



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 487 NOVEMBER 2022



G2 October 19 Heathcote Valley CRW and return. A new tramp ably led by Graeme Brown who also "exposed" his pack contents at lunchtime. Having been away for a while it was great to catch up with everyone again!
—Mike Currie



G3 October 19 Mt Oxford. Twelve climbed to the top in near perfect conditions and back down. Fabulous views while we had our lunch on the top. Many thanks to Ken Lavender for co-leading. —Bernadette Smith

Club Night

**Tuesday December 6
at 7.30 pm
Knox Church Hall
cnr Bealey Av /Victoria St**

Speaker: Rob Hutchins
author of *Downriver Nomad* --- a
*Triathlete and distance
runner's Adventures*. Rob's adventures include swimming the 236 km of the Clutha River, running the Laprinta Trail race and competing in world endurance racing.

**David Jones
027 288 5845**

OFTC End-of-Year Celebration

This is always a good opportunity to catch up with fellow trampers, plus there will be some special entertainment by some of our members! So come along and join the fun. Please bring a plate to share. Partners of members are also welcome.

**Date: Sat. 17 December 2022
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Place: The Village Presbyterian Church & Community Centre @ Bryndwr**

**Edith Goesmann,
chair@oftc.org.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

We need more tramp leaders! Thank you to the many leaders who step up to the plate again and again, however, in an ideal OFTC world, every member would lead a tramp every once in a while.

Don't feel capable? For the most part, leading is about using your common sense, and the club runs courses for new leaders. In addition, there are many very helpful tips, links, and guideline on our website, most of them under 'Leaders' and 'Resources'. And always keep in mind that the OFTC consists of a very helpful crowd of people, so you will never be alone in case there is a need to deal with unforeseen circumstances. Another possibility is co-leading. A good co-leader can take the load off the leader's shoulders, and Kaye Young, our Club Captain, has done an excellent job explaining, in the last issue of *Going Places* and this one, what a co-leader's role looks like.

Don't want to commit to a specific date that is several weeks away? Well, the truth is, most people don't like to commit their time in advance, but some do it for the greater good of the club. More leaders means we spread the load. As for myself I can truly say that leading has made me a better trumper: I have developed a better awareness of the terrain, the weather, and of how people around me are coping with the tramp. No leaders means no tramps, so please give it a go.

Jan Hann is our new Membership and Welfare Officer. She is taking over from Judy Collin in early November. Jan will also be on the Committee. Thank you, Jan, for taking on this role, and thank you Judy, for your great work over the past three years!

If you are around on Saturday, 17th December you might want to put the Club's end-of-year celebration in your diary. Partners of members are also invited to this event.

Edith Goesmann

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

Thank you to all Tramp Leaders for updating the Tramp Map Database with your name and the date the tramp was led, at the bottom of the page in the TMD. It continues to be useful information for the Tramp Planners when planning future tramps and for those members who are redesigning the TMD.

Our current membership is 419. The last time the membership was this high was 2017. The Grade 2s, over summer, can easily have 2 or more prospective members every Wednesday. Leading a large group of trampers is a complex task at the best of times. To be responsible for prospective members and to keep an eye on them can be a job in itself.

The committee has observed with many of the membership application forms coming through, that the Backpack Discussion box is not being ticked. In October *Going Places* I talked about the ways a Co-Leader can assist the Tramp Leader. I suggest that looking after prospective members could be another task that a Leader may want to consider to pass on to the Co-Leader. This can include gear discussions, if the prospective member has not had one:

1. ***The Co-Leader could be allocated to prospective members as a "buddy trumper". The Co-Leader can then explain the pack requirements and expectations of being in the club, and answer any questions.***
2. ***In case the prospective member has not had a backpack discussion, the Co-Leader could do this, either with the whole group, or take the prospective member or members aside to do it. The Co-Leader may open his/her backpack to show what gear is in it and initiates the discussion. The backpack discussion only needs to be done once, either on the 2nd or 3rd tramp that the prospective member does.***

If the number of trampers is 30 or more, a second Co-Leader may be appointed to assist the Tramp Leader to manage the group. The role of the second Co-Leader can be found under the Guidelines for Tramping in the Tramp Types section of the website.

