



# Going Places



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 467 FEBRUARY 2021

*Editor's note: We hope you like our new Going Places masthead, designed to tie in with the Club's new logo and website development. The photo is of Turkey Flat, taken by Terry Stevens.*

## Bring an Over Forties Friend

*An opportunity to invite a friend who has expressed an interest and wants to try out the club. With a variety of tramp levels on offer, you select a tramp that will fit your friend's capability.*

**Sunday, February 21 from 8.00am – 5.00pm**

Castle Hill Village on State Highway 73, about 33km west from Springfield over Porters Pass.

BYO day pack with parka, first aid kit, appropriate clothing for the weather conditions, hiking boots, spare shoes for afterwards, lunch and 1.5-2 litres of water. Bring a plate of dessert finger food to share.

### Programme:

- **If you want to travel in a convoy**, departure from Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am **OR** meet at Castle Hill Village Hall by 9.15am approximately, for a 9.30am departure on a hike.
- A choice of four tramps will be available on the day. Two Grade 3 tramps and two Grade 2 tramps at a moderate pace.
- A break for morning tea and lunch will be had while out tramping and all tramping will have finished by 3pm.
- Afternoon tea in the Castle Hill Village Hall at 3pm and departure after that.
- Cost is \$20 payable to the driver to cover the transport cost.

**To register:** On the website Homepage click on "Trips Register". Note that the club member will be responsible for, and accompany, his/her friend on their chosen tramp. Any queries to Kaye on [bkmyoung@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bkmyoung@xtra.co.nz)

**Postponement:** If the weather forecast is awful check the OFTC website [www.oftc.org.nz](http://www.oftc.org.nz) by 7am on Sunday, February 21. If the weather is inclement the event will continue but the organiser may change the tramps to suit the conditions.

### Reminder

## Club Quiz Night

Yaldhurst Hotel

Tuesday 2 February

at 7pm

Cost \$25.00 p/p inc finger food

- ♦ Teams of five, 50 questions. Teams selected randomly on the night. Quiz will be very Informal, very social and not just hard tramping questions!
- ♦ The bar and garden will be open from 6.30 pm.
- ♦ Numbers and dietary requirements required by **25 January** for catering purposes. Choice of finger food:
  - Sausage Rolls
  - Assorted sandwiches
  - Bacon wrapped chicken bites
  - Zucchini pancakes with feta cream
  - Tomato, caramelised onion & cheese tarts
  - Bacon and egg pie

**Please remember that this is a mark of support to the Yaldhurst Hotel and a thank you for the continued use of their car park, so your support is needed.**

**David Jones 027 288 5845 [Ballymol@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Ballymol@xtra.co.nz)**

**A.G.M.  
2 March 2021  
7.30 p.m.**

**Knox Church Hall**  
cnr Bealey Ave / Victoria Street

*After which there will be a discussion led by chairman Lawrence Allpress on the work of the committee over the last year.*

**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](mailto:mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz) AND Terry Stevens at [terendy2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au)  
Wednesday trips to Barbro Guard—980 2792 [guard.gabk@gmail.com](mailto:guard.gabk@gmail.com).**

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

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Heading this report up with February 2021 was a rather unwelcome reminder of how quickly time flies. But at least 2020 is behind us and with the prospect of vaccination, the end of the throttle hold of covid could be in sight. The usual greeting of "Happy New Year" has taken on greater significance.

**1. FMC.** In the last Issue of Going Places I signalled a proposed move from full affiliation to partial affiliation to FMC. This would allow each club member to decide whether they wish to support FMC rather than the current mandatory support that is part of your membership. Fortunately some of you read what I write, and have pushed back. We have not consulted widely enough to find out what members want, and I apologise for that. So we are going to slow the process down and take time to find out what you want. This will start with an open discussion at the AGM on the merits or otherwise of full or partial affiliation. It will not be a decision making discussion, but more an opportunity for us to hear each other and then to go away and reflect on the arguments presented. It will also be a guide for the committee as to what the next step might be, if any. But in the meantime, for 2021 we will carry on as before.

**2. Committee.** The AGM is coming up and we need to have your nominations. All the current officers and committee members are willing to put their names forward, except for two.

