



The Official Newsletter of
THE OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB INC.

Going Places.....



NEWSLETTER 464 October 2020

Broken River Coalmine Track: A Grand Opening

September 9, 2020



It's open! Conservation Minister Hon Eugenie Sage cuts the ribbon.

You are invited
Club Night
Tuesday November 3
7.30 pm
Knox Hall, corner
Bealey Av/Victoria St

Joanna Orwin will tell us about the background research to her two most recent books - *Kauri: Witness to a nation's history* and *Shifting Currents* - and the different choices and decisions needed for non-fiction and fiction, using these two books set in kauri country as examples.

They're off! More than 100 OFTC members joined in Grades 1, 2 and 3 tramps. Photos: Paul Knox (see Paul's report on Page 6)



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 Terry Stevens at terendy2@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 Barbro Guard—980 2792 guard.gabk@gmail.com.

Please note — address all correspondence pertaining to Club business to the Secretary

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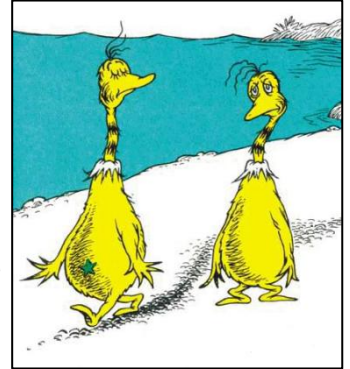


Chair's report

You may have noticed that some club members are sporting a name tag on their backpacks. John Corbett has inspired many of his fellow trampers in the Wednesday Grade 2 group to use them and kindly provided the first batch of labels. Thinking about this reminded me of the Dr Seuss classic Sneetches, and their "stars upon thars".

Now I know we are all more mature (well, most of us) than Sneetches, but just in case some of you are feeling left out, we are looking to offer name tags to everyone for a modest sum at some time in the near future. Some of you may be a bit dismissive of the idea, as I was initially, but they do help those of us whose memories fail at the most inopportune times. And they are of huge value to new members. Yes, I was a bit cynical as to their value, but now that I have my "star upon thar", I have become a true believer.

How are your navigational skills? Could you find your way to safety if you strayed from the track, or got isolated from your group? Both of these are so easy to do, even in relatively benign country (as I can testify). Are you dependent on the map app on your phone or some other device? What if it fails? Marcel is putting together a navigational course to teach skills that are rapidly being lost due to our dependence on technology. You will find details advertised in this issue of Going Places. I would strongly encourage you to learn or refresh these skills. It may save your life one day.



It is only October, but a must-attend event is the Christmas get together on Saturday December 5. The music, stories, company and food last year made a for a great occasion. Details are being finalised but it will be held in the Riccarton High School Staff room, where we held last year's Leadership Workshop. This is a room that has a very comfortable ambience, conducive to a great evening out. Mark it in your calendar.

Lawrence Allpress

Club Captain's Comment

Nothing stays the same, a new name for my monthly ramble, plus a new column (Club Captain's Noticeboard) which contains specific information to be conveyed to members. I thought it a great idea, we will see how it goes, it does keep important stuff out of this column and therefore there is less chance of it passing un-noticed.

Now then, what a great day we had last Wednesday, Broken River Coalmine Track was opened. Excellent club support, very, very pleasing. The opening was attended by Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation, well done Eugenie. Our members attending totalled in excess of 100. This is an excellent walk, with variations being suited to Grade 1 and up walkers. So, use it Planners.

You will note that a batch of courses is advertised in this edition. I encourage your support. I am additionally planning for next year a First Aid Course and will hold another Leaders Workshop perhaps in August.

As I write it is snowing (nor westerly snow) on Mt Oxford. This reminds me of a tramp I did years ago. We were climbing the westerly most of the Brunel Peak summits, Takatimu Mountains (Western Southland). Conditions were pleasant, light snow and a gentle south westerly breeze blowing (not at all typical of Southland). The way to the ridge crest was up through an easy gut, I spread the wings of my parka (the red one I still wear) which enabled me to effortlessly run up, stopping on top was a challenge. I am told it would have been a great movie shot. Some good photos were taken that day, of coloured parka shapes appearing out of the gloom.

