



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 475 OCTOBER 2021

Tramp Leaders Workshop for all current and future Tramp Leaders

This workshop is for anyone who wants to help with leading tramps whether experienced or thinking about leading. It is a very practical, down-to-earth course and is designed for those who have never led a tramp before, as well as a good refresher for experienced leaders. If you have never led a tramp before, this will demystify the leader's role and make it very accessible. One of the benefits of getting in to tramp leading is that it increases your own tramp awareness, making you a better, safer trapper. So take the opportunity to upskill.

After attending the workshop your name will be recorded on the Tramp Leaders Register. The names of all "newbies" will be made available to the experienced Tramp Leaders who will mentor the new Tramp Leaders on tramps until they are ready to lead. We ask current Tramp Leaders to encourage new club members to come and learn some valuable skills which will give them a lot of confidence tramping in the outdoors as well as provide ongoing support for the OFTC.

Saturday October 2 from 9.00am – 4.00pm

Riccarton High School staffroom on Vicki Street, off Curletts Road.

Bring OFTC Handbook For Members, Smartphone, compass, pen, paper and lunch

Tea and Coffee will be provided. **Cost \$10 on entry.**

Programme:

Start 9.00am sharp

9.00am Welcome and Leading a Day Tramp – Kaye Young

9.45am Weather – Gavin Hampton

10.15am First Aid – Sue Weller

10.30am Morning Tea

10.45am Tramp Database – Peter Moody

11.00am Reading Maps – Stu McHugh

11.30am Using a Compass Outside – Stu McHugh

12.30pm Lunch

1.00pm Beacons – Peter Oliver

1.15pm Accidents and Incidents – Peter Moody and Paul Knox

1.45pm Leadership in Practice – Paul Knox

2.00pm Mentoring Future Leaders – Lawrence Allpress

2.15pm Smartphones and GPS – Paul Knox

2.45pm Freshmap – Paul Knox

Finish time 3.30pm to 4pm.

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



Gentle Annie Base Camp August 9-17, photos Jennifer Owens. See Trip 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

Club Captain

I am very pleased to be able to announce that we have a new Club Captain. Kaye Young has agreed to take up this role. She is very well qualified and the committee is very appreciative of her willingness to take this on. We believe she will do a good job.

Because of other commitments, Kaye will start in this the role in February 2022.

In the meantime, if you have any issues or concerns, please direct them to me or any other committee member.

Privacy Policy

The committee has approved a new Privacy Policy that was developed by Judy Collin. You have been sent an email with a copy of the policy attached. The policy has also been posted to the web site. If you want to have a look, go to the club **NOTICEBOARD** on the homepage, and click on the link **OFTC PRIVACY POLICY**.

British Comedy/Goon Show Evening

There has been a good response to this idea. The event will be held later than originally suggested because of the restrictions imposed by delta Level 2. At Level 1 we should be able to hold the type of relaxed social function that was originally envisaged. If you want to come but haven't let me know, you still have time to be put on the email list.

Chair

The committee is on the hunt for a new chair. My term finishes at the next AGM and constitutionally cannot be extended. The committee would appreciate your suggestions or expressions of interest. The bottom line qualifications are the ability to run a meeting and to be able to work with others.

If you have a suggestion, or want to volunteer, or just want to check the role out, please let either me or a committee member know as soon as possible.

The good news is we are at Level 2, and while the delta version of Level 2 is tighter than we've had previously, we are able to get out. And the weather is improving!

Lawrence Allpress

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

New members:

Jude Morgan
11a Powell Crescent, Ilam, Chch 8041; 021 650 0110;
j.morgan@totallab.co.nz

Updated contact details:

Judy Collin – 17 Hallfield Drive, Ohoka, RD2 Kaiapoi 7692
Phillipa Watkins – correct spelling of first name

Membership:

Total = 410 (Female - 247; Male – 163)

Judy Collin

Twizel Basecamp 2022

March 13th (Sunday) to 19th (Saturday)

Those interested in partaking please email Marcel now. The principal scheduled tramp each day will be either a Grade 4 or 5.

Simultaneously, a Grade 3 tramp will be run in the same vicinity. This is a new aspect for the Twizel experience.

The same accommodation has been arranged as in 2021. Meal arrangements will however, differ.

A selection of new tramps will be offered.

Apply by email to marcel.robb@gmail.com (Don't be alarmed if you don't receive an immediate response) Spaces are limited as some are already enrolled.

