



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 488 DECEMBER 2022-JANUARY 2023



Hardy trampers who braved the cold water of the Waimakariri River learn how to float with a pack on! Instructions on how to cross a river and when not to cross a river can now be found on the website under Leaders Helpful Tips & Links. *Kaye Young*

Tramp Leaders Workshop

This workshop is for anyone who would like to lead tramps for the OFTC but is not sure what is involved. It is a very practical, down- to-earth course and is designed for those who have never led a tramp before. It will demystify the leader's role and make it very accessible. One of the benefits of getting into tramp leading is that it increases your own tramp awareness, making you a better, safer trumper.

Thursday, February 16, 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Sydenham Room, South Library,
66 Colombo Street
Bring pen and paper
Tea and Coffee will be provided.

To register: Contact Kaye on
clubcaptain@oftc.org.nz with your cell, email
address and usual Grade tramped.

*Due to popular demand, we
will be repeating the Famous*

Sheffield Pie Run *(on bikes of course)*

Thursday December 8
Leaving car park behind
Sheffield Pie Shop at 9am

42 km ride to arrive back at
start by 12.30-1pm for pies
and coffee.

*There will be two slightly
different routes for
muscle bikes and
e.bikes so both groups will
finish at a similar time.*

Further details from David
Jones (muscle bikes) 027
288 5845 or Ian Fussell
(E bikes) 027 558 3724

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 adven-
tures include swimming the 236 km
of the Clutha River, running the La-
rapinta Trail race and competing in
world endurance racing.

David Jones
027 288 5845

OFTC End-of-Year Celebration

Date:
Saturday 17 December 2022
Time: 5pm-7pm

Place:
The Village Presbyterian
Church & Community
Centre @ Bryndwr,
365A Ilam Rd.

Entertainment provided! Please
bring a plate to share. Partners of
members welcome.

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

Christmas is almost upon us. But before we all break off for the holiday season, I hope to see many of you at our last two social events of the year - they promise to become the club's 2022 social highlights.

On Tuesday 6th December Rob Hutchings will be speaking at our Club Night. Rob is a triathlete and marathon swimmer, and the author of the book *Downriver Nomad: A Triathlete's Adventures and Adversities into the Rapids*. The book takes the reader on a whirlwind journey from triathlons and Rob's first marathon swim in his home country of Canada, to Ironman competitions all over the world. Then to Australia and New Zealand where he embarked on marathon adventures off the beaten track, on land and in the water, which led to his biggest challenge - an unprecedented attempt at swimming the turbulent 256 km Clutha River. Rob has now settled in Christchurch as a chiropractor, and I would think that his talk will be both inspirational and informative for anyone who loves outdoor adventures.

On Saturday 17th December we are having our OFTC End-of-Year Celebration. This is always a good opportunity to catch up with fellow trampers, plus there will be some very 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.

We are currently looking for a website programmer to work on the next stage of our website and are asking members for recommendations. Further details about this and the social events are in this newsletter.

To all of you, have a very happy Christmas. Wishing you lots of laughs and laughter and many more happy tramping adventures in the new year!

Edith Goesmann

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

The other day I enjoyed the Akaroa Skyline Walk with views all around. We are so lucky to have such wonderful tramping close to home.

Good to see 31 people recently take part in the River Crossing courses with Adrian Busby. His wealth of information and real-life experiences make this a very worthwhile course, even to do it as a refresher, so we will hold it again next year. We had non swimmers floating down the river and getting a buzz out of it!

Tramping on the West Coast is a real joy! The bush is dense and lush and there are many species of trees and plants you don't see on the drier east coast. When you get a weather window it is a great place to go for spectacular views along the coast. In addition, there are hot pools. Last summer I went to two lovely valleys to sit in hot pools.