Sue Weller is retiring as Secretary. She has done an outstanding job and will be missed. We urgently need someone for this very important role.

David Jones is also stepping down from the committee, although he will continue with some roles ex officio. I could crack a silly joke about farmer David who is outstanding in his field, but I'll refrain. However, his contribution has been greatly appreciated.

If you want to find out more about either of these roles, talk to someone on the committee.

What does it take to be a committee member? Time and common sense. And a willingness to give back something to the club.

**3. Friendship Day.** Kaye Young has done a great job of organising and it will be a good day for any friends or whanau who are able to come along. All we need is for you to invite those in your circle of contacts who have shown some interest in tramping.

In the last Going Places there was a shortage of room, and so the following was edited out.  
Beats whistles any time! **Lawrence Allpress**



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as at 19 January)

### New members

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Alan Gash 324 4187/022 026 8405  
PO Box 40, Doyleston  
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### Changed contact details

Joanna Frampton joannamframpton@gmail.com  
Keith & Kathy Power 28 Westminster Street St Albans

**Membership** Male 165, Female 238, TOTAL 403

**Judy Collin**



Grade 2 Westmoreland Wander, January 13: a few of the 24 trampers topped the rocky outcrop en route to the Sign of the Kiwi. **Cathie Graves**

**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**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	Alec Mills	338 5002
		Suzanne Fenwick	376 5026
	<b>Grade 2</b>	Lyn Foulds	355 6348
		Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
	<b>Grade 3</b>	Peter Moody	351 7448
		<b>Grade 3 &amp; 4</b>	Marcel Robb
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	Sheila Downard	337 4201
		Gaye Morton	332 2284
		Jill Halliburton	337 4973
	<b>Grade 3, 4 &amp; 5</b>	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

**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](mailto:salgav@xtra.co.nz))

Please send mileage details etc to [marcel.robb@gmail.com](mailto:marcel.robb@gmail.com).

**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****FEBRUARY 7****Grade 1 : No tramp planned.**

Meet at Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St (PMH) at 9.00am and decide where to go from there.

**Governors Bay – Bush Walks PH67**

Cost : \$2

*From Governor's Bay over various tracks through the bush up to the CRW. Return via different tracks. If it's hot we'll stay in the trees!*

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Carolina Kol 03 312 7970

**Leith Hill W029A**

Cost : \$22

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

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8.00 am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : David Jones 027 288 5845

**FEBRUARY 14****Gibraltar Estate BP89**

Cost : \$4

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

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Bruce Stanton, 338 1909

**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

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9 am

Time : 5+ hrs

Leader : Pamela Gibbons 332 7531 or 022 678 0398

Co-Leader : TBA

**Mt Richardson variation of N09**

Cost : \$12

*From Glentui picnic area, up the Richardson track through beech forest to the summit at 1047 m. Traverse across tops on Blowgard track and then take the bypass track back to the cars. Lovely alpine scrub on the tops and good views across Lees Valley to Puketuraki range.*

Grade : 3 (trip will run at a grade 3 pace)

Depart : Belfast Hotel car park 8.30am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 383 0891, 027 228 0754

## FEBRUARY 21

**Grade 1 : No tramp planned.**

Meet at McCormacks Bay at the Sports Field end at 9.00am and decide where to go from there.

**Bring an Over Forties Friend****Craigieburn Forest Park**

**Depart:** If you want to travel in a convoy, departure from Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am **OR** meet at Castle Hill Village Hall by 9.15am approximately, for a 9.30am departure on a hike.

Cost: \$20

Leaders to be advised

**Dracophyllum Flat Loop – Grade 2 W138**

4 hours

*From Parapet Rock on Highway 73, follow the bike track up the hill and along towards Bridge Hill. Descend through the holiday houses to the ski field road then follow the track to Dracophyllum Flat and beyond to visit the Cheeseman lodge and ice rink. Return to the top end of Dracophyllum Flat then drop steeply through the bush to the stream. Cross the stream and ascend to the Willis's property and ice skating rink. Climb the hill behind to join the bike track again and descend to the start. A very sheltered walk through a mixture of bush and open country.*