Marcel Robb Basecamp Leader



G1&2 Adderley Head from Camp Bay, July 28 Photo Ian Fussell

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
		Carol Eddington	021 045 3170
	Grade 3	Peter Moody	351 7448
	Grade 3-4		
Sunday	Grade 1	Fiona Butterick	349 3960
			021 234 8622
	Grade 2	Heather & Alan Robertson	021 181 6019
		Pip Clark	027 331 1739
		Helen Rutledge & Garry Roberts	021 289 8491
	Grade 3, 4 & 5	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

SUNDAY TRAMPS**OCTOBER 3**

Allandale/Living Springs/O'Farrell's/Governors Bay
Cost : \$3 PH21
Allandale car park through Living Springs farm park, traverse O'Farrell's Track to Governors Bay, along the harbour-side back to Allandale.
Grade : 1 NQ
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9am
Time : 5 hrs
Leader : Mary Brinson 366 9119, 027 220 6270

Bridle Path to Cass Bay PH61

Cost : nil
Route at an easy pace, up and down the Bridle path into Lyttelton, then along the lovely coastal path through Corsair and Cass bays To Pony Point. Return over the hill by alternative track or by bus from Lyttelton [bring your gold card or bus fare for latter option]
Grade : 2
Depart : Bridle Path carpark at 9am
Time : 4-5 hours
Leader : Joan Stevenson 3880227 or 022 096 3797

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 (027 438 5082).

AT THE END OF THE TRAMP

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

OCTOBER 3 CONTINUED**Rabbit Hill from Old Coach Road W004A**

Cost : \$16.00
Climb Old Coach Track until reaching Porters Pass Road. Head south here across slope to adjacent fence line then climb, initially steep following fence line. Track opens out towards top and then picks up route to Trig M. Follow along ridge line to Rabbit Hill. Return same way due to lambing.
Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am
Time : 6-7 hours
Leader : David Jones 027 288 5845

OCTOBER 10**Omahu Bush, Gibraltar Rock & Environs PH23**

Cost : \$4
Tramp over tracks in Omahu / Ahuriri / Summit Rd areas. Lunch with the G2s.

Grade : 1 NQ
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 9.00am
Time : 4-5 hrs
Leader : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

Omahu Bush and environs PH23a

Cost : \$4
Route Gibraltar rock carpark to Ahuriri Reserve and up to the lookout. Back along the CRW and on to Gibraltar rock. Continue through Omahu bush, down Prendergasts track and up Kirks track.

Grade : 2
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/ Ferniehurst St at 9am
Time : 5 hrs
Leader : Helen Wood 3489202, 0212959962

OCTOBER 10 CONTINUED

Mt Bruce plus Broad Stream W051
 Cost : \$31.00
From the Cora Lynn DOC carpark along the Lagoon Saddle track and then climb up to Mt Bruce. Return via Broad stream.
 Grade : 4
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am
 Time : 5.5 - 6 hrs
 Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

OCTOBER 17

Saddle Hill BPx
 Cost : \$16
Easy tramp on Saddle Hill, Bossu Rd and other tracks.
 Grade : 1 NQ
 Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 9.00am
 Time : 3-4 hrs
 Leaders : Judy Eden 384 4857, 027 472 6538

Orton Bradley to The Lookout BP45
 Cost : \$5 plus \$10 per car
Route via Hunter Valley track to the Lookout. Great views. The last section is rocky and steep. Return via Magnificent Gully track.
 Grade : 2
 Depart : cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst at 9am
 Time : 4 hrs
 Leader : Karen Degen 332 0526 or 027 678 5943 co-leader Carolina Kol

Mt Oxford from View Hill NW02
 Cost : \$19
Start from View Hill along the level Wharfedale track through bush then steady climb to open top (1367m). Well graded track for most of the way. Return either the same way or drop down the the track to Coopers Creek and pick up bypass track back to view hill and cars.
 Grade : 3
 Depart : Belfast Hotel car park at 8.00am
 Time : 6.5 hrs
 Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

Mt Torlesse W024
 Cost : \$16
Steady plod up the Kowhai River and then up long ridge to summit, and return via different ridge (scree slope) to Kowhai Hut and out.
 Grade : 4
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am
 Time : 7 hrs
 Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660
 To ensure sufficient numbers contact Neville if you are planning to come on this tramp.

