



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 11 Mar **AGM plus Heather and Kevin go to Borneo**
Heather Hughes will speak on her and Kevin's 2011 trip to Borneo. She will describe snorkelling, wildlife spotting, their ascent of Mt Kinabalu and their Via Ferrata (iron road) climb down the mountain.
Supper Duty: Evelyn Barben
Jill Fenner
Graham Garden or Trish Faulkner

Tue 8 Apr **Transalpine trips in NZ Wilderness areas**
 Nina Dickerhof will be talking about transalpine trips in the Olivine, Hooker, Landsborough and Adams Wilderness areas
Supper Duty: Witold or Dorota Giejsztowt
Tony Greaves or Ann Schofield
John Wilson

SUBS Due

Unpaid subs for financial year beginning 1 Feb are now overdue

AGM AGM AGM AGM AGM —7:30pm Tue 11 March

The 82nd Annual General Meeting of Peninsula Tramping Club will be held at Canterbury Horticultural Centre, Hagley Avenue

Agenda: Presentation of Exec. Reports Election of officers, executive members and auditor

General Business: Nominations for all positions are called for. They may be sent, signed by nominee, proposer and seconder, to **Merv Meredith, Secretary, 322 7239**. **Our most pressing need is for a TRIPS PLANNER.** Ask an executive member what this entails and please consider taking on this important role.

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

8-9 Mar **HUNTER STREAM** E40,CA10

■ ■ **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip**

This **hard** trip in the Aspiring area to explore Hunter Stream with an option to climb Sir William Peak.

List closes: Sat. 1 Mar.

7-9 Mar **HERBERT BASE CAMP** 0,CC18

■ ■ **Leo Manders 356 1731**

Leaving Fri night and staying at Iona Camp with short walks including Waianakarua, Totara Gorge and Moeraki Boulders

List closes: Sat. 1 March.

8-Mar **KAITUNA CHALLENGE** M36,BQ27

■ **Merv Meredith 322 7239** \$-



Saturday 8.30am. Our annual not-too-serious classic bike/walk/run bike event. We have **team, individual men's and individual women's** categories. Once everyone crosses the line, the day concludes with lunch and presentation of the prestigious trophy.

Entry fee to this popular event is a mere \$4 to cover costs.

8-9 Mar **ROB ROY** E,F39,CA11

■ ■ **Raymond Ford 351 9496**

A well known peak in Aspiring National Park. A **hard** trip to climb the 2606m peak from the Matukituki Valley. Ice axe and crampons required. Travel down to Wanaka the night before.

List closes: Sat. 1 Mar.

- 15-16 Mar** ■■ **GLENROY TOPS** **L31,M31,BT23**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 A **moderate** circuit to the west of Lewis Pass. Starting on the Lake Daniels track before heading onto the interesting Glenroy Tops for a high camp by tarns. Continuing along the tops to return past the lake.
List closes: Wed 5 Mar.
- 15-16 Mar** ■■ **LAKE ANGELUS - HOPELESS CREEK** **M29,N29,BS24**
Darcy Mawson 388 9284
 Popular, **moderate** tramp to this alpine tarn basin in Nelson Lakes National Park, with a large hut. An excellent circuit crossing Sunset Saddle.
List closes: Sat. 8 Mar.
- 15-18 Mar** ■■■■ **ROUTEburn, NORTH COL, LAKE NERINE, PARK PASS** **D40,E40,CA09,CB09**
Gary Huish 332 7020
 This **moderate-hard** trip starts on the five pass circuit from the Routeburn track over Sugarloaf Pass to the Rockburn and the spectacular Theatre Flat. The route to Park Pass then climbs the ridge to drop to Lake Nerine and then sidles to North Col and into the North Routeburn. Be prepared for a wet weather alternative in the Rees/Dart or Cascade Saddle/Rees.
List closes: Sat. 8 Mar.
- 16-Mar** ■ **THE PYRAMID** **K33,BV21**
Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip **\$21**
Moderate-hard trip in APNP to this 1600m peak between Sudden Valley and the Hawdon. The route follows the ridge from the start of Sudden Valley. Probable round-trip.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 20-23 Mar** ■■■ **OHAU - ELCHO - BRODERICK** **H37,H38,BY14**
Contact Liz Stephenson 0276 332 038 if you are able to lead this trip
Moderate-hard circuit between the Hopkins and Landsborough Rivers at the head of Lake Ohau.
List closes: Wed 13 Mar.
- 22-23 Mar** ■■ **ROLLESTON RANGE** **J34,K34,BV19,BW19**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 A **moderate-hard** circuit on the Rolleston Range between the Kakapo and Boulderstone Streams.
List closes: Wed. 13 Mar.
- 22 Mar** **Wilding Pines Saturday—see Notices**
- 29- 30 Mar** ■■ **MT ALMA** **I36,BX17**
Raymond Ford 351 9496
 Situated on the Two Thumb Range, between the Macaulay and Rangitata rivers. This will be a **hard** trip to climb the 2,510 m peak. Route will probably be via Alma Stream
List closes: Sat. 22 Mar.
- 30-Mar** ■ **STONY BAY PEAK - MT BRASENOSE** **N36,N37,BX25,BY25**
Bruce Cameron 365 8210 **\$14**
Moderate walk behind Akaroa, crossing the new Misty Peaks Reserve between Stony Bay Peak and Mt Brasenose.
Start: 8am Halswell Primary School. Halswell Road
- 29 -31 Mar** ■■ **PINNACLE** **L31,BT22 BZ11**
Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip
 A **moderate-hard** trip to this peak in the Lewis Pass area.
List closes Sat 22 March