**Cuckoo Creek – Cockayne Alley Loop – Grade 2 W139**

4 – 4.5 hours

*From Texas Flat follow the Dracophyllum Flat track through to Cuckoo Creek. Ascend this track to the ski field road and continue up the road to Middle car park. Take the Cockayne Alley track and follow it as it sidles across the hillside then descends through tussock and bush to re-join the Dracophyllum Flat track. Fantastic views on a fine day.*

**Long Spur (to pt 1855) – Grade 3 W136**

1090m height gain spread over 4.7km, turn around point 2.5 hours from the carpark

*Walking from the Castle Hill Village community centre, join the Hogs Back Track at the car park. Climbing through the bush then along the spur top flats to a track junction (about 1.7km from the carpark). Leave the track, taking a westerly bearing, aiming for the lower portion of Long Spur proper. This is untracked and passes through tussock and scattered scrub. The spur, although broad, is well defined and narrows as height is gained. Travel improves with tussock left behind. From where the spur bends it bears SW, the gradient steepens and the ground becomes progressively more scree / rock covered. It is about 3km from junction to pt1855. Great place for lunch with views of Mt Cloudsley above. Return retracing ones steps. Excellent views out over the Craigieburn basin, village below and surrounding summits. Depending upon the party, the turnaround point may be before pt1855 is gained.*

**Lyndon Saddle & Camp Saddle – Grade 3 W043**

850m height gain, 5 hours

*From the (drive to) Craigieburn Campsite & Shelter (Broken River Ski field access road) take the Helicopter Hill Track to Lyndon Saddle. Then sidle along the well benched Craigieburn track to the Camp Saddle route junction (signed). Steeper climb over scree and mixed ground to the saddle (takes about 30 minutes up). Then bear E to SE and walk along the ridge top to its end, a bit past pt1525. Carefully select the exit point onto a good scree over which one descends to the bush edge (an exhilarating ride). Brief bush walk down spur top to Lyndon Saddle follows. Retrace mornings steps down the Helicopter Hill Track to the cars. A great views tramp.*

## FEBRUARY 28

**Allandale/Living Springs/O'Farrell's Track/Governors Bay PH21**

Cost : \$3

*From Allandale car park we tramp through Living Springs farm park, traverse along O'Farrell's Track to Governors Bay, then take the harbour-side walk back to Allandale*

Grades : 1 & 2

NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Mary Brinsdon 366 9119, 027 220 6270

**Mt Oxford from Coopers Creek NW05**

Cost : \$12

*Steep 1000 m climb from Coopers Creek to Mt Oxford summit. Proceed westerly on ridge along poled route, descend (steeply in places) to Wharfedale track intersection and back on loop track to Coopers Creek.*

Grade : 4

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark 8.00 am

Time : 7.5 hours

Leader : Alison Downard 357 2089, 021 133 7252

## WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

## FEBRUARY 3

**Waikari Walk NQ**

Cost: \$14

*Travel to Waikari, joining the Grade 1 group for morning tea at the Plane Table above Waikari Township, with its historic information panel and some great views. Then walking the Waikari old railway formation trail and country roads, choosing one of the various loops to suit. Lovely countryside to walk through, eventually returning to the Village Green and Township. The two groups will travel in separate cars as we may finish at different times.*

Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 8.30am (NOTE EARLIER TIME)

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills, 338 5002

**Waikari - Weka Pass: Historic Features, Maori Drawings NQ**

Cost: \$14

*To Waikari then a tramp in two parts.*

1. *A short walk to the plane table above Waikari for morning tea. Look at historic display boards and view.*

2. *Take the village walkway and then on a marked route (steepish in places) to view the drawings and the limestone formations before returning to the walkway. (2 hours return)*

Grade: 1

Depart: Belfast Hotel Car Park at 8.30am

Total time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Howard Harvey, 342 9377 / 021 136 3043

**Templeman Farm PH90**

Cost: \$3

*From the carpark thru the orchard and follow the route map heading along farm tracks past the old house site and up to Coopers Knob. Return via the ridge which follows the fence line accessed from the CRW about 300m from Coopers Knob. Magnificent 360 degree views*

Grade: 2

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St 8.30am

Time: 4-5 hours

Leader: Vicki Samson, 027 476 6963

Co Leader: Graeme Brown

## FEBRUARY 3 CONTINUED

**Gebbies Pass to Monument BP48A**

Cost: \$7

*Key swap required. Ascent from Gebbies pass steeper, 250m less climb from Monument. 15km.*

Grade 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 8am

Duration: 6 hours

Leader: Peter Moody, 351 7448 / 021 257 2031

Co Leader required.