No matter the time of year, never let your guard down, an unexpected scrawl can bring snow or hail, or both. The warmies you are carrying may save your life. Do be prepared.

Great to see such good numbers supporting our tramps. I had 26 on a Sunday Grade 3 a week or so ago. Was really encouraging, both for the Planners and also the Leaders. This is your club, so thank you.

Cheers from me and do take care, our chosen recreational activity can pass through and over various hazards, exercise the respect they demand.

Marcel Robb

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – October 2020 (as at 11 September)

New members

Julie Schofield	960 9505/021 0223 7417	6 McCombs Street Somerville	julie.schofield1@gmail.com
Membership	Female	226	
	Male	160	
	TOTAL	386	

Judy Collin



DAY TRIP PROGRAMME

The tramps are listed in order of difficulty, with the easiest first, then moderate, then harder.
If you are unsure of a tramp please check with the tramp leader.

NQ means that this tramp is not a qualifying tramp for prospective new members.
All other day tramps grade 2 and above are qualifying tramps.
Travel costs for trips are calculated at three passengers per car.

Please note: It is club policy that these day tramps and the tramping programmes detailed in the newsletter are for members only.

Also **times given are indicative only** and do not include car travel to and from the tramp.

CANCELLATIONS

Go to the OFTC website home page - Cancellation Notices.

TRAMP PLANNERS

Note — Please forward your draft list to the Club Captain by the 20th of each month

Saturday

Wednesday	Veterans	Alec Mills	338 5002
		Suzanne Fenwick	376 5026
	Grade 1	Howard Harvey	342 9377
			021 136 3043
	Grade 2	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
	Grade 3	Peter Moody	351 7448
	Grade 3-4	Marcel Robb	03 928 3733
Sunday	Grade 1	Fiona Butterick	349 3960
			021 234 8622
	Grade 2	Sheila Downard	337 4201
		Gaye Morton	332 2284
		Jill Halliburton	337 4973
	Grade 3, 4 & 5	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

A leader has the responsibility and right to refuse anybody they consider for any reason may not be able to cope with the conditions.

SUNDAY TRAMPS**OCTOBER 4****Heathcote - Various Reserves - Gun Emplacements - Mt Pleasant Trig - CRW - Bridle Path PHx**

Cost : Nil

Gondola car park, sidle hill to John Britten Park, Greenwood Res, gun emplacements. Return via Mt Pleasant trig, CRW, Bridle Path.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Back of Gondola car park where Bridle Path parking is indicated at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Fiona Butterick 03 349 3960, 021 234 8622

Heathcote, Reserves, Trig and Beyond PHx

Cost : Nil

New route! From behind Gondola carpark sidle around above Heathcote and up through John Britten Park and Greenwood Reserve to gun emplacements. Return to Gondola via Mt Pleasant trig, Cavendish Bluffs Track, CRW and back down the Bridle Path. Glorious views of peninsula, harbour, Kaikouras and the mountains.

Grade : 2

Depart : Back of Gondola carpark (where Bridle Path parking is indicated) at 9.00 am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Jill Halliburton 337 4973, 021 022 67556

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

Go to OFTC website and log in. Click on *Members* section, then click on *Cancellations* on the left hand side list. Type your message into the dialog box then click save. **CANCELLATIONS MUST BE DONE 1½ HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

Any changes to your trip or equipment requirements should be placed 12 hours in advance. Leaders are no longer required to go to the start meeting place provided this has been notified earlier

LOCATOR BEACONS

Collect and carry these. **Please note** — they are collected from the Z Service Stations at Belfast or Barrington and Mobil at Yaldhurst. For any private use of these beacons please contact Peter Oliver to arrange (332 3050 or 027 438 5082).