Most importantly, if the Tramp Leader or Co-Leader has any issues regarding a prospective member then always contact the Membership Officer or Club Captain.

Kaye Young

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

20 October 2022

New members:

Jackie Cowey: 027 600 4637
 Helen Crooks-Scarf: 022 623 9004
 Neville Hammond: 022 585 1561
 Rose Fitzgerald: 021 184 2895
 Brian Goulter: 021 159 6416
 Judi Whittington: 027 247 0330
 Deborah Dowson: 027 820 6449

Re-joining members:

Sachie Otake: 021 100 2357
 Jacky Romeyn: 021 023 01996

Resignations:

Judy Brennan: 021 150 7954
 Joanna Orwin: 358 4109

Membership:

Total = 420
 (Female – 257; Male – 163)

Judy Brennan

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**NOVEMBER 6****Te Awa Awa Reserve**

Cost : \$28 NQ
Gradual climb through the bush and go as far as we get. Then return after lunch. Great views. Rhodies and azaleas in flower.
Grade : 1
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8.30am (Note earlier start).
Time : 3-4 hrs
Leader : Gaye Morton 03 332 2284, 027 245 6147

Awa Awa Rata Reserve - Scotts Saddle SW05

Cost : \$28.00
Turn from SH77 into McLennan's Bush Rd and continue for about 2km to the end. Take Aspen track near toilet block and climb gradually through rhododendrons and bush to ridge. Return to the car park with A option to continue north along the ridge and take a track to the east and car park.
Grade : 2 Time: 4.5- 5 hours
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel 8.30am Note earlier start.
Leader : Garry Roberts ph 3497875
Co Leader : TBA

Mt Oxford from Cooper's Creek variation of NW05

Cost : \$18
Steady 1000 m climb, steep in sections, from Coopers Creek carpark to Mt Oxford summit. Return the same way.
Grade : 3
Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark 8.30 am
Time : 5 - 6 hours
Leader : Alison Downard 021 133 7252

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

NOVEMBER 13**Bowenvale Tracks**

Cost : Nil
Various tracks in and around, up and down Bowenvale.
Grade : 1 NQ
Depart : Bowenvale car park at 9.00am
Time : 3-4 hrs
Leader : Joan Stevenson 388 0227, 022 096 3797

Mt Vulcan N11

Cost : \$22.00
A great walk on farm tracks covered with local limestone. A rolling track with great views, finishing with a very short sharp climb to Mt Vulcan at only 324 metres. Fantastic views to Motunau Island, Banks Peninsula and mountains.
Grade : 2 Time: 4.5-5 hours
Depart : Belfast Hotel 9:00 am
Leader : Pip Cark 027 3311739
Co leader : Garry Roberts ph 349 7875

Camp Saddle W043

Cost : \$30
From the shelter near Highway 73 take track through the bush to Lyndon saddle with optional side trip to Helicopter hill, then along to the base of Camp Saddle. A steep climb up the rocky slope to Camp Saddle (no track), traverse along the rocky ridge and then take a scree run down to re-join the track at Lyndon Saddle.
Grade : 3
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 8.00 am
Time : 5 - 6 hours
Leader : Alison Ford 021 077 6932

The Gap from Porters Pass variation of W137

Cost : \$22
From Porters Pass climb Foggy Peak and along rocky ridge to Castle Hill Peak. Go around the eastern side of point 1941 and descend to The Gap from the west. Descend scree and return via the Kowai River. Short car shuttle required.
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.

NOVEMBER 20

Pines Beach to Woodend

Cost : \$3

A pleasant walk through the Pine Forest and along the beach; depending on wind and tide.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart: Belfast Tavern car park at 9.00am

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Val Armstrong 03 384 3391 & Joan Hewtson Ph 03 388 4320

Mt Sinclair Scenic Reserve and beyond BP32

Cost : \$20

From Pettigrews Road near Hilltop, follow tracks over farmland, through areas of bush, past totara cemeteries, Mt Sinclair Scenic Reserve and towards Mt Fitzgerald. Spectacular views. Taken at an easy-moderate pace with stops.