**Sudden Valley G4 WO52**

Cost: \$25

*From Hawdon shelter to Sudden Valley stream and on to Sudden Valley bivouac, from there to pt 1594 and down to Hawdon River and back to shelter. Check with leader if you have not done this trip before as technical experience required. (see website) 1000m elevation. 16km.*

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 7.30 am.

Duration: 7+ hours

Leader: Paul Knox, 339 2997

## FEBRUARY 10

**Broomfield – Yaldhurst NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Easy walk around new subdivision with interesting French connections and attractive landscaping.*

Depart: From lane behind McDonalds, 473A Yaldhurst Rd at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Jan Leitch, 384 9018

**The Grange NW01**

Cost: \$11

*Start and finish at the farmers yards off Ashley Gorge Road. The circuit goes round to points 830 & 884 before dropping down to Knowles Creek and the hut.*

Grade: 2

Depart: Belfast Hotel 8.30am

Time: 5 hours

Leader: Ken Francis, 027 325 1280

Co Leader: Russell Hignett, 355 5670

**Little Mt Peel SW07**

Cost: \$31

*From Blandswood head up to Huatekerekere/Little Mt Peel and return. This will be a circular walk involving the South Ridge and Deer Spur Tracks. The tramp includes some forest but also open tops with no water, so please ensure that you bring enough with you.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 7am (Note earlier start).

Time: 5-6 hours (plus about 4 hours travel).

Leader: Gavin Hampton 343 1291

## FEBRUARY 17

**Woodend to Pegasus NQ**

Cost: \$4

*Walking through the forest to the Pegasus Village*

Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Maree Bothwell, 382 5123

## FEBRUARY 17 CONTINUED

**Princess Margaret – Kiwi Circuit NQ**

Cost: Nil

*From Ashgrove Tce - Centaurus Rd - Holliss Ave - Victoria Park. Then Latters Spur and Thomson Tracks to Sign of the Kiwi. Return Harry Ell Track – Hackthorne and Lady Polson Rds to Princess Margaret.*

Grade: 1

Time: 4 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 9am

Leader: Mary Brinsdon, 366 9119 / 027 220 6270

**Otahuna—Omaha Bush Circuit**

Cost: \$2

*From Rhodes Road Tai Tapu, walk private road to Omaha Bush Reserve. View 10m water fall (Anne's Falls). Then by Nelson and Prendergast tracks below Gibraltar Rock climb to the Summit road and CRW. Return by Rhodes track.*

Grade: 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St 8.30am

Time: 4-5 hours

Leader : Garry Roberts, 349 7875

**Leith Hill W029**

Cost: \$22

*From Castle Hill village carpark beside sign post for Hogsback Track. Walk up road short distance and then cross the bridge and immediately pick up track adjacent bridge and head upstream on true R/H side. Steady climb of 900m. 8.5km.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8 am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Peter Oliver, 332 3050 / 027 438 5082

## FEBRUARY 24

**Bromley Wander NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Walking through Memorial Parks to Linwood Ave.*

Depart: Cowles Stadium car park, Shuttle Drive off Pages Rd at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods, 358 8250

**Lady Barker Range Glendore Stream WO32**

Cost:\$13

*Steady climb on farm tracks from valley floor at 360m to tops at 780m and Mt Etna .Follow ridge with great views of Mt Hutt and upper Selwyn Valley. Return either on alternate ridge route (which is longer) or down valley to the cars.*

Grade : 2

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.30am

Time: 4-5 hours

Leader: Graeme Brown, 383 3732

**Rangitata Gorge (new trip)**

Cost: \$30

*From the Rangitata Diversion Race intake follow the Tenahaun Conservation Area track up onto a river terrace. Wonderful views of the Rangitata river. At the end of the gorge the track goes down the hill as the area opens up to farm land. Return the same way.*