OCTOBER 24

Coronation Res to Lyttelton PH102
 Cost : nil
Coronation Res, CRW, Mt Vernon, Witches Hill, The Tors and down into Lyttelton. Bring Gold Car or money and face masks for the bus.
 Grade : 1 NQ
 Depart : Major Aitken Dr at 9.00am. Suggest park on Enticott Pl, first left on Major Aitken Dr
 Time: 4-5 hrs
 Leaders : Joan Hewitson 388 4320 & Val Armstrong 384 3391

OCTOBER 24 CONTINUED

Tirimoana Bush Walkway N56
 Cost : \$12
Route Walk downhill from Mt Cass carpark through a pine plantation to the beach. Enjoy spectacular views of Pegasus Bay from the lookout just past the beach turn-off. Continue up the track to the Wetlands/ Kate pond turn-off. Proceed via the Wetlands back to the car.
 Grade : 2
 Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9am.
 Time : 4-5 hours
 Leader : Jenny Owens 02102704522 co- leader TBC

Lyttelton circuit PH97
 Cost : 0
From Albion Square proceed up the Major Hornbrook track to summit. Take CRW track out to gun emplacements. Proceed out to Evans Pass and beyond on CRW track return same way to join onto Urumau track and back to Lyttelton.
 Grade : 3
 Depart : Lyttelton Albion Square at 9:00am
 Time : 5 hrs
 Leader : Alison Downard 021 133 7252

Mt Somers via Hookey Knob SW09
 Cost : \$27
From Staveley car park follow south track over Hookey Knob until track branches off to summit. Follow poled route to summit. From summit return same way.
 Grade : 4
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am
 Time : 6 hrs
 Leader : Sue Weller 021 194 9550

OCTOBER 31

Tirimoana and Ella Peak N56a
 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 NQ
 Depart : Belfast Tavern car park at 9.00am
 Time : 4-5 hrs
 Leader : Digby Scorgie 03 312 0096
 Co Leader : Annemarie Wichmann 027 432 6206

Rakaia Gorge Walkway WO33a
 Cost : \$ 15
Follow the rim of the gorge through impressive geological areas, past entrance to the disused Snowdon coalmine and through various forest and shrub communities before climbing tussock and then down to the river to boat stop. A short climb up terraces to the lookout for lunch and spectacular views of the gorge, river and mountains.
 Grade : 2
 Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel at 9am
 Time : 4-5 hrs
 Leader : Garry Roberts 349 7875

Leith Hill variation W029A
 Cost : \$26.00
 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 decent 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 at 8.00am
 Time : 5 hrs
 Leader : David Jones 027 288 5845

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

OCTOBER 6

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

Leader: Valda Woods, 358 8250

Allandale-Ohinetahi Circuit**NQ**

Cost \$3

From Governors Bay Fire Station, to Church Lane, Old Coach Road Coastal walk, Allandale, To Living Springs, O'Farrells Track, Ngaio Track to start.

Grade:1 Time: 4 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St, 9am

Leader: Howard Harvey, 03 342 9377 / 021 136 3043

Bellbird to Ahuriri via Omaha Bush

Cost: \$3

From Bellbird carpark take various tracks to the end of the CRW, including a walk through Omaha Bush.

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce, 8.30am

Leader: Chris Clark, 0274879221

Woolshed Creek Hut via Bus Stop**(W040)**

Cost: \$30

From Woolshed Creek carpark, climb Rhyolite Track 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.

Grade: 3 Duration: 6 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park, 8am

Leader: Sue Weller, 021 194 9550

Co leader: select on the day

OCTOBER 13

Bishopdale Papanui Walk**NQ**

Cost: Nil. Bring Gold Card for shorter walk back by bus.

Note: Face masks may be required.

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

Akaroa Heritage Park to Purple Peak BPx

Cost: \$24

From the Heritage Park, walk up Curry Track towards Hinewai and then to Taraterehu (Stoney Peak) 806m. Return via Purple Peak and Woodhills track back to the Heritage Park. Poles and gaiters will be useful as the track up to Taraterehu is narrow and sometimes slightly overgrown.

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce at 8.30 am

Leader: Vicki Steven, 421 0060 / 022 130 4342

<https://www.nfrt.org.nz/reserves/purple-Stoney Peak>
Lyttelton Circuit**(PH97)**

Cost: Nil

From Albion Square proceed up to Major Hornbrook track to summit. Either take CRW track or Bluffs track out to gun emplacements. Proceed out to Evans Pass and beyond on CRW track return same way to join onto Urumau track and back to Lyttelton.

