



Monthly newsletter of PTC. Affiliate of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

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OUR CLUB consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members' skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.

CLUB NIGHTS are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park (entrance on Riccarton Ave), starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 10 Sept GREAT BARRIER ISLAND



Learn about the island that is the fourth-largest of NZ's main chain of islands. It is situated 100 km to the north-east of central Auckland in the outer Hauraki Gulf.

Leo Manders will report on the trip PTC made there in Feb.

Supper Duty: Evelyn Barben
Andrew Brooks
Kenneth Brown

Tue 8 Oct AUCTION of Tramping and Outdoor Gear



Make it a fun night. See page 2 for details

After the auction a selection of images from the 2013 FMC Photo Competition will be shown

Supper Duty: Peter Carson or Kathy Stanley
Kathleen Casey
Carolyn Catt

AUCTION of Tramping and Outdoor Gear to be held 8th October

Do you have excess gear taking up valuable space? List it in the PTC auction.

If you have items to sell please email Brian Smith - brian21x@xtra.co.nz with a brief description including quality, age, etc. by 30 September. If you have a reserve price include that also.

A catalogue will be compiled and distributed by email.

If you don't have an email address let me know (Ph 355 9945) and a hard copy will be mailed.

Make it a fun night. Items down to \$1 are welcome. Absentee bids will be accepted.

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips:

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, or if the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip.

Weekend Trips:

May leave on a Friday night (usually for base camps) or Saturday morning. Please book with the trip leader by the closing date. Be certain you want to go on the trip when booking, as it is not fair on the leader to withdraw after the closing date (good excuses excepted). Numbers on some weekend trips are limited, so book promptly.

Bike Trips:

For up-to-date details on biking trips please contact

Rick Bolch ph 980 5156 email rlbolch@paradise.net.nz

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| 7 Sep ■ | PEAK HILL Margot Bowden 332 7020 | Maps K35,BW20 |
| <u>Saturday</u> | Easy-moderate climb in open country up a 1240m hill with superb views of Lk Coleridge on one side and the Rakaia River on the other. The upper slopes of Peak Hill have recently become crown land, with public access from the Algidus Road, thanks to tenure review of the pastoral lease property. Check out this excellent new public facility. Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) | Approx. cost \$18 |
| 7-8 Sep ■■ | SNOW CAVING Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008 | Maps M31,BT23 |
| Sat-Sun | Moderate trip to snow-cave in the vicinity of Trovatore and Travers Peak area, Lewis Pass area List closes: Sat 31 Aug. | |
| 14-18 Sep ■■■■■ | TOAROHA - FREWS - WHITCOMBE Merv Meredith 322 7239 | Maps J33,34,BV18,19 |
| Sat-Wed | The classic five day, moderate-hard trip on the West Coast. The trip starts up the Toaroha on Saturday afternoon for the first night at Cedar Flats Hut. Then up over Toaroha Saddle, down to Poet Hut, up to the relocated Bluff Hut, over Frew Saddle and down to the Whitcombe. The final night will be at Rapid Creek Hut with a morning walk out to the road-end on Wednesday. List closes: Wed 4 Sept | |
| 14-15 Sep ■■ | FREWS Leo Manders 356 1731 | Maps J33,34,BV18,19 |
| Sat-Sun | Moderate trip there and back on the West Coast between the Toaroha and Whitcombe Rivers. List closes: Sat 7 Sept. | |
| 15 Sep ■ | MT RICHARDSON – BLOWHARD Bruce Cameron 365 8210 | Maps L34,BW22 |
| Sun | Popular easy-moderate tramp along reasonable tracks through beech forest, to this 1000m tussock top. Good views of Lees Valley and Puketeraki Range. Start: 8am Placemakers Cranford St. | Approx. cost \$10 |