Grade: 3

Duration: 5-6 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7am. (Note earlier start)

Duration: 5-6 hours

Leader: Elspeth Jeet 384 1331

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

### Bring a Friend

Although there have been regular notices in both Going Places and through emails to members, I consider this event well worthy of a further promotion by yours truly. Sunday 21st February. An event especially targeting members with friends who may or may not tramp regularly but whom you consider might benefit by joining OFTC. A selection of tramps have been identified, specifically designed to enhance the appeal of our great southern landscape. Committee member Kaye Young has gone to / is going to considerable effort to make this event successfully happen. But she does need your support. Please, register your and your friend's participation now.

### Trip Alternatives

It is commendable that some leaders are running alternatives when their scheduled tramp is unable to proceed, mostly because of adverse weather. When planning the alternative, please do be mindful that your alternative might also be in the process of being planned for the forthcoming month. Once we have the new website operational and a general plan of tramps for the forthcoming six months (or more) is in place, the plan will serve as a useful place from which to check. In the meantime, a quick call to the planners might allay the risk of unnecessary repeats.

*Marcel Robb*

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

It was with much amusement that I watched members recently attempt to join the "Knickers Completely Wet Club". Well done Carolyn, Jacqueline, Russell and Pam, your well designed sits, flips and rolls, as we made our way down Andrews Stream, almost had me singing "Deck the Halls with Bells of Holly" as I watched. I am told there were more attempts, but did they get them completely wet? Show offs, David Jones, do not qualify.

Enter 2021, weather has been mostly settled, however as I write we are moving into an unsettled spell. It is good to see trips continuing to be well supported, I have been on two Wednesday's and a Sunday outing thus far with members on these three tramps totalling 61, which is great.

Our calendar of day and overnights as well as base camps for the coming months offers a most exciting palette to suit any adventurer's needs. Well done planners and thank you leaders in anticipation of making these happen.

We were having a brief discussion on the way out from Ryde Falls yesterday about the amount of water we carry. I started the day with 1.75l which was all consumed, except for a mouthful. Many years ago I day tripped to Gem Lake, Pomahaka River watershed (WSW of Roxburgh). Including the fill ups during the outing, I consumed 5l that day.

Gem Lake is a very pretty, quite large little lake. It lies in a basin under the crest of the Umbrella Mountains. The lake is most easily gained from the east. However, an excellent trip is a western approach, leaving Whitecomb Road at Post Office Creek. If one navigates correctly one gets to view the lake way below. Viewing west, back across the Wakaia River Valley and its substantial valley beech forests, lie Titan Rocks, this too is an excellent day trip. Both tramps can be well serviced from a base, camping in the Piano Flat Domain. This is Glenary Station country.

Please take care out there; our chosen leisure activity is not without its risks—hidden dangers can lurk at every corner. See you all next month.

*Wilibald Loamsdown (of Deephallow)*



A treat not to be missed! On a wet Sunday just before the end of 2020 Kay and Roger Young offered to show us around their beautiful property and provided drink and cake. We then walked from Hallswell Quarry to the Bellbird—not a dry trip but we did get a good work out. **Russell Ramsden**



30 Dec Grade 2 Ahuriri Bush To Sumner: Epic CRW tramp today organised by Chris Clark. Thanks Chris and Pamela Gibbons! **Mike Currie**

## Backpacking and Basecamps 2021

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sun 31 Jan – Tues 2 Feb	Youngman Stream & Tam Huts, Lees Valley	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 / 02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Wed 10—Tue 16 Feb	Mt Ruapehu basecamp. <i>NB The trip list has been closed as the trip is fully subscribed.</i>	7	2	Carolyn Blackford 022 651 6066 cblackfordcarolyn@gmail.com
Sun 14 – Tues 16 Feb	Edwards Hut <i>with a side trip to Tam Col on Monday</i>	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 / 02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Thurs 25 – Fri 26 Feb	Boyle Flat Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Chris McCausland chrismccausland@xtra.co.nz
Mon 1 – Mon 8 March	Mount Richmond Alpine Route	7	3 / 4	Alison Mckechie 03 3392356 0220178123 nevnick@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 <i>This trip list is FULL</i>	6	3/4	Marcel Robb 03 928 3733 marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sun 28 – Tue 30 March	Barker Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	2	Hard	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 / 02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Tue 2 – Thurs 6 May	Old Ghost Road, West Coast	4	Moderate	Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com
Sun 16 – Tues 18 May	Basins Hut, Avoca River, Hakatere	2	4	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 30 – Mon 31 May	Manuka Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 / 02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 26 – Sun 27 June	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](mailto:agedmunds@outlook.com) Base Camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator



January 6: A group of Vets commenced their tramp from McCormack's Bay, jogged up Mulgan's Track, down to the Surf Club and returned by the Coastal Walkway. **Clive Morriss**

**Ron Collier (looking very relaxed and nonchalant) taken at the top of Foggy Peak, en route to Castle Hill Peak. This was taken by me two days short of Ron's 80th birthday. Is this inspirational or aspirational or merely both?**  
- David Jones





Impressions of Okains Bay Base Camp - *Sun Kim*

## OKAINS BAY BASE CAMP, JANUARY 4-10, 2021

NZMS 1:50,000 Sheet N36 Akaroa

Several OFTC members based themselves in tents or caravans at the Okains Bay Camping Ground for all or part of the week. The weather was great most of the time and we indulged in swimming, walking, biking, kayaking, reading, pre-dinner get-togethers at The Hub (gazebo), and playing cards.

Walks/tramps included Little Okains Bay, Spy Glass Pt/North West Bay, Stony Bay (part way down)/Stony Peak, Raupō Bay, and Nīkau Palm Gully. Snippets of possibly useful information include:

- The walk to Stony Bay started at Brocheres Flat and continued via the Tara Track and part of the new Banks Peninsula Walkway. On the way down we were 'accosted' by a Banks Peninsula Walkway walker who insisted we should have been paying to use the track. We hadn't seen any signs to that effect so we continued. Jill (our leader) later checked with the Banks Track administrator who confirmed ... "Yes, it is Hinewai mostly and you can walk down. At some stage you will cross Armstrong land but there is an easement, so no problem there. There is not much in the way of signage yet but that should go up very shortly."

- Judy organized a tasty roast dinner for all of us at the Okains Bay Shop, now run by Lovely Grub (mobile catering business).

- The trip back from Raupō Bay provided an unexpected 'tour' of stunning cactus and flower gardens by a very knowledgeable botanist, and the discovery of a tiny campground at Little Akaloa.

Thanks very, very much Judy, we had a wonderful time!

Campers: Judy Eden (organizer), Bruce Stanton, Eileen Ellis, Noeleen Bonner, Howard Anderson, Mavis Airey, John Kelly, Lois Prebble, Tom Cholmondeley, Sun Kim, Norah Gerrity, Fay Farrant, Gaye Morton, Mary Harrow, Pamela Gibbons, Michel Adriaens, Min (Sun's friend), Carolyn Blackford (scribe). Day visitors: Jenny Lee, Mike Radford, Jill Halliburton, Lois Hamilton.

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### Diary these dates

**Bowenvale Valley:** This is on "our" plantings that we have been doing for over the last decade with the City Council. An opportunity to put back into the Port Hills something for all the enjoyment that they give us.

- Autumn Maintenance Day** – Thursday 1 April. 12.30 till 3.00 (maintenance of last year's plantings alongside the Bowenvale Track – ie easy access)
- Planting Day** – Thursday 20 May 12.30 till 3.00
- Spring Maintenance Day** – Thursday 21 October 12.30 till 3.00

In all cases meet at the Bowenvale car park and proceed up to "our" area. Bring yourselves only – the Council will supply everything else we require.

Queries: Gavin Hampton 343-1291

### Club equipment

The following Club equipment is available for members to borrow:

**Emergency tent:** John Hayman 335 0984 (This tent may be useful for backpacking trips)

**Books and tapes:** Ian Fussell 385 0856

**Emergency Shelters** (4-6 person Bothy Bags). The Club has three, held by Ian Fussell 385 0856, Marcel Robb (03 928 3733 or 022 012 5008) and Gavin Hampton (343 1291).

Excellent for groups.