First of all, the well-known Welcome Flat Hut in the Copland Valley, 26km south of Fox Glacier is a 7 hour tramp or 18km from the road end. The hut is very swish, big with 4 bunk rooms and a separate room called the Sierra Room which can be hired for groups of 4. It's within the main building but has separate access and it has a gas cooker, all kitchen/cooking equipment provided, pot belly stove, wet back shower, and lighting. Highly recommended! Wardens over the summer keep an eye on everyone and explain the dos and don'ts. The highlight is to sit in the hot pool with your shoulders under the water, because of the sandflies, while looking up at the Sierra Range. Further up is the Douglas Rock Hut, which is worth spending a night at, after a 3-to-4-hour tramp. From there you can wander further up the valley towards the Copland Pass for spectacular views of the back of Mt Sefton.

East of Hokitika is the Cedar Flat Hut, so named after the New Zealand cedar or Pahautea which can be found there. The hut is located after a 5 to 6 hour tramp up the Toaroha River. Halfway there is the Macmillan Creek which can be a sizeable side stream to negotiate after rain. The hot pool is a 15-minute detour through bush from the main track before you cross the swing bridge to the Cedar Flat Hut. It is a shallow pool enclosed by a wall of stones right alongside the river. Summer is the best season to do this tramp when you have plenty of daylight and long evenings to spend time at the hot pool or alternatively stay an extra night at the hut.

Even further down the West Coast from the Copland Valley is another tramp to explore. The new Mataketake Hut has opened up some excellent tops travel on the Mataketake Range, north of Haast and just south of Lake Paringa, breathing new life into the little-used Haast to Paringa Cattle Track. The cattle track was built in 1875 by Haast farmers to move stock (over a two-week journey), and it is still quite robust today aside from a few places where it has slipped or slumped. It offers fast travel, punctuated by the occasional windfall or side stream. Access the route from SH6, 40km north of Haast, where there is a modest roadside car park. According to Wilderness Magazine the DOC times are "well overcooked" and most people take 5 hours to get to the Mataketake Hut.

That is it from me this year. I wish you a Happy Christmas with your family and friends. I hope you have a happy summer with lots of tramping and achieve some of your tramping goals for the New Year 2023.

Kaye Young

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

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| 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**DECEMBER 4****Ahuriri / Omaha / Gibraltar Rock**

Cost : \$3 NQ
Walking a shorter version of Grade 2 tramp. See below.
Home to busy bird life and the odd deer here and there.
Grade : 1 Time : 3 - 4 hrs
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9am.
Leader : Judy Eden 384 4857, 027 472 6538

Omaha Bush, Gibraltar Rock and Environs PH23

Cost : \$3
Tramp over walking tracks in Ahuriri / Omaha / Summit Road areas. Home to a variety of bird life including the Bellbird, Grey Warbler, Fantail and Kereru
Grade : 2
Depart : Ferniehurst St/Ashgrove Tce at 9.00am
Time : 4-5hrs
Leader : Sheila Downard ph (03)337 4201 or 0273769619

Kaituna Valley to Mt Bradley BP94

Cost : \$12
From Kaituna Valley Parkinson Rd to Packhorse Hut. Continue along Southern side of Mt Bradley track, then climb up Mt Bradley. Descend by bush bashing down on farmland to meet track along North side of Mt Bradley back to the Packhorse Hut, and back to cars.
Grade : 3
Time : 5+ hours
Depart : Ashgrove Terrace at 8.00am
Leader : David Jones 027 288 5845

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

DECEMBER 11**Ashley Gorge Christmas Picnic**

Grade 1 & 2 will be picnicking together. Cost : \$15
Head out Oxford Rd, turn right at Oxford cemetery and follow Ashley George Rd to the reserve (this side of the river). We will do a loop track and up to the waterfall. A shared Xmas lunch will follow. Ladies wear a frock and men a tie [optional]
Grade : 1 & 2 (NQ) Time : 1 ½ hrs
Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark at 9.00am
Leader : Heather Robertson 0211816019

Ohinetahi Bush Circuit (new tramp)

Cost : \$3
From Governors Bay, following Faulkners, North Boundary, Trig V, Bush Rd, Totara Log, Ellas, Cass Ridge, O'Farrells, South Boundary and Titoki tracks. Mainly in the bush but with many great viewpoints.
Grade : 3 Time : 5.5 hours
Depart : Ashgrove Tce at 8.00am
Leader : Elspeth Jeet (03)3841331

