8k. There were 6 from grade 2 walks that joined the group today. We were made to feel welcome and supported, so thank you.—Christine Webber*

G1 September 18, Bruce's River Walk: *Hauling this wooden seat out of the river was one of the tales Ian and Bruce (far left) told trampers about their work with the Opawaho-Heathcote River Network, clearing and planting the river banks, digging out an underpass beneath the motorway, and creating the Opawaho loop track. Congratulations on a great addition to our river walks! —Mavis Airey*



Club Night

Tuesday October 4
at 7.30 pm
Knox Church Hall
cnr Bealey Av /Victoria St

Speakers: David Jones
and Kay Young
Topic: Tramping and
exploring in outback
Australia.

David Jones
027 288 5845

River Crossing Course

Led by Adrian Busby

Saturday November 5 and
Thursday November 10

To be held on the Waimakariri
River
9am to 1pm.
Further details upon
registration.

Cost: \$10 per person
This will be donated to CHCH
LandSAR.

To register
Kaye Young
rbkmyoung@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 Alan Gash at afjq264@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

Lambing season is upon us and will continue for at least another month, with regional variations. I am sometimes overcome with cuteness overload when I spot the sweetest little bundles of wool, usually twins, with pink ears and knobbly legs. Despite their appeal, however, they are other people's livelihood. Most trampers always give ewes and lambs time to get ahead and off the track before coming close and are aware of the rule of 'don't ever come between the ewe and her lamb'. However, I was still surprised when I recently read an article about the stress that the presence of walkers inflicts on ewes.

The OFTC sometimes tramps on private farmland in which case permission usually needs to be obtained from the farmer. The committee has compiled some guidance for tramp planners and leaders on how to approach farmers and this will be emailed to them and added to the website under 'Leaders - Helpful Tips and Links'. My encounters with farmers have always been positive but occasionally farmers say 'No', and we must respect that.

Judy Collin has been the OFTC face to the outside world as Membership Officer since March 2020. During that time, many prospective members have appreciated her friendly, warm, and approachable manner as well as professionalism when applying for membership. During the same time, Judy has also been our Welfare Officer. Due to changed circumstances she has now decided to resign from the club and from her roles, and she deserves a huge thank you for all the great work she has done for the club. Judy, you will be missed!

We are now looking for someone to take up these roles that are essential for the club. If you are interested in one or both roles, please let me know. This newsletter contains a summary of what each role involves on Page 8, and job descriptions are available on request. Judy has kindly agreed to remain in her roles for the time being, so there will be a handover.

Alan Gash is our new Back-Up Editor for *Going Places* and will fill in for Mavis whenever she is unavailable. Thank you, Alan, for taking on this task.

Edith Goesmann

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

"What is the role of the Co Leader?" We all know that the Co Leader is there to support the Leader but how many of us spend some time thinking of all the ways we can do that. Essentially the Tramp Leader can ask the Co Leader to help with anything and everything such as; keeping the group together, leading another group if the original group gets split in two, keeping an eye on prospective members, head counting, going in front, walking with a less experienced trumper and so on. The role of the Co Leader can be found under the Guidelines for Tramping in the Tramp Types section of the website. Ideally the Co Leader is appointed before the day of the tramp or at the departure area car park before driving to the tramp departure area. This gives the Co Leader a few minutes to consider the role and the support he/she can provide. Then at the Pre Tramp briefing the Tail End Charlie and First Aider are appointed and the Co Leader identified. Leaders should feel comfortable about drawing upon the skills of their Co Leader and sharing the responsibility.

CO LEADER

- To support leader.
- To liaise with leader before trip if weather doubtful.
- To lead trip if leader unable. Keep leader informed of tiring members.
- Communicate between tail-end Charlie and leader.
- A trainee role as prospective leader.

In June I did an overnighter to the Carlyle Hut located in Lake Sumner Forest Park and access is from Glenhope Station. It used to be done by club members as a very long day tramp, when the access track was a bit shorter. Nowadays it is best done as an overnighter in summer and it takes 4 hours to get there. It is a pleasant bush walk alongside the Carlyle Stream, above the Hope River, to a clearing where the hut is located. There are many minor river crossings to get there and in the hut the fireplace is inefficient and a lot of smoke pours into the room. Not advisable to do in winter unless you like frozen, wet feet and a cold hut full of smoke!