- 21-22 Sep **KAIKOURA BASE** **Maps O31,BT27**
 ■■ Leo Manders 356 1731
 Sat-Sun **Easy to moderate** walks from this popular spot on the Kaikoura Peninsula. Coastal walks and harder walks in the foothills with the backdrop of the spectacular coastal scenery.
List closes: Sat. 14 Sept.
- 21-22 Sep **SAVANNAH RANGE - MT VALIANT** **Maps K33,L33,BV21**
 ■■ Merv Meredith 322 7239
 Sat-Sun This **moderate-hard** trip approaches via East Hawdon Stream. Stay at East Hawdon biv then climb Mt Valiant and exit along the Savannah Range. Ice axe and and crampons required.
List closes: Wed 11 Sept.
- 22 Sep **CAMP SADDLE - LYNDON SADDLE** **Maps K34,BW21**
 ■ Bruce Cameron 365 8210
 Sun **Easy-moderate** loop that gets you above 1500m in the Craigieburn Range. Features some nice ridge walking, with great views of the range and its beech forests.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx. cost \$18**
- 28-29 Sep **YOUNGMAN STREAM HUT - LILLBURN HILL** **Maps M34,BV22**
 ■■ Kerry Moore 359 5069
 Sat-Sun **Easy-moderate** tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in the upper Ashley with the option of a circuit above the bushline taking in the charming Tarn Hut.
List closes: Sat. 21 Sept.
- 29 Sep **KAITUNA – PACKHORSE** **Maps M36,BX24**
 ■ Bruce Cameron 365 8210
 Sun **Easy** walk on the peninsula, up through farmland and bush remnants, to the sturdy stone Packhorse Hut from which you'll enjoy excellent views of Lyttelton Harbour.
Start: 8am Halswell School **Approx. cost \$7**
- 5-6 Oct **MINGHA - LAKE MAVIS - MT OATES** **Maps K33,BV20**
 ■■ Raymond Ford 351 9496
 Sat-Sun A **moderate-hard** walk up the Mingha River to Goat Pass, up to this scenic gem, climb Mt Oates then camp by the beautiful alpine lake at 1600m. The trip can return by the same route or if conditions allow take the harder return option to Taruahuna Pass and down the Edwards River.
List closes: Sat. 28 Sept.
- 5-6 Oct **EDWARDS - WILLIAMS SADDLE – MINGHA** **Maps K33,BV20**
 ■■ Merv Meredith 322 7239
 Sat-Sun A **moderate** round trip from the Edwards River crossing 1327m Williams Saddle and down to the the Mingha River.
List Closes: Wed. 18 Sept.
- 12 Oct **TUMBLEDOWN BAY** **Maps N37,BY24**
 ■ Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 **if you would like to lead this trip.**
Saturday A **easy** mystery side trip on the way then an **easy** stroll to the beach. Picnic anyone?
Start: 8am Halswell School **Approx. cost \$10**
- 13 Oct **MT OAKDEN** **Maps K34,K35,BW20**
 ■ Keith McQuillan 384 6164
 Sun **Moderate** ascent of this 1630m peak at the head of Lake Coleridge. Quite an uncompromising grunt, but you get superb views for your effort – up the Rakaia and Wilberforce Rivers towards the main divide and of the lake itself.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx. cost \$22**