Mt Enys W053

Cost : \$24
From Porter Heights Ski Field Rd park at quarry. Cross river on the two-wire bridge to save wet feet and proceed up the ridge via Pt 1531, 1842, 20129, 2046 to Mt Enys summit.
Grade : 5 Time : 8 hours
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 7.30 am
Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

DECEMBER 18**Horotane to Avoca Variation (no steep climb) NQ**

Cost : Nil
From Mary Duncan Park, explore various tracks in Linda Woods Reserve and Avoca Valley.
Grade : 1 Time : 3 hrs
Depart: Mary Duncan Reserve car park, Port Hills Rd (near/ east of Avoca Valley Rd) at 9.00am
Leaders : Mavis Airey 027 529 3631 & John Kelly 021 185 9108

DECEMBER 18 CONTINUED

Hidden Valley Conserv Trust Purau- Port Levy (new tramp)

Cost : \$10

Steep track through regenerating bush on a new conservation covenant. Great rock formations & views over Lyttelton Harbour.

Grade : 2 Time : 5 hrs

Depart : Ferniehurst St/ Ashgrove Tce at 9:00am

Leader : Vicki Steven 0221304342

Co-leader TBA on day

Benmore via Sugarloaf Hill W054

Cost : \$19

From carpark follow farm track for 1/2 hour to the DOC signpost to Sugarloaf. Steepish ascent of about 675m up Farm track to summit. Return the same way to junction signposted Benmore Hut & follow new track to hut. Return via 13 Mile Bush. Great panorama Torlesse Range, Ben More, Selwyn & Canty Plains.

Grade : 3 Time : 5/6 hrs

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 8.00 am

Leader: Alison Ford 021 077 6932

DECEMBER 25

Happy Christmas to everyone!**Grade 1:** no tramp planned**Grades 2, 3 & 4 :** No tramps planned. If you would like to lead a tramp please post on the website.

JANUARY 1, 2023

Grade 1: A New Year's Day Ramble with Val & Joan

If you feel like stretching the legs and wearing off the Christmas plum pud, meet Val Armstrong (03)384 3391 & Joan Hewtson Ph (03)388 4320 at cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am.

Grades 2, 3 & 4 : No tramps planned. If you would like to lead a tramp please post on the website.

JANUARY 8

Camp Saddle

Cost : \$30

Easy walk in the bush to the saddle and back.

Grade : 1 Time : 3-4 hrs NQ

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 9am

Leader : Fay Farrant (03) 337 2622, 027 332 7482

Ryde Falls NW04

Cost : \$12

Picturesque bush and hill walk to the falls for lunch. The bush is a mixture of black beech with rimu, matai and kahikatea

Grade : 2 Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark 9.00am

Leader : Helen Wood (03)348 9202 or 0212959962

Co-leader appt on the day

Trig M via Macfarlane Stream W143

Cost : \$22

From U-turn at bottom of Porters Pass, follow mapped route up Coach Stream to Pt 918, just into DOC reserve. Follow fenceline down into Macfarlane stream, then head upstream until turn right up a spur to gain ridgeline. Follow ridgeline track to Trig M and then onto one of the tracks back to cars.

Grade : 3 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am

Leader : Peter Moore 027 773 1670

JANUARY 15

Taylor's Mistake to Godley Head

Cost : a gold coin

Walking various tracks to the end and back again.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Sumner Clock Tower at 9.00am

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : John Winterburn 027 488 3073

JANUARY 15 CONTINUED

Bottle Lake Forest N74

Cost : Nil

From Bottle Lake Forest through to Spencerville and towards Brooklands Lagoon and back

Grade : 2 Time : 5hrs

Depart : Bottle lake forest carpark Waitikiri Drive 9am

Leader : Martin Badham 0275875433

Co-leader TBA on day

Mount Thomas N10

Cost : \$16

*From car park, 573m climb up Wooded Gully Track to Mt Thomas summit (1023m). Return down track on west spur (Track 2).**Range of native bush, beech forest and pine plantations*