Kaye Young

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

20 September 2022

New members:

Lorna Revis: 021 130 2559
Jo Weenink: 027 697 7499
Anna Elliott: 027 280 9533
Stuart Wallace: 021 225 4422

Resignations:

Graeme Marshall: 021 0223 6250
(2 years in OFTC)
Judy Collin: 021 150 7954 (3 years in OFTC)

Membership:

Total = 413 (Female – 252;
Male – 161)

Judy Brennan

Book Recommendation

'Downriver Nomad – A Triathlete's Adventures and Adversities into the Rapids' by Rob Hutchings.
A must-read for someone interested in pushing the boundaries.
(Jenny Hoffmann)

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
		Ken Lavender	348 6738
		Steve Lewis	027 725 0506
	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**OCTOBER 2****Grade 1 : No tramp planned.**

Meet at Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St (PMH) at 9.00am and decide where to go from there.
Leaders : Val Armstrong 03 384 3391 & Joan Hewtson 03 388 4320

Mt Donald (near Waipara) N33

Cost : \$17
Gradual climb on farm track to a good viewpoint on Mt Donald. Descend via limestone valley to complete the round trip. Lovely views over rolling countryside.

Grade : 2
Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark 9.00 am
Time : 4-5 hrs
Leader : Gavin Hampton 03 343 1291

Mt Grey N35

Cost : \$17
Steady climb up Mount Grey Track through native bush to trig (934m) then walk along the tops and return via Red Beech Track. All round great views – Kaikoura to Banks Peninsula.

Grade : 3
Time : 6 hours
Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark 8.00 am
Leader : 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

OCTOBER 9**Allandale/Living Springs/O'Farrell's Tk/Governors Bay**

Cost : \$4
From Allandale car park we tramp through Living Springs farm park, traverse along O'Farrell's Track to Governors Bay, then take the harbour-side walk back to Allandale
Grade : 1 NQ
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am
Time : 4-5 hrs
Leader : Mary Brinsdon 366 9119, 027 220 6270

Heathcote- Mt Pleasant PH104

Cost : nil
From behind Gondola carpark take Morgans Valley Sidle track to Heathcote Quarry, Kenton Track John Britten Park and Greenwood Reserve to gun emplacements. Return to Gondola via Mt Pleasant trig, Cavendish Bluffs Track, CRW, Castle Rock Track to cars. Glorious views of peninsula, harbour, Kaikouras etc.
Grade : 2
Depart : Back of Gondola carpark 9.00 am
Time : 5.5 hrs.
Leader : Jill Halliburton 337 4973, 021 022 67556

Bealey Spur W08

Cost : \$39
Gradual climb through beech forest and open tussock with tarns to restored musterers hut. Option to extend the tramp to point 1545 beyond the hut.
Grade : 3
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St, 8.00 am
Time : 6 hours
Leader : Adrienne McLeod 027 303 3227

Mount Somers via Hookey Knob SW09

Cost : \$23
From Staveley car park follow south track over Hookey Knob until track branches off to summit. Follow poled route to summit and return the same way.
Grade : 4
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.30 am
Time : 7 hours
Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126
Please contact Ross if you are planning to come on this tramp.

OCTOBER 16

Rakaia Gorge Walkway

Cost : \$22

Follow gorge rim, to the lookout, down to the river. Return by same track. Invigorating views. A lovely day out.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel at 9.00 am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Judy Eden 03 384 4857, 027 472 6538 & Val Armstrong 03 384 3391

Rakaia Gorge Walkway WO33a

Cost : \$15

Follow the rim of the Gorge through impressive geological areas, past entrances to the disused Snowdon coalmine and through various forest and shrub communities before climbing tussock and then down to the river to boat stop. A short climb up terraces to the lookout for lunch and spectacular views of gorge, river and mountains.