- 19 Oct** **MAP READING COURSE** **Maps K34,BW21**
 ■ **Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008**
Sat New leaders and anyone wishing to brush up their skills or just wanting to learn new skills, join us for a fun experience. Compass, map and GPS training. Will entail a Friday indoor session beforehand.
List closes: Sat 12 Oct.
- 20 Oct** **MT WALL** **Maps K34,BW21**
 ■ **Kevin Hughes 332 6281**
Sun **Moderate** walk up to 1874m peak outlier of the Craieburn Range between Cheeseman and Broken River ski fields. Starting from the Craieburn visitor centre. Possibility of a round trip.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx. cost \$18**
- 26-28 Oct** **BREWSTER HUT, MT ARMSTRONG** **Maps G38,BZ13**
 ■■■ **Raymond Ford 351 9496**
Sat-Mon **Easy-medium** trip to Brewster Hut above Haast Pass, with the option of a **moderate** climb of 2174m Mt Armstrong or a **moderate-hard** climb of 2515m Mt Brewster.
List closes: Sat. 19 Oct.
- 26-28 Oct** **OTAGO PENINSULA BASE CAMP** **Maps I44,J44,CE17,18**
 ■■■ **Glenda And Merv Meredith 322 7239**
Sat-Mon After a couple of base camps in Dunedin itself, Glenda and Merv are returning to the peninsula for the first time since 2006. Departing Christchurch Thursday afternoon to reach Portobello mid-evening, we will be staying in the backpackers lodge at Portobello Village Tourist Park. Portobello is central to the twenty or so **easy to moderate** marked walks down into the lovely bays on the peninsula. Expect to have the odd natter to a yellow-eyed penguin or two.
 Approx cost: \$70 pp accommodation for the three nights, plus \$70 pp for transport.
List closes: Friday 11 October
- 27-Oct** **BRIDLE TRACK NEAR GONDOLA** **Maps BX24,M36,N36**
 ■ **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip.**
Sun An easy trip up the Bridle track with coffee to follow at the Gondola.
Start: 8am Cashmere Rd, by Princess Margaret Hospital
- 2-3 Nov** **LIBRETTO RANGE – FAUST** **Maps BU23,M31,32**
 ■■ **Calum McIntosh 376 6133**
Sat-Sun **Moderate-hard** tramp up onto Libretto Range tops with climb of Faust. Camping out overnight. The route will depend on the weather and may involve some "non-track" travel to get above the bush. A possible round-trip may involve a car shuffle or scenic walk
List closes: Sat. 27 October
- 3-Nov** **MAUKURATAWHAI** **Maps BT24,25,N31**
 ■ **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**
Sun Over Jacks Pass behind Hanmer, this **moderate** tramp climbs to the 1615m summit which is easier to climb than pronounce. Possible round-trip.
Start 8am: Placemakers, Cranford St. **Approx. cost \$23**
- 9-10 Nov** **BARKER HUT - MT HARPER, MT SPEIGHT** **Maps BV20,K33**
 ■■ **Gary Huish 332 7020**
Sat-Sun **Hard** trip at the head of the Waimakiriri River. Walk into Carrington on Friday night and on to Barker Hut on Saturday. The intention is to climb Mt Harper or Mt Speight early Saturday and walk out late on Sunday. Ice axe and crampons needed.
List closes: Sat. 2 Nov.

- 9-10 Nov** **POWER STREAM - BEALEY SPUR** **Maps BX24,K34**
 ■■ **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip**
Sat-Sun **Moderate** trip near Arthur's Pass heading up Power Stream and returning down Bealey Spur.
List closes: Sat. 2 Nov.
- 10-Nov** **VICTORIA PARK – SUGARLOAF** **Maps BX24,M36**
 ■ **Bruce Cameron 365 8210**
Sun An easy stroll up Victoria park
Start: 8am Cashmere Rd, by PM Hospital
- 15-17 Nov** **GLORIANA AND FAERIE QUEENE** **Maps BT23,M31**
 ■■■ **Gary Huish 332 7020**
Fri-Sun **Hard** climb starting from the St James walkway to Ada Pass and camping high by tarns above Camera Gully. Planning to climb Gloriana but may try Faerie Queene as well.
List closes: Sat. 9 Nov.
- 15-17 Nov** **WILKIN RIVER - GILLESPIE PASS - YOUNG RIVER** **Maps BZ12,F38**
 ■■■ **Heather Murray & Kevin Hughes 332 6281**
Fri-Sun Classic **moderate** tramp between Young and Wilkin Rivers over 1500m Gillespie Pass in Mt Aspiring NP. Starting and finishing near Makarora, the valleys are tracked and the route over the pass is poled. Possible side trip to Crucible Lake
List closes: Sat. 9 Nov.
- 15-17 Nov** **GREYMOUTH BASE CAMP** **BU19,BV19,J31,32,K31,32**
 ■■ **Mary and Geoff Korver 355 3905**
Fri-Sun **Easy to moderate** walks from this popular West Coast spot on the edge of Paparoa National Park. Walks include the short Pancake Rocks track and the Truman Tracks to limestone river gorges and luxuriant forest.
List closes: Sat. 9 Nov.
- 17-Nov** **MT CHARON** **Maps BU24,M32,N32**
 ■ **Bruce Cameron 365 8210**
Sun From the Rogerson Road behind Hanmer, this **moderate** tramp climbs over Benvoirlich and on up the attractive ridge to this 1540m summit in the Hanmer Range. Bring togs in case there's time and inclination for the hot pools at the end of the day.
Start 8am: Placemakers, Cranford St. **Approx. cost \$21**
- 24-Nov** **DRACOPHYLLUM FLAT** **Maps BW21,K34**
 ■ **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip**
Sun An easy trip in the Craigeburn area.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx. cost \$18**
- 24-Nov** **TRIG M** **Maps BW21,K35**
 ■ **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
Sun An easy stroll to this point near Porters Pass overlooking Lake Lyndon.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 23-24 Nov** **ROUGH CREEK - LAKE CHRISTABEL** **Maps BT22,L31 M31**
 ■■ **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
Sat-Sun **Moderate** round-trip starting up Rough Creek near Maruia with a splendid view of the lake from the saddle. From Lake Christabel Hut a track winds around and back up towards Rough Creek.
List closes: Sat. 16 Nov.