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St. 8.30 am.

Note earlier time.

Time : 5+ hrs

Leader : Sheila Downard 03 337 4201, 0273769619 Co-leader : TBA.

Mt Lyndon towards Red Hill variation of W113

Cost : \$24

Leave cars at Lake Lyndon Lodge and take track to low saddle. Bear right up the ridge to Mt Lyndon. From the top follow the main ridge towards Red Hill. Depending on the group and weather, option to drop off the main ridge and return to the cars via the basin below Red Hill.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 8.00am

Time : 6 hours

Leader : Peter Moore 027 773 1670

NOVEMBER 27

Travis Wetland and Beyond

Cost : Nil

We will visit the wetland and other options in the area.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Park at the corner of Frost & Beach Rds at 9.00am.

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Diana Hudson 03 355 6114

Lyttelton circuit PH97

Cost : \$ nil

Tramp up Harmans road then on to Stan Helms track to the CRW, down the Major Hornbrook track to Chalmers track then across to Uruma track, back up to CRW to Mt Pleasant gun replacements, then back to Lyttelton.

Grade : 2 9am

Depart : Recreation centre diagonal parking area 25 Winchester Street Lyttelton.

Time : 4.5 to 5 hrs

Leader : Garry Roberts 03 349 7875

Co-leader : TBA

Okuti Valley to Montgomery Peak BP31A

Cost : \$18

From the Okuti Valley head up the Okuti Track to Hilltop. Continue around to Montgomery Park and up to Montgomery Peak for lunch, then return same way. Approx 19 km.

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St 8.30 am

Time : 6 hours

Leader : Adrienne McLeod 027 303 3227

NOVEMBER 27 CONTINUED

Foggy Peak from Foggy Stream New tramp

Cost : \$21

A steep 1100 m climb from Foggy Stream to Foggy Peak. Return to Foggy Stream via scree from ridge towards Castle Hill Peak.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 8 am

Time : 6 hours

Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660

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

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

NOVEMBER 2

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 Ph 366 9119

Barnett Park Taylors Mistake Loop PH109*From Barnett Park up to Mt Pleasant Gun Emplacements down to Evans Pass, along Scarborough Bluffs to Taylors Mistake. Return to Sumner via Coastal Track return to Barnett Park by bus or walking.*

Cost: Bring Gold Card, Metrocard or cash if planning to take the bus

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Barnett Park at 8.30am.

Leader: Alison Ford, 0210 776932

Camp Saddle W010

Cost: \$30

From Craigieburn campsite to Lyndon saddle, down to Craigieburn valley edge track, along edge track then up scree tussock slope to Camp saddle, back along ridge and down to Lyndon saddle, back via Sidle 73 track.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.30am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Jenny Hoffman 021 230 7577

NOVEMBER 9

Park River and Gardens NQ

Vets

Cost: Nil

A pleasant walk from Millbrook Reserve Hagley Park, Mona Vale and Botanic Gardens

Depart: Millbrook Reserve at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Helen Chan Ph 351 9888 021 750 085

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 to continue up the ridge to Sugarloaf at 1203 before returning via new marked track.*

Cost: \$20

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst, 8.30am

Leader: Mike Currie, 027 239 1129

NOVEMBER 9 CONTINUED

Woolshed Creek via Bus Stop W040

Cost: \$37

From Woolshed creek carpark, an initial climb to the Bus Stop, then a sidle around lower slopes of Mt Somers, before dropping down to the waterfall and Woolshed creek hut, return via old coal mine track.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am

Duration: 6 hours:

Leader: Penny Coffey 027 630 2128

Mt Somers via Hookey knob SW09

Cost: \$33

From Staveley car park follow South face track over Hookey knob until track branches off to summit. Follow poled route to top. Return probably the same way.

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am

Duration: 6 hours

Leader: Edith Goesmann 021 801 718

NOVEMBER 16

Heathcote Vally NQ

Vets

Cost: Nil

Walk down Bridle Path Rd cross Ferrymead Bridge and follow track around Heathcote River cross bridge on Tunnel Rd then follow Opawaho Track to Ferrymead Park and back to cars.