AT THE END OF THE TRAMP

Please send the number of participants to:
Sally Timms salgav@xtra.co.nz)

Please send mileage details etc to marcel.robb@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 4 CONTINUED**Mt Oxford, Oxford Hill Ashley Saddle NW12**

Cost : \$11

From Coopers Creek ascend Mt Oxford (1000 m height gain) then head east to Oxford Hill, down to Ashley saddle and back to the car park

Grade : 4

Depart : Belfast Hotel car park 8.00 am

Time : 6+ hours

Leader : David Jones 027 288 584

OCTOBER 11**Gebbies Pass to Packhorse Hut BP48b**

Cost : \$4

From Gebbies Pass, via plantation and farms, to the Packhorse for lunch. Return by same track.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Norah Gerrity 328 9565, 027 938 0456

Gebbies Pass to Packhorse Hut BP48b

Cost : \$4

From Gebbies Pass through forest and tussock-lands to the Packhorse. Optional climb to see the Dykes. Wonderful views. Return the same way.

Grade : 2

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am

Time: 4-5 hrs

Leader : Carolina Kol 03 312 7970





OCTOBER 11 CONTINUED

Woolshed Creek round trip via Bus Stop W040

Cost : \$25

From Woolshed Creek carpark, an initial steep and sustained climb up the Rhyolite Ridge Track and then across the face of Mt Somers to the Bus Stop Overhang. More sidling before dropping down to the waterfall and Mt Somers hut for lunch. Return via old coal mine. Interesting varied terrain with bush, rocks, tussock and streams.

Grade : 3 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Reserve at the start of the Old West Coast Road, situated on the V corner of OWCR and SH 73 (West Coast Rd). There is plenty of roadside parking here, the ground may be a bit soft in the winter. Make sure that access to the Reserve is left unclogged. Park on the Old West Coast Road grass verge beside the Reserve. 8.00am
Leader: Sue Weller 021 194 9550

OCTOBER 18

Rakaia Gorge Walkway WO33a

Cost : \$15

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

Grade : 1 Time : 4-5 hrs NQ

Depart : Yaldhurst Domain at 9.00am. See Grade 2 directions.
Leader : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

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 terraces to the lookout. Loop down to the river for lunch. Spectacular views of the gorge, river and mountains.

Grade : 2 Time : 4-5 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Domain at 9.00am. Turn right off SH73 on to Hasketts Rd (2nd on right after SH73/Pound Rd roundabout). Turn right again at T junction then left into the Domain.
Leader : Sheila Downard 337 4201 or 027 376 9619

Mt Herbert from Orton Bradley Park BP10

Cost : \$5 plus share of \$10 per car to enter the Park

A round trip from Orton Bradley Park. Up via the tablelands under Mt Bradley and return down the central valley. Steep in places. Great views from the summit at 919 m.

Grade : 3 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St 8.30 am
Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 383 0891 027 228 0754

OCTOBER 26

Tiromoana and Ella Peak N56b

Cost : \$11

Car park, via Tawhai Track to wetlands, up ridge overlooking sea, slow pace up Ella Peak for lunch. Return via wetlands and Ridge Jct to car park.

Grade : 1 Time : 4-5 hrs NQ

Depart : Belfast Tavern car park at 9.00am

Leader : Digby Scorgie 03 312 0096

Co Leader : Annemarie Wichmann 027 432 6206

Tiromoana and Ella Peak N56b

Cost : \$11

From the car park, along the jeep track to the Ridge Junction, through the wetlands and on to the top of Ella Peak for lunch. Return via Kanuka and Te Ara Tawhai tracks.

Grade : 2 Time : 4-5 hours

Depart : Belfast Tavern carpark at 9.00 am

Leader : Mike Currie 03 382 8912, 027 239 1129

Co-Leader : TBA

OCTOBER 26 CONTINUED

Foggy Peak**W007**

Cost : \$13

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

Grade : 3 Time : 5 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Reserve at the start of the Old West Coast Road, situated on the V corner of OWCR and SH 73 (West Coast Rd). There is plenty of roadside parking here, the ground may be a bit soft in the winter. Make sure that access to the Reserve is left unclogged. Park on the Old West Coast Road grass verge beside the Reserve. 8.30 am
Leader : Kaye Young 329 6187 021 025 68702

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

OCTOBER 7

Kowai River to Leithfield Beach**NQ**

Cost: \$4

Walking along the Kowai River Track from Leithfield Village towards the sea and the Camp Ground.

Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford, 339 2308

Otahuna – Omaha Bush Circuit**NQ**

Cost: \$4

From Rhodes Road walk private road to Omahu Bush Reserve. View 10m (Horsetail) Anne's Falls . Then by Nelson, Prendergast tracks below Gibraltar Rock to Summit road and CRW. Return by Rhodes track. Gentle Pace

Grade: 1

Time: 4 hours

Depart: Ashgrove Tce/ Ferniehurst St at 9am

Leader: Howard Harvey, 021 136 3043 / 342 9377

Heathcote-Mt Pleasant-Greenwood Reserve and Gun Emplacements (New Tramp)

Cost: nil

From behind the Gondola carpark sidle around above Heathcote and through John Britten Park and Greenwood Reserve to gun emplacements. Return to gondola via Mt Pleasant trig, Cavendish Bluffs Track, CRW, Castle Rock Track and back down to cars. Glorious views of peninsula, harbour, Kaikouras and the mountains.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Back of Gondola Car Park (where Bridle Path parking is indicated) at 8.30am

Leader: Jill Halliburton, 337 4973 / 021 022 67556

Parapet Rock to Flock Hill (W031)

Cost: \$21

From car park near Parapet Rock, cross road and follow M-B track to Bridge Hill. Descend to Forestry Camp, and out to B-H ski access road. Take upper Lyndon Saddle track to base Helicopter Hill, continue to Craigieburn Ski Road, cross and near gate enter another M-B track to Flock Hill carpark via Coal Pit Spur. Excellent sheltered bush walk with views of surrounding peaks. Ideal winter tramp. Short car shuttle required.

Grade: 3

Duration: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Reserve at the start of the Old West Coast Road, situated on the V corner of OWCR and SH 73 (West Coast Rd) at 8 am

Leader: Liz Campbell, 021 051 6845

Co Leader: Peter Moody, 021 257 2031





OCTOBER 14

University to Riccarton Bush NQ

Cost: Nil
Flat wander through Ilam Homestead grounds and the 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

Mt Evans from Port Levy

Cost: \$14
A steady climb from the farm homestead to Mt Evans 703M initially on farm tracks, then thru steeper tussock to the top. The decent follows the ridge to point 622 and continues along the ridge to the boundary fence. Follow fence line back to the farmhouse.
 Grade: 3 at 2 pace
 Depart : Corner Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 8.30am
 Time :5 hours+
 Leader: Chris Evans, 027 303 0838. Co leader appoint on the day. Leader to call Richard Barnett (the owner) on 329 4690 two days before tramp.

Wharfedale Saddle (NW19)

Cost: \$13
The tramp starts from View Hill, and initially follows the Wharfedale Track, before heading up a steepish climb, towards Mt Oxford. The track from Pt975 to the Wharfedale Saddle has been marked with pink cruise tape but, at the time of writing (August 2020), it is a route rather than an obvious track. We (the OFTC) will clear it when we get DOC approval but it is still quite easily negotiated. There is no water until heading down the Wharfedale from the Saddle. There is a long drop toilet at the View Hill Carpark. There is a ford across a stream on the road in to View Hill carpark, which can be tricky after rain. This is an OK tramp in adverse weather as it's nearly all in bush.
 Grade: 3 Duration: 6 hours
 Depart: Yaldhurst Reserve at the start of the Old West Coast Road, situated on the V corner of OWCR and SH 73 (West Coast Rd) 8 am
 Leader: Paul Knox, 027 208 5070
 Co Leader: Alan Stow, 021 078 6038

OCTOBER 21

Awa Awa Reserve Mt Hutt NQ

Cost: \$25
A pleasant drive to the Rakaia Bridge and then to the Awa Awa Reserve for morning tea. A quiet drive up the Mt Hut Ski Rd to the car park and facility. The chair lifts and café will not be operating. We will have our lunch up there and have time for a ramble, botanising and enjoying wonderful views. We have Management permission to use the road, but if there is any doubt about the weather we will not attempt the road and will spend more time on the tracks around the Awa Awa Reserve.
 Depart: Yaldhurst Reserve at the start of the Old West Coast Road, situated on the V corner of OWCR and SH 73 (West Coast Rd) at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Clive Morriss, 358 2753