- 1 Dec** **PHILISTINE - ROLLESTON TRAVERSE** **Maps BV20,K33**
 ■ **Gary Huish 332 7020**
Sun Probably the most spectacular of the **moderate-hard** day climbs in the Arthur's Pass area. From the Otira Valley, there's a tricky ascent through the Philistine Bluffs, and then it's fairly plain sailing to the summit for marvellous views of Mt Rolleston
Start: 7am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx. cost \$28**
- 1 Dec** **MT MANSON** **Maps BV21,BW21,L34**
 ■ **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
Sun This **moderate** trip starts from the Craigeburn Ski-field road. The hight gain makes for a steep but short climb to ascend to this 1860m peak at the northern end of the Craigeburn Range. Snow may be present, so take your ice-axe.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx. cost \$18**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mon 16 Sept



Inner City Ramble and/or dinner at Sampan House

Meet at 6.00pm outside Sampan House, 168 Gloucester St (at the end of New Regent St). We will do a circuit of the inner city, seeking out interesting art-works, quirky corners and unexpected pot-holes. Is the orange painted tree still there? Maybe walk the labyrinth on Manchester St. Who knows what we will find in our new city. Dress in your cosiest hat and scarf. Bring a head-torch and your camera. We will aim to be back at Sampan House at about 7.30pm where 108 items on the menu should satisfy most tastes with an average price of \$15. There is a 9 course set menu for \$20 and \$2 for BYO corkage. No need to book for the walk but names for dinner to Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778 or mothompson@xtra.co.nz by **Thursday 12 September**. If the weather is really unpleasant we will cancel the walk but the dinner will be as planned. I will put a notice on Facebook or else text me if in doubt.

Tues 15 Oct



Bridle Track walk plus dinner in Lyttelton

Celebrate the light evenings with a walk over this recently re-opened track. Meet at Gondola car park 6 pm. We will walk over and have a meal at a Lyttelton restaurant—more details next month. Booking in advance for restaurant will be essential. Return to cars by bus - or bring a torch and walk!
 More details from Sue Britain. ph 388 2329 suebritain@gmail.com

TRIP REPORTS

Hawdon Base - 27-28 July 2013

Winter colds meant the Korvers bowed out of this base camp at Kidson Lodge, near Hawdon Shelter. A well laden McQuillan "truck" took Jill Fenner and Shane Wright, Keith & Marion on the Friday afternoon. Mary McKeown, Maureen Anderson and Kerry Moore left in the early evening and overshot the lodge by a few hundred metres, parked and walked back. Keith had marked the parking spot but in the dark the trio didn't see. The lodge facilities aren't 5-star but it has a good-sized bunkroom and a spacious kitchen/dining room—ideal for our style of base camp. It is close to the shelter, yet in a grove of beech it feels secluded and private. Saturday's activities were a climb to 1608m Pyramid and an easier walk up to Hawdon Hut. Both groups set out together and crossed the Hawdon as a group, proceeded up-river a little way and then parted company. Pyramid looks down on Sudden Valley and the Hawdon River. Keith had been up there before and knew exactly how to get on to the spur route. In attendance were Shane and Kerry. Without ice axes they stopped just short of the top.



Kidson Lodge and the Three Peaks of Binser

The “ladies” got back to the lodge before the climbers and started preparations for the evening’s big meal. Marion had assembled a tasty array of chicken and veges and a pre-cooked steam pudding. To celebrate mid-winter we had mulled wine and did the customary lucky dip from Santa’s sack for presents. Under the rules each “dipper” was allowed to appropriate any previously opened gift but all but Kerry were restrained and kept what they opened, including the telescopic back-scratcher. Kerry was the last to dip and “stole” a plastic click-clack-style box filled with mini chocolate fish.

