



The Official Newsletter of
THE OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB INC.

Going Places.....



NEWSLETTER 463 September 2020



Grade 2 Mt Grey via Bypass Track, July 22, Photo Paul Knox

You are invited...

Club Night
Tuesday September 1
7.30 pm
Knox Hall, cnr Bealey
Ave/Victoria St

Paul Knox and Charlie Ledbrook will talk about the sterling work carried out by club members on the Broken River Coalmine Track.

Wed September 9

Official opening of the Broken River Coalmine Track followed by Grades 2 and 3 tramps—See Wednesday Tramp listings for details.

Covid –19 Rules covering Alert Levels 1 to 4

Set out below are the rules we, OFTC, will follow to enable us to manage the risks and still enable us to go out tramping, that is unless Level 4 is re-imposed. And, importantly, if you are displaying any kind of flu or common cold symptoms, stay at home.

Level 4 – All tramping is curtailed until this level is relaxed.

Level 3 – Tramps may proceed, however members are to find their own individual transport means to the tramps start. Bubble members may of course share the same transport. Social distancing to be required during the tramp. Leaders to oversee the breakdown in numbers within parties within a tramp limiting sub groups to a maximum of 10 members (leaders have discretion to be minimally flexible here). Members to pre-register for the tramp. Leaders to retain a list with names and their phone numbers of all participants. Tramps are to be kept to be within 1 hours (“Local”) travel from standard leaving points.

Level 2 – Tramps may proceed. 4 members limited to a vehicle (1 driver + 3 passengers). All in a vehicle to wear a mask. Leaders to retain a list with names and their phone numbers of all participants.

Level 1 - No limitations.

Marcel Robb

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

Many of you will be aware of the work done in clearing and restoring the Broken River Coalmine track. This has been a huge project with many hundreds of hours of work carried out by a very dedicated group of club members sometimes, in what can only be described as very challenging conditions. We are all going to have an opportunity to see what has been done when the track is officially opened on 9 September. This will be followed by Grade 3 and Grade 2 tramps along the track. Further details on departure times etc. are in the Wednesday Tramp section. I would strongly encourage you to come. There will also be a presentation of the project at the next club night on 1st September by Paul Knox and Charlie Ledbrook, which will be well worth coming along to hear.

I know that there are many people who have helped with this project and their names have been circulated in various emails. But there is one person who has really made this project possible through his vision, his huge contribution of time, and supplying much of the power equipment from his own resources. I also know that saying all this will highly embarrass Charlie Ledbrook, but I happily do so as we need to acknowledge this would not have happened without him. Thank you Charlie. Charlie's sidekick on the project, Paul Knox, also needs to be acknowledged. In addition to working on the track, Paul took on the DOC bureaucracy to thrash out a workable Community Agreement on OFTC's role in the future maintenance of the track for the next five years. This was a frustrating process and all credit to Paul for persisting and gaining a good outcome. Thank you.

Covid 19 struck again while I was writing this report. By the time this edition of Going Places is in your hands we will know whether the Auckland outbreak was a three day wonder or, as is far more likely, a longer term issue.

For me it has been a salutary reminder that our world has changed. No amount of border control, economic stimulation or even finding of a suitable vaccine, is going to bring us back to the pre-covid "good old days". Individually and as a club, we need to continue to have long term plans and dreams, but live with what is before us each day, grateful for today's freedoms and opportunities. We cannot live with the expectation that one day all will be restored, but need to plan for and come to terms with a future punctuated by covid outbreaks and the on again/off again limitations that will bring.

Colin Garthwaite has been an inspiration to many of us for his tramping ability, experience, down to earth wisdom and cheeky humour. He has faithfully served on the committee for the last fifteen years but has decided it is time to step down. His contribution has been greatly appreciated. Thank you Colin.