- 5-7Apr** ■■■■ **KOROPUKU - BIG TOPS – TOWNSEND HUT** **K33,BV20,21**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
 A **hard** trip in APNP up the Taramakau past Lake Kaurapataka to Koropuku Hut via Big Tops then on to Townsend Hut and down to the Taramakau.
List closes: Sat. 29 Mar.
- 5 April** **Wilding Pines Saturday—see Notices**
- 6-Apr** ■ **MT HERBERT FROM PURAU SADDLE** **M36,BX24**
Bruce Cameron 365 8210 **\$5**
 An **easy** walk on the Monument Track to the 919m peninsula high-point starting from about 400m. The route is from Purau Saddle along ridge, over Little Herbert to big Herbert then down Diamond Harbour track exiting onto a spur past a waterfall in a loop on farm tracks back to the old youth hostel and cars
Start: 8am Halswell Primary School. Halswell Road
- 6-Apr** ■ **HUT SPUR - JORDAN SADDLE** **K34,BV20**
Penny Webster 349 3693 **\$23**
Moderate-hard long day, tramping up and beyond Bealey Spur to Hut Spur behind historic Bealey Spur Hut and dropping down to Jordan Saddle. Jordan Stream is followed to Turkey Flat on the Waimak River and then to the road.
Start: 7am Church Corner (across from church), but could be earlier. Please contact Penny to check.
- 13-Apr** ■ **MT BARRON** **K33,BV20**
Gary Huish 332 7020
Moderate-hard trip in Arthurs Pass National Park to this 1700m peak west of Otira. Expect a long day. Travelling up the night before and staying at Arthurs Pass to give us an earlier start. Check with leader if ice axe and crampons required.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 18-22 Apr** ■■■■ **CLYDE RIVER - GARDEN OF EDEN** **I38,BW17**
Raymond Ford 351 9496
 A **hard** trip to this ice plateau forming the headwaters of the Clyde and Perth Rivers.
List closes: Sat. 12 Apr
- 18-26 Apr** ■■■■■■■■ **BLUE LAKE – WAIAU PASS – THOMPSON PASS - D’URVILLE**
Kevin and Heather Hughes 3326281
 Up to 7 days of **moderate** tramping in the Nelson Lakes area. We’ll take the water taxi to Sabine Hut, tramp up the West Sabine to Blue Lake, over Waiau Pass and up to Lake Thompson, returning to Lake Rotoroa via Thompson Pass and down the D’Urville Valley. This 4-5 day tramp could be extended to 6 or 7 days using D’Urville Hut as a base if people can take the 3 days off between Easter and Anzac day.
List closes: Sat. 6 Apr.
- 20-Apr** ■ **HARPER RIVER PINNACLES** **K34,BW20**
Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip
 An **easy** walk to these interesting geological structures in the Lake Coleridge area
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 25-27 Apr** ■■■■ **BUCKLAND PEAKS** **K29,BS20**
Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip
 A **moderate** trip at the northern end of the Paparoa National Park. The route climbs steeply to the Buckland Peaks Hut where you may hear great spotted kiwis at night. A side trip to the Buckland Peaks, at 1325m, offers views of Mt Cook
List closes: Sat. 19 Apr.
- Anzac**