Grade : 3 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark 8.30 am

Leader : Peter Oliver 027 438 5082

The Chockstone W140

Cost : \$44

*From carpark opp. Jacks Hut, follow track into Bealey Valley, staying on true right of river. Where tourist track finishes continue on nearby smaller track. After about 1/2 hour pass big over-**hanging rock. After about an hour from start, cross river to a massive boulder. Climb above boulder through alpine meadow & fault scarp further up valley to the Chockstone at about 1600m on south face of Goldney Ridge. (Map BV20 Otira)*

Grade : 4 Time : 7 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.00 am

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126 Please contact Ross if you are planning to come on this tramp.

JANUARY 22

Diamond Harbour and Environs BP84Cost : Gold card, Metro card or \$13 cash for return ferry ticket. *Various Diamond Harbour tracks and coastal walk. Bring togs for a swim.*

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : B Jetty, Lyttelton at 8.40am for ferry crossing (NB allow time to find all-day parking in Lyttelton)

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leaders : Liz Searle (03)384 3318, 021 058 6860 & Cynthia

Watkins (03)329 4990, 027 370 1304

Foggy Peak from the top of Porters Pass W007

Cost : \$22

*Possibly one of the most accessible summits in Canterbury. Steepish climb of 800m, taken slow & steady. Return same way down the ridge. Excellent views with Mt Cook visible on a clear day. Route is poled/cairned & straight-forward in clear weather**but rubbly/skittery on way down. Poles & gaiters recommended*

Grade : 3 but at grade 2 pace Time : 5 Hrs

Depart : Yaldhurst 8.30am (note earlier start)

Leader : Selena Chan 027 301 5501 Co-leader apt on the day

Mt Somers Walkway North Face Variation SW16

Cost : \$35

*This tramp involves two parties and a key swap - G4 tramp from one end and G3 tramp (for fitter G3 trampers) from the other end. Route passes Pinnacles Hut & Woolshed Creek Hut with some great rocky scenery. Lunch about midway when groups meet. Up to 1000m height gain. Route is generally very exposed & can be very cold in windy conditions. **Grade 3** (leader Alison Ford), will tramp from the Sharplin Falls carpark to the Woolshed Creek carpark, via Miners Track. About 16km, about 7hrs. **Grade 4**, (leader Deirdre Whitelaw), will take Bus Stop Track to Woolshed Creek Hut, then cross to Sharplin Falls carpark.*

Grade : 3 & 4 Time : 7 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.30 am

Leaders : Alison Ford 021 077 6932 and Deirdre Whitelaw 021 032 9351 Please contact Alison (G3) or Deirdre (G4) if you are planning to come on this tramp.

JANUARY 29

Sumner Circuit Variation (no ZigZag)

Cost : Nil
Frog Pond Trk, Greenwood Park MBT, CRW to gun emplacements. Return via Windsor Castle & Sumner Summit Track.
 Grade : 1 Time : 4 hrs NQ
 Depart : Junction of Clifton Tce / Revelation Drive / Panorama Rd at 9am
 Leaders: Mavis Airey 027 529 3631, John Kelly 021 185 9108

Taylor Mistake Circuit PH15

Cost : Nil
Captain Thomas, Godley head to Breeze Col down to Taylors Mistake returning to Sumner bluffs track.
 Grade : 2 Time : 5 Hrs
 Depart : Lower Sumnervale Drive 9.00am
 Leader : Garry Roberts (03)349 7875, Co-leader TBA on day

Bobs Knob to Lake Rubicon from Kowai No 2 Bridge W016B

Cost : \$21 + \$10 p/p charge to access Brooksdale Station.
Park on W side Kowai No 2 bridge. Back across bridge access paddock via locked gate. Steep short section to farm track to fence line. Along fence line to ridge around Bobs Knob pt1261. Down ridge to L. Rubicon and Brooksdale Station. Car shuttle from Brooksdale Station.
 Grade : 3 Time : 6 hours
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am
 Leader : Kaye Young 021 0256 8702

Mt Plenty Castle Peak traverse W093A

Cost : \$25
Park on S side of Porter River. Over farm gate, up Mt Plenty & around to Castle Hill peak. Drop down ridge to scree run into Ghost stream.
 Grade : 4 Time : 7 hours
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.30 am
 Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660. Please contact Neville if you are planning to come on this tramp.