Lawrence Allpress

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – September 2020 (as at 18 August)

New members

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Joke van Staveren | 326 3398/0274 699 521 | 36 Ocean View Terrace Sumner | movewell2@gmail.com |
| Alison Straight | 348 6999/021 119 1778 | Upper Riccarton | alisonreid42@yahoo.co.nz |
| Joanne Wallace | 022 659 4011 | 7 White Road Burnham | joannewallace66@icloud.com |
| Natasja Steenkamp | 021 237 1934 | 1a Glandovey Road Fendalton | tasjasteen@gmail.com |
| Guy Mulligan | 338 6611/027 570 1749 | 9 Great Gables Lane Huntsbury | ghmulligan@xtra.co.nz |
| Graeme Marshall | 329 5275/021 223 6250 | 488 Bethels Road Springston | marshall.baken@outlook.com |

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|-------------------|--------------|------------|--|
| Membership | Female | 225 | |
| | Male | 160 | |
| | TOTAL | 385 | |

Grade 3
Craigieburn
to Castle
Hill,
July 22,
Photo
Russell
Ramsden



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**SEPTEMBER 6****Horotane to Avoca PH99**

Cost : Nil

Mary Duncan Res, Linda Woods Res, CRW, Rapaki Track, Avoca Valley. Gentle pace with stops.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Mary Duncan Reserve car park, Port Hills Rd (near/east of Avoca Valley Rd) at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Mavis Airey 027 529 3631

Horotane to Avoca PH99

Cost : nil

From Mary Duncan Reserve climb to the Linda Woods Reserve. Up to the Summit Road, along CRW, then down Rapaki Track to re-enter the Linda Woods Reserve and pick up tracks down Avoca Valley.

Grade : 2

Depart : Mary Duncan Reserve car park, Port Hills Rd (near/east of Avoca Valley Rd) at 9.00 am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : John Kelly 021 185 9108

Grade 3 Tramp to be advised depending on Covid situation.

Check the website a few days before.

Leader : David Jones 027 288-5845

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.

SEPTEMBER 11**Rod Donald Hut to Mt Fitzgerald PB15**

Cost : \$13

Port Levy Saddle, Summit Walkway, Rod Donald Hut for morning tea. Then to Totara Cemetery to Mt Fitzgerald for lunch. Return the same, minus the Hut.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Time: 4-5 hrs

Leader : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

Rod Donald Hut and beyond BP15

Cost : \$10

From Port Levy Saddle follow Summit Walkway to Rod Donald Hut for morning tea. Continue along tops to Mt Fitzgerald north peak for lunch. Great all round views. Track passes through mostly open country past mountain totara, tussock and spectacular century old totara cemetery areas

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst Street at 9am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Sheila Downard 337 4201, 027 376 9619

Co-Leader : Jenny Owens 942 2320, 021 027 04522

Evans Pass to Ahuriri Bush Crossover PH96

Cost : \$4

One group starts from Godley Head, the other from near Omaha Bush. Great views over both sides of the hills. Groups meet for lunch midway (about Scott Bush Res). Distance approximately 22km. Key swap required.

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St 8:00am

Time : 7 hours

Leaders : Alison Downard 021 133-7252 and Chrissy McCausland 027 470-7755





SEPTEMBER 20

Lake Janet - Mt Grey N73

Cost : \$14

Lake Janet picnic area, to Fire Lookout, to Mt Grey summit.
Return by alternative track, depending on weather & conditions.

Grade : 1 NQ

Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel car park at 9.00am

Leader : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

Lake Janet to Mt Grey N37

Cost : \$11

From Lake Janet picnic area, take track to Fire Lookout then
continue on to Mt Grey summit (934m). Return by alternative
track depending on weather and conditions.

Grade : 2

Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00am

Leader : Selena Chan seachannel@gmail.com or 027 301
5501 Co-Leader: TBA

Mt Richardson N09A

Cost : \$11

Mt Richardsdon via Ted's Track (recently cleared by the Club)
and return via Blowhard Track.

Grade : 3

Time : 5 - 6 hours

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark 8:30am

Leader: Sue Weller 021 194-9550

SEPTEMBER 27

Gibraltar Estate PH89

Cost : \$4

Farm track to Summit Rd, to Coopers Knob, return via Omahu
Bush and an alternative farm track.

Grade : 1 NQ

Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Leader : Bruce Stanton 03 3381909

Gibraltar Estate PH89

Cost : \$4

Walk over farm track to the Summit Road, then on to Coopers
Knob. Return via Omahu Bush and a different farm track.