Ohinetahi Reserve – Allandale NQ

Cost: \$3
From Governors Bay Fire Station up Ngaio Track to O'Farrells Track then gentle walking to Living Springs Centre. Descend to Allandale then Old Coach Road Coastal Walk to Church Lane.
 Depart: Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 9am
 Time: 4 hours
 Leader: Howard Harvey, 021 136 3043 / 342 9377

OCTOBER 21 CONTINUED

Barnett Park-Evans Pass-Taylor's Mistake-Barnett Park

Cost: Nil - Bring gold card, metro card or cash if planning to take the bus.
Walk up Eastenders Track to Summit Road, down to Evans Pass via gun emplacements, Scarborough Bluffs track then down to Taylor's Mistake. Coastal route back to Sumner and Barnett Park. If you have done enough walking at Sumner take the bus back to Barnett Park.
 Grade: 2
 Depart: Barnett Park at 8.30
 Time: 5+ hours
 Leader: Pamela Gibbons, 3327 531 / 022 678 0398

Stoney Bay Peak (BP17)

Cost: \$17
A steady uphill climb on grass track to 400m altitude, then sidle round to North side Stoney Bay Peak and commence steep climb of 200m to summit. Descend along grassy tracks to Flag Peak Track. Steep descent of 150m following ridge to road, final 2 km down shingle road.
 Grade: 3
 Departure: Ashgrove Tc/Ferniehurst St. 8.30 am
 Duration; 5 hours
 Leader: TBA

OCTOBER 28

Cass Bay to Lyttelton NQ

Cost: \$2
Undulating walk from Cass Bay to Lyttelton. Hills taken slowly.
 Depart: Scott Park car park (Ferryroad) at 9-30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Suzanne Fenwick, 376 5026

The Grange to Big Ben/Ashley Saddle with car swap.

Cost:\$11
From either The Grange Homestead Ashley Gorge Road or Adams Hut (Derelict) at the end or Sladen's Bush Road, the tramp climbs to The Grange @ 884m then follows ridges to the Ashley Saddle and then to the cars distance 15.57km. Exchange keys at midpoint.
 Grade: 3 at 2 pace
 Depart : Belfast Hotel 8.30am.
 Time: 5 hours.
 Leader: Sladen's Bush end Graeme Brown 03 383 3732, co-leader appoint on the day.
 Leader: The Grange end Ken Francis 027 3251280, co-leader Russell Hignett 027 3436846

Woolshed Creek via Bus Stop (W040)

Cost: \$ 25
From Woolshed Creek carpark, an initial climb to the Bus Stop, a view point on the lower slopes of Mt Somers, then a sidle before dropping down to the waterfall and hut for lunch. Return via old coal mine. Can be done in reverse direction.
 Grade: 3
 Duration: 6 hours
 Depart: Yaldhurst Reserve at the start of the Old West Coast Road, situated on the V corner of OWCR and SH 73 (West Coast Rd) at 8 am
 Duration: 6 hours
 Leader: TBA





Opening of the Broken River Coalmine Track

WOW! What a huge turnout for the opening of the Broken River Coalmine Track! After many, many hours of hard slog, it was particularly satisfying to see so many of the club turn up on the day (roughly nearly a quarter of the club!).

Those of us who have worked on the track really appreciated the recognition and support shown by so many of you by being there. We also appreciated that the Minister of Conservation, Hon Eugenie Sage, was able to be there and open the track, as well as making an excellent speech. Her presence was the icing on the cake as far as we were concerned.

Thank you to our Leaders on the day-Gavin Hampton, Peter Coursey and Tom Cholmondeley, who had the very difficult task of trying to keep track of some very large groups-something akin to herding cats apparently!

The weather was kind (i.e. it didn't rain) and the Nor'wester not too savage and it wasn't cold.

Also, it was great to see some people out that we haven't seen for sometime.

So, once again, a huge thank you to everyone for their support.

Here are some photos of the day, taken by Mike Currie, Cathie Graves and myself. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EQiaYhiiDvvG9Qg36>

Paul Knox



At the September Club Night Paul Knox presented Charlie Ledbrook with a memento of the Broken River Coal mine Track. Paul made the memento from an old sleeper and other related rail track hardware. The plaque on it reads "Broken River Coalmine Track 2020, well done Charlie from your friends at OFTC" .