Grade : 2

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel at 9.00 am

Time : 4-5 hours

Leader : Garry Roberts 03 349 7875

Co-leader TBA on the day

Heathcote Valley Circuit PH105

Cost : \$0

From Bridle Path car park access 4x4 track and turn right toward grid power lines. Continue to ridge just before power lines and ascend to point 410. Join CRW and continue East past The Tors and Mt Cavendish. Cross Summit Road to point 415 and descend to pick up walking track back to the Bridle Path

Grade : 3

Depart : Bridle Path Carpark 8.30 am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Alison Ford 021 077 6932

OCTOBER 23

Latters Spur

Cost : Nil

Along Hollis Ave, up Latters Spur and various tracks.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am.

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Diana Hudson 355 6114

Bowenvale and beyond PH49

Cost : nil

This tramp commences at the Bowenvale Ave carpark at the end of the road. Up Bowenvale to CRW then onto Mt Vernon and return via various tracks.

Grade : 2

Depart : Bowenvale carpark at 9.00 am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Jenny Owens 021 027 04522

Co-leader : TBA on the day

Leith Hill W029A

Cost : \$32

Park at the Mt Cloudsley carpark behind Castle Hill Village. Pleasant stroll up Thomas River riverbed, negotiate two waterfalls then a steep climb to a saddle. Easy ridge top walk back to summit. Direct decent down mixed scree to the bush line then through bush to gain a MTB track beside Thomas River. Easy walk back to the carpark.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am

Time : 5 - 6 hours

Leader : David Jones 027 288 5845

Co Leader : TBA

OCTOBER 30

Orton Bradley

Cost : \$7 plus \$10 per car

To the waterfall, Hunters Valley and Magnificent loop track.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Judy Eden 384 4857, 027 472 6538

Orton Bradley : waterfall to Hunter's Gully BP53a

To Big Rock for morning tea, up to the waterfall, then via a track to the lookout track and down and along Hunter's Gully.

Cost : \$7 plus \$10 a carload

Grade : 2

Depart : Ashgrove/Ferniehurst at 9.00 am.

Time : 4- 5 hrs

Leader : Carolina Kol 03 312 7970

Co-leader TBA

Mt Herbert from Orton Bradley Park BP10

Cost : \$7 plus share of \$10 per car for Orton Bradley Park

A steady walk up the central valley from Orton Bradley Park to the shelter, and on to Te Ahu Patiki (Mt Herbert) summit at 919m. Lovely views 360 °views. Return via the route under Mt Bradley and join the tablelands track back to the cars.

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St, 8.30 am

Time : 5 - 6 hours

Leader : Alison Downard 021 133 7252

Ben More W02

Cost : \$26

Leave cars at Acheron stream cutting on Lake Lyndon road, skirt foot of Rabbit Hill and climb onto Ben More ridge via Rabbit Saddle. Follow ridge line above Ben More stream to communication mast. Traverse to ridge on the other side of stream onto Ben More summit (1665m). Continue down ridge, drop off down scree slope near the end of ridge and above the widening stream valley.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.30 am

Time : 7 hours

Leader : Peter Moore 027 773 1670

Please contact Peter if you are planning to come on this tramp.

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

For Grade 1 tramps, check the website.

OCTOBER 5

Hagley Park and Inner-City NQ SPECIAL MEET AND GREET LUNCH FOR OUR RECENT RETIRED VETS

Cost: Nil

For those that wish to have a short walk in Hagley Park before lunch we will depart at 9-30am and return to Mona Vale Rose Garden at 11am to meet and greet our recently retired tramping friends. We have contacted them, and they will bring their lunch so after a catch-up chat and walk we will lunch together. If you know of other ex-members who would like to join us, they will be very welcome. If cancelled because of weather this will be held on 12 October

Depart: Mona Vale Ave Kilmarnock St at 9-30am

Time: As long as it takes

Contacts: Rosemary Harper 351 0677, Norma Powell 384 1397, Clive Morriss 358 2753, Alec Mills 338 5002

Barnett Park /Taylors Mistake Loop

Cost: Nil

Grade: 2

From Barnett Park up to Mt Pleasant Gun Emplacements down to Evans Pass along Scarborough Bluffs over to Taylors Mistake. Return to Sumner via the coastal track and back to Barnett Park either by bus or walking. Bring Gold card.