Grade : 2

Time : 5+ hrs

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9 am

Leader : Pamela Gibbons 332 7531 or 022 678 0398

Co-Leader: TBA

Mt Lyndon and Red Hill W113

Cost : \$16

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.

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 8.00am.

Grade : 3 Time : 6 - 7 hours

Leader : Peter Moore 027 773-1670

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

SEPTEMBER 2

Bishopdale Papanui walk NQ

Cost: Nil

Walking through Parks, Reserves and Historical Places.

Depart: Leacroft St near Murmont St Bishopdale Park 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: David Eddy, 359 7443

SEPTEMBER 2 CONTINUED

Tiromoana Bush Walkway NQ

Cost \$14

To Waipara, then Mt Cass Rd carpark. Walk to Coastal Lookout
through a variety of regenerating forest. Down to beach followed by
short climb to Kate Pond Wetlands & return to carpark. Gentle
pace. Note: does not include climbing Ella Peak. Recommend
download PDF Tiromoana Walkway.NZ for details.

Grade: 1 Time: 4-5 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel Car Park 9am

Leader: Howard Harvey, 342 9377 / 021 136 3043

Mt Richardson N09

Cost: \$13

Invigorating climb through pleasant beech forest to Mt Richard-
son (1047). Return via Blowhard and Bypass track. Good Views
across the Lees Valley to Puketeraki Range.

Grade 2: Time: 6 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Leader: Garry Roberts, 349 7875

Co-Leader: To be appointed

Port Hills - (this to run in place of Mt Cloudsey as that tramp was without a leader)

Cost: T.B.A

David Jones will advise where to on website prior to tramp.

Grade: 3 Time: up to 6 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St 8.30am

Leader: David Jones, 027 288 5845

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

SEPTEMBER 9

Broadpark to Spencer Park NQ

Cost: Nil

Walking on tracks from Broadpark towards Spencer Park

Depart: Broadpark Rd off Beach Rd car park opp. Beach Cafe and Wine Bar at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leaders: Helen Chan, 351 9888, Maree Bothwell, 382 5123

Broken River Coalmine Track (New Tramp) W134

Cost: \$25

Combined trip with Grade 3. Preceding the walk there will be a
brief official opening of the track which has been established
with a lot of hard work by members of the OFTC. Come along
and follow the route of the coal wagons from the long forgotten
Broken River Coalmine to the loading area at Avoca Rail Sid-
ing. A short steepish climb at the start, then easy track around
to a steep drop by the river. Return by an easier Pack Track.

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8am

Leader: Charlie Ledbrook, 347 9463

Co-leader: To be appointed

Broken River Coal Mine Track (New tramp) W134A

Cost: \$25

This track follows the route of coal wagons from the loading ar-
ea at the site of the old Avoca Station on the Craigieburn Rd, to
the locality of the abandoned Broken River Coalmine. There is a
short, steep climb up to the benched railway track, then around
the track with a steep descent to Broken River. Return is via a
more gentle pack track and then the benched railway track.

(Walking pole/s highly recommended.) Great views, especially
later on in the tramp. The track was cleared and marked after
extensive work by OFTC members and was completed in Au-
gust 2020. (The club is responsible for the maintenance of this
track in coordination with DOC) (Map BW21 Springfield)

Grade: 3 Time: 6 Hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00am

Leader: Paul Knox, 339 2997 or 027 208 5070

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day





SEPTEMBER 16

Bellbird Ramble and Bellbird Lodge NQ

Cost: \$3

A walk from Bellbird on Crater Rim Walkway and return to the Bellbird. Then a short drive to enjoy the recently established private gardens at Bellbird Lodge, with the landowners talking about the effects of the fires and their subsequent developments. Meet up with Grade 1 for lunch.

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

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills, 338 5002

Early Valley Road and Environs incl Brice Falls NQ

Cost: \$2

From road end, walk farm track to Brice Falls. Observe plantings of native species since the fires. At a gentle pace, climb zigzag track from valley floor to ridge 300m. Enjoy the recently established private gardens at Bellbird Lodge. The tramp includes contributions by landowners about the effects of the fires and their subsequent developments.