Grade: 3 Duration: 5 hours

Depart: Albion Square, Lyttelton, 8.30 am

Leader: David Jones, 027 288 5845

Co Leader: select on the day.

OCTOBER 20

Rail Trail Tramp**NQ**

Cost: \$6

A flat interesting walk on the Rail Trail commencing at Sea-bridge Rd. About 10km.

Depart: Cnr of Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst Street at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford, 339 2308

Victoria Park, Bowenvale and beyond**NQ**

Cost: Nil

From Victoria Park go down into Bowenvale Valley via Eastside Bush track then up to CRW and beyond. Return by different track to the cars

Grade:1

Time: 4 hours

Leader: Anne Fullerton, 339 2448 / 021 0230 3827

Sandy Bay/Bellbird loop

Cost: \$3

From Sandy Bay walk up to Faulkners Track, along to Watlings Bush then follow CRW to Bellbird. Return via O'Farrells Track, Ngaio Track and Head of the Harbour Walkway.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St, 8.30am

Leader: Ken Francis, 3489878 / 0273251280

Stony Bay Peak (New variation on trip)

Cost: \$24

Starting from Heritage Park above Akaroa walk up Curry Track to Stony Bay Peak, back down Purple Peak Track then follow Woodhills Track back to cars.

Grade: 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St, 8am

Duration: 6 hours

Leader: Kaye Young, 021 025 68702

Co Leader: select on the day

OCTOBER 27

Hansen Park to Rapaki Track**NQ**

Cost: Nil

Walking from Hansen Park to Rapaki Track. An alternative local walk can be arranged if members want a shorter walk.

Depart: Hansen Park at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Eileen McGrade, 942 7380

Foxdown/Mt Alexander

N05

Cost: \$23 for Driver and a gold coin donation which the farmer will give to the restoration of the Glenmark Church Steady climb to the top (748m) for lunch. Return different route. Good views of Amuri Plains, Waikari Valley and Scargill Hills.

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel, 8.30am

Leader: Graeme Brown, 383 3732

Parapet Rock to Flock Hill car park**(W031)**

Cost: \$25

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: 5-6 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park, 8 am

Leader: Elspeth Jeet, 384 1331

Co Leader:

West Coast Basecamp August 9 -13, 2021

As fate would have it, a major snow storm hit Canterbury the day before and the day of our intended departure. We listened anxiously for news of a possible re-opening of Lewis Pass. Not to be deterred, some of us made the longer journey up through Blenheim and the Wairau Valley. Despite the length, it was a beautiful trip with snow continuing to fall right up and over the Hunderlees, and the Wairau Valley was a quiet and scenic route. Others in the group, decided to wait out the Lewis Pass option and eventually got across when the Pass opened mid afternoon.

Our accommodation was at Gentle Annie Camp Ground, on the coast, just north of the Mokihinui river. We settled in to our two lodges – the guys soon had roaring fires going and the cooks produced a delicious meal. We were relieved when everyone finally arrived with stories of their trip – and some ravenously hungry!

It was great to take in the sea views from our lodges the next morning—a cool, fine but cloudy day. We headed up over the hill to Karamea to the start of the Fenian Track which links up with the Oparara Valley track to Oparara. Our original plan was to have a key swap group at each end, but this was not to be as the road into the Oparara Arches was closed for reconstruction.

The Fenian was a beautifully benched track through pristine West coast forest – tall timber, lush mid and lower canopy. We decided to do a loop track taking in the Fenian caves, instead of joining the Oparara Valley track. This was a narrow rocky track, probably rarely used, which took us alongside the Miner's cave and the Cavern Creek Cave before we reached the Tunnel Cave. The rocky stream and narrow slippery ledges in this cave made for an exciting challenge. Armed with torches, we cautiously made our way through the maze of stalactites. Even though the tunnel was only 80 metres long, it was slow going. Thanks to Russ and June for helping everyone negotiate a particularly tricky section. It was great that everyone got safely through to experience a particularly interesting geographical feature that we Cantabrians are unaccustomed to. After the cave loop, we extended our tramp along the Fenian as far as Adam, the Surveyor's bridge. Some members of our group went a little further to explore Adam's camp. After returning to our cars, a visit to The Last Resort in Karama for refreshments was a fitting end to a great tramp. A delicious meal and relaxing evening followed.