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Barnett Park 8.30am

Leader: Alison Ford 0210 776932

OCTOBER 5 CONTINUED

Bobs Knob W016

Cost: \$21

Grade: 3

From carpark opposite red shed, start tramp at Kowai Bridge on SH 73. Head up hill faces to join farm track and along to small saddle, then north up steepish section to pt952, continue to pt1230 and along to Bobs Knob at pt1261. Continue along ridge to saddle before pt 1211 and drop off north down scree to hut below and out to cars via tracks on north side of river.

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 8.30am

Time: 5-6 hours

Leader: Peter Oliver 0274385082

Co Leader: Ken Lavender Map reference BW21

OCTOBER 12

Allandale to Sandy Bay NQ

Vets

Cost: \$6

Walking along the coastal track from Allandale to Sandy Bay and returning on the same track

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

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Mary Brinsdon 366 9119

Kaituna to Rod Donald Hut BP55

Cost: 88km \$14

Grade: 2

From topmost homestead in Kaituna Valley, walk up the old farm track to the spur looking down on Port Levy. Proceed over Weston Valley Road and along to Rod Donald Hut for lunch returning by the same route.

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove/ Ferniehurst 8.30am

Leader: John Corbett 021 040 9024

Stoney Bay BP91

Cost: \$28

Grade: 3

From Stony Bay Saddle, walk down the road to Pikimai zigzag. Descend to join Opatuti track and continue Hinewai reserve. Shortly after, in a paddock, cross a stile to enter Mokimoki bush. Follow track to beach. Return via either Mokimoki gorge or Kawakawa tracks to rejoin Opatuti track. Follow this to the top to join Tara track and the start. A very sheltered walk.

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst Tce 8am

Time: 5-5.5 hours

Leader: Jenny Hoffman 0212307577

Mt Plenty Castle Hill Peak W093A

Cost: \$25

Grade: 4

Park on the South side of Porter River, go over the farm gate and head up Mt Plenty and around to Castle Hill peak. Drop down ridge to good scree run into Ghost stream.

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00am

Time: 6.5 hours approx

Leader: Alan Stow 021 078 6038

OCTOBER 19

Raspberry Cafe to Otahuna Lodge and beyond, NQ

Vets

Cost: \$5

A flat walk approximately 7 to 9 kms. A very pleasant walk with interesting options.

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

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills 338 5002

OCTOBER 19 CONTINUED

Heathcote Valley CRW and return

Cost: Nil

Grade: 2

Walk around lakes at Ferrymead thru Heathcote, access track adjacent to the school, work around hill then up a steep ridge to Summit Road proceed to CRW along to Mt Pleasant over Evans Pass up to top of the Quarry for lunch. Down Scarborough joining Bluffs track thru Horse Paddock to the Bus for Heathcote Bridge. Bus back to Heathcote Bridge, short walk to the cars. Bring Gold cards.

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Ferrymead Park at 8.30am. Drive into Ferrymead Park off Bridal Path Road, then turn into sports parking area

Leader: Graeme Brown 03 3833732.

Mt Oxford via Coopers Creek NW05

Cost: \$18

Grade: 3

Owing to storm damage on the View hill track this trip will now start at Coopers Creek carpark.

A steepish climb from Coopers Creek carpark to Mt Oxford summit, and return to Coopers Creek same way

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark 8.30am

Time: 5 to 5.5 hours

Leader: David Jones 0272885845 Co leader: Bernadette Smith

OCTOBER 26

University to Riccarton Bush NQ

Vets

Cost: Nil

Flat wander through Ilam Homestead Grounds and University to Riccarton Bush and return.

Depart: Cnr Corfe and Brodie Sts Upper Riccarton at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods 358 8250

Awa Awa McLennan's Rhododendron Reserve SW05

Cost: 172km \$28

Grade: 2

Turn from SH77 into McLennans Bush Rd proceed about 2km to the end. Take the Aspen track near the toilet block and climb gradually through the Rhod's and bush to the ridge this is the Scotts Saddle track which contacts the Mt Hutt Road. Return same way NOT via Pudding Hill stream track.