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

DECEMBER 7

Hansen Park to Hillsborough Park NQ

Vets
 Cost: Nil
A flat walk through parks in Opawa Area
 Depart: Meet at Hansen Park car park at 9-30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Eileen McGrade 942 7380

Mt Richardson NO9

Invigorating climb through beech forest. Great views across Lees Valley to Puketuraki Range.
 Cost: \$18
 Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Belfast Hotel at 8.30am
 Leader: Jill Halliburton, 337 49373, 02102267556

Mt Georgina W095A

Cost: \$30
Variation of (W95). Requires a car shuffle & takes in a circuit of one of the Red lakes. Route shown dropping down to Lake Georgina is rough.
 Grade 3 Duration: 4-5 hours
 Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8.30 am
 Leader: Required

The Stones-Stony Pk Circuit, BP87

Cost: \$27
From Stony Bay Saddle, take Opatuti track down towards Stony Bay. Halfway down cross the stream, then steep up along a fence and to The Stones. Follow bush track across Hinewai Reserve to Purple Peak Curry Reserve, and up Stony Bay Peak. Descend via Tara Tara track and back to cars. 14km, 1050m elevation.
 Grade: 4 Duration: 6 hours
 Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St 8am
 Leader: Edith Goesmann 021 801718

DECEMBER 14

Orton Bradley Park and Christmas Afternoon Tea NQ

Vets
 Cost: \$7 plus \$10 per car
Pleasant walk through various tracks. The lilies may be flowering. Meet back at car park in Orton Bradley Park at 2pm for afternoon tea with the other grades. Hot water, tea, coffee, and milk will be provided. Please bring a plate to share and a cup.
 Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9-30 am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Mary Brinsdon 366 9119

Orton Bradley followed by Christmas Afternoon Tea

Grade 2 are organising a shared Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm with other grades who are organising their own walks in the area. Hot water, tea, coffee and milk will be provided. Please bring a plate to share and your own cup.

Orton Bradley BP51 – modified version

Various tracks to head of valley, then new track to Faulkners Track, east along Faulkners track & back down to Orton Bradley.
 Cost: \$7 plus \$10/car for Orton Bradley entry fee.
 Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am
 Leader: Michel Adriaens, 3327 531

Pinchgut Hut via Whare stream N13

Cost: \$18
Car park adjacent to Okuku river, accessed off Taaffes Glen Rd which runs off Loburn Whiterock Rd. Tramp crosses Okuku River which may be knee deep or above. There are several stream crossings. Whare valley is mainly up the Whare Stream bed. Wet boots inevitable. Steady climb from Whare stream opens onto a tussock ridge & descent to Pinchgut Hut. Return along a sidling track above Okuku River & cross back over the river. Wasps are likely in summer.
 Grade 3 Duration: 5-6 hours
 Depart: Belfast Tavern car park 8.30 am
 Leader: Bernadette Smith 027 370 7737

The Pyramid W061

Cost: \$32
From Hawdon shelter cross Hawdon & Sudden Valley streams to pick up track up the ridge. 1000m steady climb. Return same way.
 Grade: 5 Duration: 6-7 hours
 Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 7.30am
 Leader: Steve Lewis 027 725 0506 Please contact if planning on going.