Depart: Car Park Port Hills Rd at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford Ph 339 2308

Ediths Walk (Shortened Version) PH108

From Ashgrove Terrace walk up to the Rob Hall Memorial Seat then along CRW to Rapaki Track. Down Rapaki Track to Rogers Track, then up the St Martins Steps and Huntsbury Road and down through Coronation Reserve. Take Orbiter back to Ashgrove Terrace. An even shorter version available if you don't want to go uphill after lunch.

Cost: Bring Gold Card, Metrocard or cash for the bus.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

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

Leader: Colleen Link, 022 647 0022,

Co-Leader: Chrissy Clark, 027 487 9221

Akaroa Skyline via Stony Bay Peak BP39

Cost: \$30

This is a key swap trip with each group starting at opposite ends. From Heritage Park on Long Bay Rd, use Woodhills track to traverse across to purple peak track. Then up to Stony Bay peak, along to Misty Peak reserve and then to Flea Bay Road.

Grade: 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.00am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Gavin Hampton 343 1291, Co Leader Kaye Young 021 025 68702

NOVEMBER 23

Crater Rim Hoon Hay Reserve to the Bellbird NQ

Vets

Cost: \$2

From Reserve walk CRW to Trig V. Follow CRW to Mt Ada with lunch at Bellbird. Return via Kennedy Reserve to CRW and vehicles.

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

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Howard Harvey Ph 342 9377 or 021 136 3043

NOVEMBER 23 CONTINUED

Robinsons Bay, Otepatotu Reserve and Lavericks Peak. BP73

From Robinsons Bay to the Summit Road and the Land of the Fairies then on to Lavericks Peak, 755M. Stupendous Views.

Cost: \$22

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

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

Leader: Russell Hignett, 355 5670.

Mt Alford SW14

Cost: \$32

A steady climb on well-marked DOC track. Initially over farmland but mainly through bush reserve. Return same way, great views from the top of Mt Hutt, Mt Somers and Little Mt Peel.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am

Duration: 4-5 hours

Leader: Bernadette Smith 027 370 7737

NOVEMBER 30

Prebbleton and Quarry Wander**NQ**

Vets

Cost: Nil

From Prebbleton Reserve follow various byways to Prebbleton Nature Park for lunch. Return town area and back to cars.

Depart: Meet at Prebbleton Reserve on Tosswill Rd at 9-45am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills Ph 338 5002

Halswell Quarry to Bellbird PH22

Take various tracks through Halswell Quarry to Kennedys Bush Track then on up to the Bellbird. Walk around Orongamai Trail before lunch.

Cost: Nil

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Halswell Quarry at 8.30am.

Leader: Yvonne Cargill, 021 027 76741

Onepunga-Nth side of Mt Grey N12

Cost: \$18

Onepunga farm is at the end of Onepunga Rd about 18km from Amberley. The tramp circumnavigates the farm anti-clockwise. Climb gradually along farm tracks to a lunch spot at the bush edge with great views North, then head SE to meet Mt Grey track. Descend a steepish tussock face, pass an old limestone quarry and back to the cars.

Grade: 3

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Tim Slack 027 505 5746

Woolshed hill from Hawdon shelter returning via Hawdon River W050

Cost: \$37

Follow track from shelter to summit, travel along ridge then descend through bush to river.

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel care park 8am

Duration: 6 hours

Leader: Steve Lewis 027 725 0506

Backpacking and Basecamps 2022-2023

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Mon 31 Oct - Thu 3 Nov 2022	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 2022	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 2022	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 2022	Golden Bay base camp	6	Easy/Mod	Sue Weller 0211949550 suzweller@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 2022	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 2022	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 2022	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.				
Sat 21 - Sun 22 Jan 2023	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 2023	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 2023	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 2023	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 2023	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 2023	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 2023	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 2023	Te Anau base camp	7	Grades 2, 3 & 4	Marcel Robb Marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sun 26 - Tue 28 Mar 2023	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 2023	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 2023	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: 4 hour tramp to the vehicles. 500 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 30 Apr - Mon 1 May 2023	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 14 - Mon 15 May 2023	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.				