Time: 4 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.30am

Leader: Dave Morgan 027 4495011

Pettigrew's Road to Monument BP13

Cost: \$16

Grade: 3

Tramp follows ridge with fabulous views in all directions. Half group walks from each end. Drivers change cars at the assembly point (PMH) and all walk to the car you intend to return in to PMH. (Make sure you put your 'coming out' gear in this car.)

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove/Ferniehurst Tce 8.30am

Time: 5.5 to 6.5 hours

Leaders: Alison Ford 0210776932 & Kaye Young 02102568702

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.

Backpacking and Basecamps 2022

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
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 Base Camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator



G4 Mt Bruce, September 11. Photo Natasja Steenkamp



Clive (left) and David—90 still tramping. Taken on a Vets tramp in August—Alec Mills

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 – Wed 15 Feb	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-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.				
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.				

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 and will start at 2.30pm. The celebration will be behind the 19th Battalion Memorial; handy for parking and allowing an overview 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. For catering purposes could you let me know by Monday the 24th of October if you will be coming.

Gavin Hampton (343 1291, 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**

Our Club: Mavis Airey

Going Places is the heart and soul of the OFTC, and so is Mavis. Mavis has been involved in editing the club's newsletter since 2008 and became Editor in 2012.

Mavis is a journalist by background, ranging from TV in Britain and NZ to reporting for *Time* and other publications in Belgium, 15 years at *The Press* as a feature writer and Arts / Food Editor, writing for *Cuisine*, running food and wine tours in Canterbury, and 13 years doing press and publications for Presbyterian Support.

She has always been a keen walker - family legend has it she climbed one of the Landgale Pikes at the age of 3(!). She and her husband of 52 years, John Kelly, like to make walking a focus wherever they go on holiday. A highlight was the 930km French route of the Camino de Santiago, which they enjoyed so much, they returned to do the quite different Portuguese route a couple of years later.

Mavis joined the OFTC in 2005 at the suggestion of Club member Jan Leitch, after a series of skiing accidents put paid to that way of enjoying the outdoors for her. It's the mix of exploring new places, good company and shared knowledge that is at the core of what Mavis values about being a OFTC member. Base Camps in particular have been highlights for her.

During all those years that Mavis has been Editor there has never been a late or missing issue of *Going Places*, even when disaster struck - like the earthquakes or Covid - playing havoc with deadlines. Members who contribute to *Going Places* describe Mavis as very accommodating, as nothing is ever too hard or too much work for her. Even pieces submitted past the deadline have been accepted and fitted in (although this is by no means an encouragement for anyone to ignore the deadlines!). Putting the newsletter together can be a challenge, particularly when there's too much material, or not enough. It takes Mavis between 4 to 10 hours to fill the 8-page space with content, (using MS Publisher), depending on how much editing and other fiddling has to be done to get the content to fit. Every time, the result is something that's readable, attractive, and useful. "There's always a sense of achievement in getting an issue out and I enjoy it" she says, "It's great to be able to use the skills from my journalism life in this way". Thank you for all your great work, Mavis!



Mavis and John at a Mount Cook Base Camp

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Edith Goesmann

Membership Officer Required

Do you enjoy communicating with people and have some admin skills? We are currently looking for a new Membership Officer. Responsibilities include:

- Answer enquiries from prospective members and email them information regarding the application process
- Email the committee for approval when application for membership form is returned
- Record the new member's details in the membership data base
- Each month email the current membership database to the Webteam
- Each month send a list of new members to the Editor to be published in *Going Places*

This key role also enables you to shape the future of the club as part of the committee.

Welfare Officer Required

One of the strengths of the club is how sociable and friendly people are and the role of the welfare officer supports this ethos. The role requires writing cards and mailing them out on behalf of the club to members and their families during times of sustained sickness, crisis, or death.

If interested in one or both roles or if you have any questions, please contact Edith, chair@oftc.org.nz, or phone 021 801718.