- 25-28 Apr** **AHURIRI - CANYON CREEK** **G38,39,BZ14**
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Anzac **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip**
Moderate trip up the Ahuriri and crossing into Canyon Creek.
List closes: Sat. 19 Apr.
- 17-21 Apr** **OUTER MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS BASE CAMP**
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Easter **Leo Manders 356 1731**
 Our Easter Base Camp this year is unique and special. This trip was proposed by base camp members last year. The plan is to travel up on Thurs, overnighing in Havelock. On Good Friday we will travel on the Havelock mail boat calling into numerous outer sounds properties in Pelorus Sound. Towards the end of the run we will be dropped off at an isolated farm property and spend the next three nights there, tramping, fishing, boating or just plain relaxing—your choice each day. Mon will be a short boat ride back to Havelock then the drive back to Christchurch. Five people have enlisted so far and we require a number more. The trip will definitely run. Leo needs to know if you are interested so he can make bookings. Please email leomanders@paradise.net.nz or ring 356 1731, mobile 027 442 6080 by Mon 10 Mar.
List Closes Mon 10 Mar.
- 25-29 Apr** **INLAND PACK TRACK** **K30,BS19,20**
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Anzac **Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip**
Easy-moderate. Between the Fox and Punakaiki Rivers in the Paparoa Range on the West Coast. Features include lush forest, spectacular limestone gorges, The Fox River caves, “The Ballroom” overhang and plenty of river crossings. Camping out.
List closes: Sat. 19 Apr.
- 4-May** **MT BARROSA** **J36,BX19**
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Sue Piercey 384 9567
 A **moderate** trip in the Clent Hills area above the Ashburton Gorge Rd. Open tussock country with good views all the way up this 800m climb to a 1364m peak.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)
- 3-4 May** **ZAMPA TOPS** **M31,BT23**
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Ring Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038 if you would like to lead this trip
 This **moderate** trip traverses the tops to the east of Cannibal Gorge and gives spectacular views of the Spencer Mountains.
List closes: Sat. 26 Apr.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tue 18 Mar



Flowers Track walk plus dinner in Sumner

We will walk the Flowers Track on the Scarborough Hill. Meet at 6pm at the Clock Tower at Sumner Beach. Dinner is at 7.15pm at Indian Sumner Restaurant, 11 Wakefield Avenue, Sumner—main meals from \$13 to \$19. Please phone Margot by Sunday 16 March if you are coming to the dinner. No need to book if you are coming to the walk only. Margot Bowden Phone 332 7020 margot.bowden@gmail.com

Tues 15 Apr



Harry Ell Walk by Moonlight and Torchlight

Come and walk the Harry Ell walkway by the full moon and headlight, followed by a pot luck dinner at Margot and Gary's house. Meet at 6.15pm at 5 Patchett Place, Cashmere Hills for the walk. Bring your headlight. Dinner at 7.15pm. If you are coming to the pot luck dinner please let Margot know by Sunday 13 April. Margot Bowden Phone 332 7020 or margot.bowden@gmail.com

NOTICES

Membership We welcome **Milan Brisnik**

Deadline for the April newsletter **Monday 31 Mar**

Next committee meeting **7:30pm Tue 25 March at Merv's**



Wilding Tree Control

Saturday 22 March

Saturday 5 April

Two outings to Flock Hill Station to help control the wilding pine spread. A satisfying day out with PTC and other like-minded trampers and outdoors people.

Tools provided. Transport by 4WD at no cost to you.

Meet at 8.00am in the Yaldhurst Hotel car park.

Ring Raymond Ford 351 9496 ahead of time to enlist.

Pinus Mugo—One of the enemies you will encounter

TRIP REPORTS

Punakaiki Base Camp — 6 - 9 Feb 2014

Stan's your man if you want good weather on the West Coast. He had things organised really well for the Punakaiki base camp: dry days with quite a bit of sun but not too much heat, and some light rain in the evenings/overnight to dampen the dust on the unsealed roads. Even the sandfly count was under control most of the time too.

Thursday saw four cars drive over from Canterbury (with Miriam already there and Keith and Madeleine arriving from Ashburton). Most of us got there in time for quick sorties to Truman's Track and/or up the Pororari River track before settling down to the serious business of pre-prandial drinks and nibbles. After dinner, some of us managed the 50-metre wander down to the beach to watch the sun sink into the sea prior to preparing ourselves for the 'long day' that was promised for the morrow.