Grade:1

Depart: Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 9am

Time: 4 hours

Leader: Howard Harvey, 342 9377 / 021 136 3043

Whaka Terrace to Lyttelton

Cost: Nil, Bring gold card, metro card or cash for bus back to Whaka Tce.

From Whaka Tce, through Coronation Reserve to Huntsbury then up to the CRW and on to Lyttelton.

Grade: 2

Depart: Whaka Tce at 8.30am

Time: 4-5 hours

Leader: Ngaire Rigby, 027 226 4534

Co-leader: Carmel Harris, 337 4352

Mt Oxford (from View Hill) NW02

Cost: \$15

Start from View Hill end, walking along the level Wharfedale track through bush then a steady climb to open tops and Mt Oxford (1367m). Well graded track for most of the way. Return the same way. (Map BW22 Oxford)

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00am

Time: 6 hours

Leader: Jeanette Allpress, 348 3791 or 020 411 64172

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

SEPTEMBER 23

Opawa Area NQ

Cost: Nil

Walking in the Opawa area with a stop at Anne Dolan's house on Murry Ansley Hill for lunch.

Depart: Hansen Park car park at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Rosemary Harper, 351 0677

Ryde Falls from Coopers Creek

Cost: \$11

Picturesque bush and hill walk to the falls for lunch. May do loop track to Wharfedale to extend the walk.

Grade 2:

Depart: Belfast Hotel at 8.30am

Time: 5 hours

Leader: Jenny Lee, 027 413 1624

Co-leader: To be appointed

SEPTEMBER 23 CONTINUED

Red Hill (& Mt Lyndon) from Seventh Day Adventist Lodge W113A

Cost: \$16

Climb Mt Lyndon (1489m), via a broadening ridge from just SW of the lodge. Then walk SW along a defined ridge crossing pts 1390, 1494 & 1488 to Red Hill (1641m). Great views. Several options to descend then modest climb to saddle behind the Lodge and cars. (Maps BW21 Springfield & BW20 Lake Coleridge)

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00am

Time: 7+ hours

Leader: David Jones, 027 288 5845

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

SEPTEMBER 30

South Hagley Park NQ

Cost: Nil

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

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

Time: 3-4 hours

Leaders: Valda Woods, 358 8250 Alec Mills, 338 5002

Christchurch Adventure Park and Beyond NQ

Cost: Nil

Meet at entrance to the park at 9.50am. Take the uphill track through the park at a gentle pace to Worsleys Road. Circle Marley's Hill and take the chairlift down.

Grade:1

Time: 4 hours

Leader: Judy Eden, 384 4857 / 027 472 6538

Christchurch Adventure Park and beyond

Cost: Nil

Walk from Old Stone House to the Adventure Park. Take the Uphill track through Park, then up to Hoon Hay Reserve. Walk down Faulkners Track to South Boundary then along to Bush Road. Up Bush Road back to CRW, return to Adventure Park and take chairlift down.

Grade 2:

Depart: Old Stone House at 8.30am or meet at entrance to bike park at 8.50.

Time: 5+ hours

Leader: Ann McKeever, 027 733 2850

Co-leader: Anne Quinn, 027 415 1340

Ben More (Clockwise circuit being the easy way for you pikers)

Cost: \$16

Leave cars at the Acheron stream cutting on the Lyndon Coleridge road. Head SE across paddocks, skirt the foot of Rabbit Hill and climb onto ridge via Rabbit Saddle. Follow broad ridge line above Ben More stream (south). Turn south at the communication mast and follow new ridge on the other side of the valley to the summit, 1655 m. Continue down this ridge and drop off down scree valley near the end of ridge (just before pt1465) and above the widening stream valley. Care required in picking the correct scree valley. (Map BW21 Springfield)

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.00am

Time: 7 hours

Leader: Wendy Cain, 027 338 0532

Co-Leader: Jacqueline Kotula, 942 2243 or 022 630 0945.





Club Captain's Report

This month, welcome to the toda raba column. I mentioned my inclusion of less frequently used words in my monthly Going Places piece whilst on the way to Trig M, on a recent trip. Thank you to Michael Bond for his seemingly multitudinous supply of suggestions for my future use.