Club Captain's Noticeboard

Mileage (To and From Tramps Start)

Leaders are no longer asked / required to record their mileage to tramps starting point. I have discovered an alternative means of obtaining this information. Thank you to all those who remembered to record.

Parking – Yaldhurst Hotel

Until further notice, we will not be using the hotel's carpark as a departure point. Please read the trip advertisements carefully for departure point information. It may also be wise to keep an eye on the website for updates, especially immediately prior to the tramp. I believe it to be particularly annoying going to the wrong meeting point and settling in for a protracted wait.

Members' Responsibilities.

It is the responsibility of all members to advise the Trip Leader and the "To the Tramp" driver of any change to your transport arrangements for your return home journey. Notes under wipers or similar can blow away!

Co-Leaders and Tail End Charlies

Leaders appoint TEC's for their tramps during their tramp briefing. If a Co-Leader has not been pre-appointed then Leaders, appoint one, don't ask for a volunteer, tap a shoulder. It is not a safe practice for a leader not to have appointed support. As a separate matter, I am beginning to appoint a Front End Charlie, one who I have confidence will not string the party out for miles. An altogether group is much easier to manage. Might the FEC double as Co-Leader?

Drivers' Responsibilities

A reminder to all drivers. No car is to leave the tramp's carpark to return home until all the party is off the hill and is accounted for. Your leader will give the okay to depart.

Covid-19 Requirements.

A reminder, please remember to record your phone number beside your name when you register for the tramp. Now we're at Covid Level1, no masks or car passenger restrictions from 11.59pm 21/9/2020.

First Aid Kit – Health Card

Please check that you have one and that it is up to date. It is especially important that the emergency phone contact number of your spouse / partner / whoever is recorded thereon.

Marcel Robb



Backpacking and Basecamps 2020-2021

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sun 11 – Tues 13 Oct	Nina Hut – Lake Daniels, Lewis Pass	2	Moderate	Russell Ramsden 322 8856 russramnz@gmail.com
Sun 18 - Tues 20 October 2020	Basins Hut, Avoca River Waiting list	2	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
A six hour tramp following the Harper and Avoca Rivers from the head of Lake Coleridge. We will spend two nights in the 6 bunk standard hut. On Monday there will be a day tramp to the Back Basin Bivvy				
Mon 2 – Thurs 5 November 2020	Base camp from cabins at Akaroa camping ground.	3	2	Chris Evans 361 1186 Chrism_evans@hotmail.co.uk
Sun 8 – Mon 9 Nov 2020	Cass Lagoon Saddle, Craigieburn	1	Moderate	Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com
Sat 14 – Sun 15 Nov 2020	Jolliebrook Hut, Lake Sumner	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 22-Mon 23 November 2020	Cookies Hut via Pudding Hill Range and Mt Bruce, Hakatere. Waiting list	1	4	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
The 7 – 8 hour tramp starts from Camp Koromiko on Pudding Hill Road. It starts in Pudding Hill Stream and then climbs and traverses the ridge of Pudding Hill Range over point 1751 to Mt Bruce. It then descends to Cookies Hut – an ex-musterers' six bunk hut located on the banks of the Swift River. Monday is the reverse.				
Sun 29 Nov- Tues 1 Dec	Mueller Hut, Mt Cook <i>NB: Early booking with Russell required</i>	2	Moderate	Russell Ramsden 322 8856 russramnz@gmail.com
Sun 13-Tue 15 December 2020	Waimakariri Falls Hut, AP	2	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
From Klondyke Corner to Carrington Hut for 2 nights with a day tramp to Waimakariri Falls Hut on Monday.				
Sun 17 – Mon 18 Jan 2021	Carroll Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 31 Jan – Tues 2 Feb	Youngman Stream & Tarn Huts, Lees Valley	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Wed 10-Tue 16 Feb 2021	Mt Ruapehu basecamp. NB The trip list has been closed as the trip is fully subscribed.	7	2	Carolyn Blackford – 022 651 6066 cblackfordcarolyn@gmail.com
Sun 14 – Tues 16 Feb 2021	Magdalen Hut – Mt Maritana, Lewis Pass	2	Moderate	Marcel Robb 03 928 3733 or marcel.robb@gmail.com
Mon 1 – Mon 8 Mar 2021	Mount Richmond Alpine Route	7	3 / 4	Alison Mckeachie 03 3392356 0220178123 nevcmck@xtra.co.nz Evelyn Sheridan 03 3830891 0272280754
Sun 28 Feb – Thurs 4 Mar 2021	Three Passes, Arthurs Pass NP NB The trip list has been closed as the trip is fully subscribed.	4	Hard	Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com
Sat 6 – Sun 7 Mar 2021	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 14- Sat 21 Mar 2021	Twizel basecamp	6	3/4	Marcel Robb 03 928 3733 or marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sun 28 – Tue 30 Mar 2021	Barker Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	2	Hard	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Tue 2 – Thurs 6 May 2021	Old Ghost Road, West Coast	4	Moderate	Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com
Sun 16 – Mon 17 May 2021	Manuka Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 30 – Mon 31 May 2021	Mt Fyffe, Kaikoura	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 13 – Mon 13 June	New Casey Hut – Binser Saddle, Arthurs Pass NP	1	Moderate	Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com
Sat 26 – Sun 27 Jun	Ces Clark Hut, West Coast	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com