DECEMBER 21

Sumner Scarborough Nicholson Park NQ

Vets
 Cost: Nil
Walking along estuary & up tracks to Nicholson Park. Anyone not walking is welcome to join us for lunch at the clock tower at noon.
 Depart: Sumner Surf club car park at 9-30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Alec Mills 338 5002

Ohinetahi – Governors Bay/CRW/Reuter Reserve Loop PH21a Variation

Start at Governors Bay Fire Station, take various tracks to Bellbird, then back along CRW and return through Reuters Reserve.
 Cost: \$4
 Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am
 Leaders: Marion Coxon, 332 5620, 0274317397 and Ngaire Rigby, 0272264534

Heathcote Valley Greenwood Park McCormicks Bay PH115

Cost: Nil
Climb through Scotts Valley Reserve to Summit Rd. Along CRW to Greenwood Park then back to John Britten Reserve, down Kenton track, Mt Pleasant Rd and Drayton Reserve. Follow waterfront to Bridle Path Rd then loop around Heathcote Estuary & back via ponds to cars.
 Grade: 3 Duration: 6 hours
 Depart: Bridle Path Road 8am
 Leader: Kaye Young 021 025 68702

| DECEMBER 28 | JANUARY 11 CONTINUED |
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| <p>Vets. Nothing planned</p> <p>Epic – Ashgrove Tce to Sumner via Godley Head <i>Walk up to CRW via Victoria Park. Follow CRW to Evans Pass then on around Godley Head and Sumner. Bus back to Ashgrove Tce. This walk can easily be shortened so you don't have to commit to doing the full walk. Go as far as you like then bus back.</i> Cost: Nil, bring Gold Card, Metrocard or cash for bus. Grade: 2 Time: 7 hours? Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am Leader: Pamela Gibbons, 3327 531, 0226780398</p> <p>Little Mt Peel SW07 Cost: \$45 <i>Travel to Peel Forest, Blandswood & car park. Proceed up track in a clockwise direction to shelter at Little Mt Peel.</i> Grade: 3 Duration: 5 hours Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am Leader: Required</p> | <p>Mt Meehan – Mt Virginia N53 Cost: \$30 <i>From Whitnow Station (500m) a steady climb to Virginia Peak (986m) then follow ridge line to Mt Meehan (1150m) returning by farm track down Waitohi Valley to station. From ridge excellent views of Puketeraki Range, Gola Peaks and Hurunui Catchment.</i> Grade: 4 Depart: Belfast Tavern car park 8am Duration: 6 hours Leader: Edith Goesmann 021 801 718</p> |
| JANUARY 4, 2023 | JANUARY 18 |
| <p>Raspberry Cafe-Rhodes Rd - Otahuna - Anne's Falls NQ Vets Cost: \$5 <i>From cafe walk Rhodes Road to Otahuna then on private road to the edge of Omaha Bush Reserve to view 10m Horsetail Falls. Short climb at a gentle pace for the last kilometer.</i> Depart: Ashgrove Tce/ Ferniehurst St at 9-30am Time: 3-4 hours Leader: Howard Harvey, 0211363045, 342 9577</p> <p>Bellbird/Omahu Bush/Ahurri <i>From Sign of Bellbird, follow CRW to Omaha Bush. Go down to Anne's Falls, then back up and along to Ahurri Lookout. Return via CRW.</i> Cost: \$4 Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am Leader: Chris Clark, 0274879221</p> <p>Hallelujah Flat via Andrews Stream W089 Cost: \$38 <i>Over Mt White bridge to Andrews Stream car park. Up the ridge under bush canopy, over undulating country to Hallelujah Flat and return via Andrews Stream which has lovely pools for summer swimming. Bring swimming gear or dry clothes for trip home.</i> Grade: 3 Duration: 6+ hours Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8 am Leader: Paul Knox 027 208 5070</p> | <p>Otukaikino and Kaianga NQ Vets Cost: \$1 <i>Walking around Otukaikino Wetlands Reserve. Then driving along to Kaianga. Walking around park over stop bank and following Waimak Riverside Path to picnic area.</i> Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 9-30am Time: 3-4 hours Leader: Valda Woods 358 8250</p> <p>Hansen Park, Gorge Track, CRW PH114 <i>From Hansen Park take Gorge Track up to CRW, walk towards Sugarloaf, return via different track.</i> Cost: Nil Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours Depart: Hansen Park at 8,30am Leader: Clark Pollitt, 0210344054</p> <p>Leith Hill W029 Cost \$27 <i>From Castle Hill village car park beside sign post for Hogsback Track, walk up road, cross the bridge & immediately pick up track adjacent to bridge and head upstream on true R/H side.</i> Grade: 3 Duration: 5 hours Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am Leader: Tim Slack 027 505 5746</p> |
| JANUARY 11 | JANUARY 25 |
| <p>Kowai River to Leithfield Beach NQ Vets Cost: \$5 <i>Walking along the Kowai River Track from Leithfield Village towards the sea and camping ground.</i> Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 9-30am Time: 3-4 hours Leader: Dallas Ford 339 2308</p> <p>Ryde Falls from Coopers Creek NW04 <i>Picturesque bush and hill walk to Falls, can be extended with portion of Wharfedale Track enroute to Falls for lunch.</i> Cost: \$18 Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours Depart: Belfast Hotel at 8.30 am. Leaders: Anne Quinn, 02742513490, Ann McKeever, 0277332850</p> <p>Ohinetahi Bush Circuit (New Tramp) Cost: \$5 <i>From Governors Bay follow several tracks, mainly in the bush but with many great view points.</i> Grade: 3 but suitable for fitter G2 Duration: 5-6 hours Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8am Leader: Elspeth Jeet 021 0822 2793</p> | <p>Southshore Adventure NQ Vets Cost: Nil. <i>Walking on tracks and beach to Southshore Spit and return.</i> Depart: South New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club at 9-30am Time: 3-4 hours Leader: Helen Chan 3519888, 021 750 085</p> <p>Flagpole W141 <i>Scenic walk along farm tracks to summit of Flagpole at 900M. Views of Whitecliffs. Return on different track.</i> Cost: \$18 Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am Leader: Russell Hignett, 355 5670, 0273436846</p> <p>Woolshed Hill W050A Cost: \$37 <i>A moderate climb from Hawdon shelter to summit (1431). Return same way or option to travel along the ridge & descend through bush to Hawdon River. Decide on the day.</i> Grade: 3 Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am Duration: 6 hours Leader: Gavin Hampton 343 1291</p> <p>Mt Wall from Wall Creek W105b Cost: \$33 <i>From car park take existing track to Dracophyllum Flat, then drop off into Broken River stream and then Wall creek. Wasps present in summer.</i> Grade: 5 Duration: 6+ hours Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 7.30am Leader: Steve Lewis 027 725 0506. Please contact if planning on going.</p> |