A very big thank you to Charlie Ledbrook and to his team of many helpers for all their excellent works over the past 18 months (or more?) in maintaining and creating new tracks for our use and enjoyment. To those involved in this work, and there are many, the work which can at times be challenging but never the less is very rewarding, you must all be very proud of these worthwhile achievements. I will also mention Paul Knox for his tireless efforts in working with DOC to ensure that the works undertaken, especially so for the Broken River Coal Mine track, come also with their blessings. Thank to you all again.

Another thank you to Peter Coursey, Ross Walker and Lawrence Allpress for their work to date on the development of our new website. Well done you three, its roll out will most certainly enhance the Club's profile and delivery channels.

It is indeed positive to see Wilderness Magazine include a piece on map reading in their August (p61) publication, especially so after my opening paragraph in August's Going Places. You may be interested to know that I am "considering" taking an in the hills day course on map reading, navigation and reading the lie of the land, to be held sometime during the summer months. The exciting facet of this event will be the non-use of cell phones or other technical devices such as GPS's. Eyes, maps, compasses and observations will be all that are needed.

Talking courses, we are planning for a First Aid Course, later this or maybe early next year. It is hoped that Red Cross will facilitate. Also a River Crossing Course is on the drawing boards, this can be arranged at relatively short notice during the warm months.

With my Health and Safety hat on, it is with growing concern that I witness articles in outdoor publications which seem to support ultra-light weight tramping. Whilst I take no issue whatsoever with using a titanium spork (spoon/fork) or the bilug (billy which is also a mug), the shortened tooth brush or whatever, what does disturb me is an increasing ability of outdoor enthusiasts who go light weight to survive an unplanned night out, especially above the bush line. When day tripping or backpacking, all our members are required to carry sufficient gear to keep them alive in such an unplanned event.

Here are some very positive and interesting statistics. Based upon current club membership numbers (379), for 22/7 & 26/7 we had 109 members on club tramps (being 28.7% of total club membership). For 29/7 & 2/8 we had 127 out (33.5%) and 5/8 & 9/8 104 (27.4%). These are amazingly encouraging numbers and would rank well with any of the Tramping Clubs in New Zealand. Thank you to all active members for supporting our Club.

Great to see that a list of backing packing and base camp events for the next 12 months is now included in Going Places. Great work and thanks to Gerald Edmund and his team for putting all this together. I see this as an exciting expansion to what our club has to offer. Remember, if you wish to have a backpacking tramp/basecamp added, please, first run it past Gerald (in his role as backpacking co-ordinator) then, as appropriate, he will have it added to the list. Note also, this list will be updated on a monthly basis, thereby accommodating additions, changes, cancellations and drop offs.

Well fellow level alertees (no such word but what the heck), stay safe and warm, be careful and enjoy our surrounds. Oh yes, toda raba loosely translates to a very big thank you.

Marcel Robb

Proposed Base Camp at Mount Ruapehu

- Alpine Sports Club A-Frame lodge, Whakapapa Ski field, Mt Ruapehu
- Wednesday, 10 February to Tuesday 16 February 2021 (7 nights)
- Participants arrange own or shared transport
- Shared accommodation – bunks (4 to a room); hot showers; drying room, fridge
- Everybody is allocated tasks (by Carolyn as Hut Warden) over the period we'll be there and that will include cooking, dishes, cleaning loos, vacuuming, etc.

Possible activities – see links within these links:

<https://www.alpinesports.org.nz/news-and-events/ruapehu-summer-program/> - tramping, climbing, mountain biking <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/tongariro-taupo/tongariro-national-park-walks.pdf>

- Trip will depend on COVID-19 status re transport, social distancing requirements etc at the time.
- Expressions of interest to Carolyn Blackford – 022 651 6066 or cblackfordcarolyn@gmail.com

Basecamp: Twizel Basin & Surrounds

**Sunday 14/3/2021 -
Saturday 21/3/2021**

Grade 3/4 Tramps

Accommodation:
Holiday Homes

Contact Marcel Robb
03 928 3733 or

marcel.robb@gmail.com
spaces may be limited.