The next day's weather looked rather threatening, but visiting the Denniston Plateau in an eerie mist certainly gave us a feel for the hardships those early mining families faced there. The illustrated display panels and remains of the incline and mining machinery was evident on the walking track. After exploring this area, we drove a short distance along the Plateau to Coalbrookdale. From here we accessed Myra's Track to Mt William. Although quite wet in places, this track turned out to be a great choice. A narrow rocky track with lots of slippery tree roots kept us on our toes. The surrounding forest was beautifully lush – including a huge variety of mosses, ferns and lichens. At one point we were treated to an overhang of drooping icicles. The gradient was a steady uphill which took us above the bushline. Remnants of snow lay around a couple of frozen tarns. We reached the trig at 1062 metres, marking the top of Mt William. Unfortunately, no views were to be had, but we still soaked in the atmosphere over lunch on some well appointed rocks before descending. Rain set in for the final 20 or so minutes, so we were rather a bedraggled lot when we returned to the cars. Back at Gentle Annie, the wood burners were soon raging and the night's cooking team swung into action producing another delicious dinner.

The weather was favourable for our final day's tramping. We headed off to Seddonville, then onto the Charming Creek Road, which took us to the northern end of the Charming Creek Walkway. The walkway was easy walking, wide and well maintained. Remains of the Charming Creek coal mine and Mumm's sawmill with historical information and railway relics could be seen along the way. On the first part of the track, the vegetation was scrubby regrowth, but further along the bush became taller and denser. A couple of Robins were a pleasure to see. Some of us spotted an empty Powelliphanta snail shell, but no live ones. A sulphur seepage hole along the way was clearly visible. The far end of the track sidled along above Charming Creek – quite brown and murky in colour. A 50 metre tunnel, complete with board-walking and a handrail took us to a suspension bridge which was as far as we could go as the bridge was under repair following the recent floods. Near the bridge we enjoyed great views up and down the gorge and the impressive Mangatini Falls. Watson's Mill provided a good lunch spot before we retraced our steps back to the cars. Some of us enjoyed a walk along the beach after returning to Gentle Annie. This rugged piece of isolated coastline was strewn with driftwood - being so close to the Mokihinui river mouth. Our final evening was cosy once again, with good food, good company and some enjoyable musical entertainment by courtesy of Tom and Ngaire.

All in all, despite the weather not being perfect, the camp was a great success enjoyed by 20 participants. Thanks to Jill and Vicki for their meticulous research and planning; and to the whole group for their contributions.

Sue Weller (scribe)

More photos <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZTntfcgBLKMxKFAM6>



Atop Mt William in the mist. Photo Sue Weller

Backpacking and Basecamps 2021-22

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Mon 18 Oct – Sat 23 Oct 2021	Old Ghost Road	5	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Sat 30 – Sun 31 Oct 2021	Lake Daniels	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 7 – Mon 8 Nov 2021	Casey Hut	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 13 – Sun 14 Nov 2021	Nina Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 22 – Tues 23 Nov 2021	Mueller Hut, Aoraki	1	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Mon 28 Nov – Sun 5 Dec 2021	North West Circuit, Stewart Island <i>This trip is full, there is a waiting list available</i>	4	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 5 – Tue 7 Dec 2021	Waimakariri Falls, Arthurs Pass NP	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Dec 2021	Woolshed Creek, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Tue 14 – Sat 18 Dec 2021	Arthur's Pass basecamp	4	Moderate	Sue Weller 021 194 9550 suzmweller@hotmail.com
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan 2022	Jollie Brook Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 30 Jan – Wed 2 Feb 2022	Hope Kiwi Hut – Top Hope Hut – Nelson Tops	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Feb 2022	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 Mar 2022	Welcome Flat Hut – Douglas Rock Hut, Westland 3 nights on the track and 2 nights at Fox	5	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Sun 6 – Tues 8 Mar 2022	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit, Reefton	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Mon 7–Fri 11 March, 2022	Travers – Sabine Circuit, Nelson Lakes Waiting list available			Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 13 – Fri 18 Mar 2022	Basecamp – Twizel and surrounds	5	4 & 5	Marcel Robb 039283733/0220125008 marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Mar 2022	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022	Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Apr 2022	Huxley Hut – Broderick Hut	3	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz

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

Grade 2 Tiromoana Walkway September 15. Photo Dean Stewart





Grade 3 Mt Lyndon, September 15. Photo Ian Fussell

Your OFTC Committee

Chair: Lawrence Allpress 348 3791
navpress@navpress.co.nz

Vice-Chair: Alison Downard 03 357 2089
alisondownard@gmail.com

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