Stunning view looking south west from the mid-point of the Mt Somers Walkway.

Mt Somers Trip 16/17 October 2022

A group of four of us, (Gavin Hampton, Paul Knox, Marion Coxon and Jan Hann) led by Gavin Hampton traversed the Mt Somers Walkway from Sharplins Falls carpark, to Woolshed Ck end carpark via Pinnacles Hut (overnighting), Woolshed Ck hut and The Bus Stop, in near perfect weather.

Main object was to assist the transport logistic for Ngaire Rigby who was delighted to be doing the trip (in reverse to above) with her three sons. Great family occasion.

We had a very leisurely start, stopping for coffee etc at the Staveley Store, before tramping in to the Pinnacles Hut, passing a group of 16 who had stayed the night before! We had the hut to ourselves and engaged in a couple of serious games of Quiddler after tea. (Modesty prevents me from saying who the winner was!)

Next morning, we were off early in the crisp air, and met Ngaire and her "boys" after a couple of hours, and getting the keys for Ngaire's car, which we were to relocate to Sharplins Falls carpark. After lunch at Woolshed Ck hut (very nice) we headed up to the Bus Stop before heading down steeply to the Woolshed carpark.

This is a nice two day trip but does need organisation regarding vehicles if you do it the way we did. An alternative would be to walk to Woolshed Ck hut from Sharplins Falls Carpark, day 1, and then out via the Bus Stop and the South Face walk back to Sharplin Falls carpark.

NB The huts need to be booked but an AHP works. Also, of interest, there are now security cameras at Sharplins falls carpark.

Thanks Gavin, for organising and leading. More photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/LWBRBszwhE2chAVg9>

Paul Knox



Key swap meeting. Ngaire with her three sons—great occasion for her.

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.

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Our Club: David Jones

David wears not only one OFTC hat but several, and he wears them very well. He is the club's Social Coordinator and has organised many club nights (plus he was a speaker at the latest one), a 'tramping quiz night', and a second-hand gear sale, to mention just a few. David has also been the leader of many tramps – over the past years there has hardly been an issue of *Going Places* without his name appearing at least once on the tramp programme. David also set up and organises a cycling group consisting of OFTC members.

David was a farmer for most of his life. When he retired, his partner who was involved in playing and volunteering at a local tennis club suggested that he might want to give tramping a go. He joined the OFTC and was hooked on tramping from day one. This passion, plus listening carefully to every piece of advice from more experienced members of the club, as well as participating in the club's training courses enabled him to acquire his tramping skills. At that time David usually tramped twice a week, and he joined the occasional Saturday tramp whenever offered by the club. David loves the outdoors and the natural beauty of our backcountry but what makes tramping special for him is the company of the club members. 85% of the names on the contacts list of his mobile phone are trampers – a fact that speaks for itself.

But it is not only what he does, but how he cares about others that makes David so special. Every now and then people on a tramp suffer from cramps, fatigue, injury, or they run out of water. On several occasions, David has been seen carrying somebody else's pack, in addition to his own, and generously sharing his supplies. What a role model!

Edith Goesmann



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Bothy Bags

Notice to all Grade 3, 4 and 5 leaders.

The Club has three bothy bags – one in each service station. Where it is deemed to be prudent to take a bothy bag on your trip, please notify the Beacon Coordinator (currently Peter Oliver) in advance with your desired collection point. Even though it's unlikely, it will avoid a potential situation where someone else has got there first. And sign it out in the beacon book as usual. It's good to see the bothy bags being used.

With thanks

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Book Recommendations

52 ways to walk: the surprising science of walking for well-being and joy, one week at a time by Annabel Streets. Available from Christchurch City Libraries in book, eBook, and downloadable audiobook. (Chris Clark)

Into the Silence by Wade Davis.

A monumental work of history, biography, and adventure - the three 1920s British Expeditions to Mt Everest, which included George Mallory. (Peter Oliver)

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.