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

Bowenvale Maintenance and Planting 2020

For over ten years, the Club has been working with the City Council in the Bowenvale Valley to plant, and maintain, native species. This started after the Club's 30th anniversary and was seen as being a way of putting something back for the great facility that we have on our doorstep.

On the 29th of 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.

Under level 2 restrictions, we will need to bring our own hedge clippers and gloves.

Any change in these arrangements will be notified by email

Any questions phone me on 343-1291.

Thanks

Gavin Hampton



Outdoor Recreational Courses

The following courses are now available for your participation. These are all facilitated by Outdoor Training New Zealand (OTNZ) Canterbury Branch. For full details and registration particulars please apply to Marcel Robb marcel.robbs@gmail.com). Full costs are to be covered by the individual participants.

Navigation Course (1 Day)

7th November 2020 or 21st January 2021
Cost \$30
Location: Godley Heads

River Safety Course (1 Day)

10th October 2020 or 12th December 2020 or
20th February 2021
Cost \$30
Location: Waimakariri River

Bushcraft Course (2½ Days)

20/21/22 November 2020 or 19/20/21 March 2021
Cost \$60
Location: Cragieburn Basin



A great day yesterday (September 16) on a farm close to home, Early Valley Road. A periodically challenging tramp on a glorious winter's day. A beautiful valley/farm/animals with a great history and established post fire plantings. Lunch with mates from other grades in a spectacular garden setting with views to the snow covered mountains and ocean. Couldn't want for much more reality. Many thanks to leader Howard Harvey, to farm owner Andy Nicholson and to Bellbird Lodge owner Noelene Biggs.

Cathie Graves

More photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/VxvpK2Ro2oBow8Q58>

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Gluten free and dairy free chocolate cake

This cake was so popular at the Broken River Coalmine Track opening that Jeanette Allpress kindly agreed to share the recipe:

Cook Time : 45-55 minutes @ 180°C - depends on your oven
Yield: 20 pieces

Ingredients

2 cup gluten-free baking mix, made from 2 cups glutinous rice flour, 1 cup potato starch flour, 1 cup tapioca flour/starch
2 tsp guar gum
1 1/2 cups sugar
2/3 cup cocoa powder, preferably Cadbury Bourneville
1 1/2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 cup soy or rice milk or water
100g non-dairy spread, melted (Jeanette used coconut oil)
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla essence

Frosting:

250g (1 1/2 cups) gluten-free icing sugar
100g non-dairy spread, softened
1/3 cup cocoa
1 tsp vanilla essence
water may be needed, if too thick

Directions

Grease a 23 cm ring tin (20cm tin overflows) and line the base with non-stick baking paper.
Put all ingredients in bowl/food processor and mix till smooth.
Pour into tin and bake.
When cool, slice cake horizontally and spread some frosting/berry jam /berry puree if you wish.