Sunday’s hike was a predictable climb up 1429m Woolshed Hill. John Robinson had joined us and he, Keith, Shane and Kerry made it to the top while the others lazed in sunshine by the tarn near the bush-line. Back at base we cooked up the dinner left-overs for lunch, tidied and headed back home. Many thanks to our organisers, Keith and Marion. 🏔️ KM



Lunch at Bealey Spur Hut

Bealey Spur – 11 Aug 2013

Five of us left Christchurch in pouring rain and were soon under clear skies as we headed along the Old West Coast Road. Soon after 9.30am we were climbing up through the bush from the car-park on the short-cut track and after 20 minutes joined the main spur track. We enjoyed the views of Power Stream gorge, the Waimakariri valley, tarns, and snow-capped peaks in all directions on our way up to the hut. Most of the snow from the dump earlier in the year had disappeared but there were still patches above Bealey Top Hut. We had lunch sitting on some new bearers beside the hut while debating what their purpose was as repairs were being made to the existing hut.

We chose to head down after lunch and were soon enjoying a coffee at the Yellow Shack in Springfield on our drive home. **Sue Britain, Mike Bourke, Margaret Clark, Julie Davis and Sue Piercey.** 🏔️ SP

Cloudsley – Enys – Dead Man Spur – Sat 10 Aug 2013

Brass Monkey Biv – Rough Creek on 3-4 Aug—cancelled. That's what was scheduled and Kerry had a group of four. But for the umpteenth time this winter, nor'west weather was forecast and Kerry wisely cancelled it.

Discovery Stream – Polar Range on 10-11 Aug—postponed. So with Brass Monkey cancelled, why not try for Calum's trip. Yes, I would have made number 4, but no! Calum had an injury and is keen to lead it at a later date. OK, so what about me taking the others from Discovery Stream on a Brass Monkey trip? Liz was committed to work, but Douglas was keen, on Brass Monkey, or, just anywhere, so long as it was tramping! But guess what, nor'westers forecast again—cancelled.

Believe it or not, the forecast did improve. Saturday in particular, would be fine with light NW winds. But Douglas had since committed himself to work. Options? Another day trip on my own? I'd prefer company, but these are desperate times. I couldn't let a forecast like that slip by.

Away from home by 6.30am, I was tramping from Castle Hill Village by 8am and used the Hogsback MTB track up onto Long Spur for the first time. The snow level was high and the old snow firm, so crampons were on for the day. I was on Cloudsley at 11.30am. Then the plod along the ridge, trying to keep on snow. Looking beyond Porters Pass, murk covered the plains so Glenda couldn't kid me that the Christchurch weather had been fine. After lunch, I was on top of Enys at 1.30pm, then slow getting to Dean Man Spur to shed the crampons at 2.30pm. As I dropped lower, I lost the light NW wind I had been in along the tops, so back to a calm, sunny day. It's still a long plod around the bottom to get back to the village. Climbing out of the stream up onto the village terrace I felt a little intrusive. Because it was a Saturday, the new houses built at the back of the village were occupied as I walked through their properties. To be back to the car at 5pm, so nine hours total, the same as for earlier trips. And a great day was had by all. 🏔️ **Merv Meredith**

Cloudsley - Sun 2 Sept 2013

The OFFICIAL climb of Cloudsley occurred with vastly increased numbers of participants. Four of us were walking by 0930 and had lunch on the way up to arrive on top at 1.45—a short time after another group ahead of us. On our way up we met a solitary trumper with weekend pack. He'd stayed in a snow-cave overnight. The recent snow was powdery on a base that was very firm in places. Two of our group used crampons and two chose the softer snow on the sunnier side of the spur.

We were back at the Castle Hill Village car-park by 4:15 after a splendid, sunny day. We were: **Linda Smith, Douglas Woods, Peter Umbers and Kerry Moore** with a guest appearance from **Ritchie McCaw** who buzzed us in a glider, passing so close that Linda and Doug could easily identify him. I was ahead of them as we headed down and was too surprised to notice who was piloting. 🏔️ KM