Backpacking and Basecamps 2022-2023

| Dates | Venue | Nights | Grade | Leader |
|---|--|--------|-----------------|--|
| 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. THE TRAMP LIST IS FULL – A WAIT LIST IS AVAILABLE. | | | | |
| Wed 1 - Tue 7 March 2023 | Travers / Sabine Circuit, Nelson Lakes National Park | 6 | Moderate | Evelyn Sheridan evsheridan@slingshot.co.nz |
| 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.robbs@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: 4hour 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. | | | | |

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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Can you recommend a Website Programmer?

The club is currently working towards linking the database of tramp information to the recently launched WordPress website. This stage will benefit all members as it enables tramp planners and leaders to make available an on-line calendar of upcoming tramps and other activities.

We are looking for someone to write the software for this stage so if any members know of companies or individuals who work in the field of software development for websites that display and maintain database data then please contact Ross Walker at rwchch@gmail.com.

This is a significant piece of work, so we are expecting to pay for this development.

Edith Goesmann

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

17 November 2022

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3 years

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14 years

Membership:

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Arrived! The Gap from Porters Pass, G4 November 13. We went over Foggy Peak and Castle Hill Peak, sidled point 1941 on the east side and then dropped down to The Gap on the west side of the ridge. Then down to the Kowai River and back to the carpark at the base of Porters Pass. The weather was good until some light showers in the afternoon and rumbles of thunder that made us grateful to no longer be on top
—Ross Walker