(Preference will be given to those who were booked on 2020 cancelled basecamp)



Backpacking and Basecamps 2020-2021

| Dates | Venue | Nights | Grade | Leader |
|--|--|--------|----------|--|
| Sun 13 - Mon 14 September 2020 | Hawdon Hut, AP | 1 | 2 | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| This track begins at the Hawdon Shelter and camping site, accessed from Mt White Road. The track follows the Hawdon River for about 9 km to the Hawdon Hut on the true right of the river, with numerous river crossings | | | | |
| Sun 11 – Tues 13 October | Nina Hut – Lake Daniels, Lewis Pass | 2 | Moderate | Russell Ramsden 322 8856 russramnz@gmail.com |
| Sun 18–Tue 20 October | Basins Hut, Avoca River | 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 – Thur 5 November | Base camp from cabins at Akaroa camping ground. | 3 | 2 | Chris Evans 361 1186 Chrism_evans@hotmail.co.uk |
| Sun 8 – Mon 9 November | Cass Lagoon Saddle, Craigieburn | 1 | Moderate | Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com |
| Sat 14 – Sun 15 November | Jolliebrook Hut, Lake Sumner | 1 | Moderate | Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com |
| Sun 22 - Mon 23 November | Cookies Hut via Pudding Hill Range and Mt Bruce, Hakatere | 1 | 4 | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| The 7 – 8 hour tramp starts from Camp Koromiko on Pudding Hill Road. It 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 November - Tue 1 December | 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 | 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 January 2021 | Carroll Hut, Arthurs Pass NP | 1 | Moderate | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| Sun 31 Jan – Tues 2 February | Youngman Stream & Tarn Huts, Lees Valley | 2 | Moderate | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| Wed 10-Tue 16 February | Mt Ruapehu basecamp | 7 | 2 | Carolyn Blackford 022 651 6066 cblackfordcarolyn@gmail.com |
| Sun 14 – Tues 16 February | Magdalen Hut – Mt Maritana, Lewis Pass | 2 | Moderate | Marcel Robb 03 928 3733 or marcel.robb@gmail.com |
| Mon 1 – Mon 8 March | Mount Richmond Alpine Route | 7 | 3 / 4 | Alison Mckeachie 03 3392356 0220178123 nevmck@xtra.co.nz Evelyn Sheridan 03 3830891 0272280754 |
| Sun 28 Feb – Thurs 4 March | Three Passes, Arthurs Pass NP | 4 | Hard | Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com |
| Sat 6 – Sun 7 March | Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass NP | 1 | Easy | Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com |
| Sun 14- Sat 21 March | Twizel basecamp | 6 | 3/4 | Marcel Robb 03 928 3733 or marcel.robb@gmail.com |
| Sun 28 – Tue 30 March | Barker Hut, Arthurs Pass NP | 2 | Hard | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| Tue 2 – Thurs 6 May | Old Ghost Road, West Coast | 4 | Moderate | Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com |
| Sun 16 – Mon 17 May | Manuka Hut, Hakatere | 1 | Easy | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| Sun 30 – Mon 31 May | Mt Fyffe, Kaikoura | 1 | Moderate | Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com |
| Sun 13 – Mon 13 June | New Casey Hut – Binsler Saddle, Arthurs Pass NP | 1 | Moderate | Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com |
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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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Tribulation Hut tramp 16 & 17 August 2020

Take blue skies, no wind, stunning scenery and a great team of trampers and you have a fabulous tramp like this one.

The tramp starts from the bridge over Redcliffe Stream on Double Hill Run Road and initially follows the Redcliffe and then Jacks Streams. The next two hours are spent gently climbing to Redcliffe Saddle, then sidling around a high plateau before descending to the Swift River and the hut. Situated in a tussock filled valley it was originally a musterers' hut. It has been reconditioned with a new floor and a general spruce up which make it mouse proof and draught free. BUT it can get cold in winter – frost formed soon after the sun went down and water containers inside the hut froze overnight. As well as the stunning scenery one notable feature of the landscape was the profusion of flowering Kowhais near the start of the tramp.

Distance (one way): 9.52 km

Elevation gain: 575 metres

Descent: 220 metres

Time: about 4 hours

Trampers: pictured from left—Chrissy McCausland, Sandi Leith, Julie Wolbers, Gerald Edmunds



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Bob's Knob, Lake Rubicon and down to Brooksdale farm, August 12, photo Sue Weller.