Friday morning was a beauty and everyone was raring to go. We left the Bullock Creek car park at 9am for our Bullock Creek–Fossil Creek–Dilemma Creek–Fox River trip, initially following the Inland Pack Track through bush, then crossing the Fossil Creek (frequently) and dodging fallen trees. Lunchtime saw us at the junction with Dilemma Creek and from there we continued on to the Fox River, making a side trip up to the Ballroom overhang, from where it was about a two-hour walk out to the river mouth. We reached the Fox car park at 4.15pm and the lucky drivers were whisked off to pick up the cars left at Bullock Creek while the rest of the group waited for their return and dodged the sandflies by exploring the beach and the historic bridge.

It had been about 19 years since I'd been up the Fox to the Ballroom and I'd forgotten how beautiful the area is. Photos aplenty were taken on the tramp and, apart from occasional concerns about what would happen in the event of a shift in the Alpine Fault, we spent much of the time oohing and aaahing at the strata and the high vertical rock walls. Stan's handle on the weather meant that the river level was low, and rarely were river crossings more than knee deep, although Jill Fenner rashly followed some rather taller folk across a deepish pool, resulting in little more than her head remaining above water.

The 19km, seven-hour walk had whetted our appetites somewhat, but the pot luck dinner that evening was the usual gargantuan feast, and our appreciative murmurings were punctuated by much ribaldry as to the aptness of the 'Fossil' and 'Dilemma' sections of the day's tramp.

Saturday morning saw us returning to the Bullock Creek car park for 9.30am, though this time we were to head south along the Inland Pack Track, taking in the Cave Stream site on a short detour, before eventually emerging at the Punakaiki River car park. The track to Cave Creek drops steeply by 100m and on our return to the main track a morning tea break was called for. Our group had swelled overnight from 16 to 17 members with the addition of a Slovenian visitor, who Stan and others had befriended the previous evening. She accompanied us until our morning smoko, at which point she left to complete the trip on her own, clearly feeling a need to travel just a mite quicker than we were.

We were off again by 11am and cruised along for an hour to reach the bridge over the Pororari River, where a halt was called for lunch. Two of our members were then reduced to begging for scraps as they had forgotten to pack their sammies. Needless to say, there was no shortage of donations. Lunch was a relaxed affair—it was 1pm by the time we shouldered our packs again to make our way through the bush and out to the main highway. We'd travelled just 14.5km in a total time of six hours, including almost two hours of drink and food stops.

Arriving back in Punakaiki, coffees and ice creams provided a good appetiser for the evening meal, which Sue and Stan were in charge of. With the leftovers from the previous night supplementing the Wilders' ample offering, there was, inevitably, no danger of anyone going hungry.

Over breakfast on Sunday, people negotiated what to do with the rest of the day. Four cars went over to Moana/Lake Brunner for a short walk along the Bain Bay track, where the sun shone and a brisk breeze deterred the sandflies. (Would that it had also deterred the noisy fizzboats and jet skis.) From Moana, people made their own ways home, some more leisurely than others, but all having had a first-rate long weekend away.

The final day of the trip was rather more eventful for one car load, and you may wish to make note not to attempt the same drive. Stan, Sue, Trish and Graham reckoned they had spotted a 'perfectly simple short cut' on the Kiwimaps Driver's Atlas, which involved turning off just south of Greymouth towards Dunganville and then joining the Stillwater–Moana road at Aratika. Undeterred by a notice after the goldworkings at Dunganville warning that the council no longer maintained the road ahead, they continued on past the car park at the DoC Woods Creek Track (said, apparently, to be the most fascinating short walk in Westland!) and were only mildly disconcerted by the encroaching gorse and the riverbed look (and feel) to the road. However, as the mismatch between the actual 'road' and what was shown on both the GPS and Freshmap increased, doubts surfaced. Pole gates then appeared across the road. Another route was tried and another pole gate encountered. The day was hot, the water supplies low, there was no shovel or chainsaw(!) on board, so the party decided not to try a possible route out through forestry and returned the way they had come. Too late by then to walk the Woods Creek Track, as they had to get to Bealey for the night.

We were: **Stan and Sue Wilder** (organisers extraordinaires), **Brian and Mary Jane Bonsell, Graham Garden, Trish Faulkner, Keith Patterson, Madeleine Newall, Miriam Preston, Pat McIntosh, Margaret Clark, Rick Bolch, Lois Moore and Carolyn Catt.** 🏔️ CC (with input from Trish)

Purple Hill — Sunday 9 Feb 2014

Our day was grey until we crested Porters Pass where we emerged into glorious sunshine. We dropped into reception at Flock Hill to tell them we'd be exiting from our walk at 2:30pm. We had permission from Craigieburn Station to walk on Purple Hill. We left a car at Flock Hill and at the top end of Lake Pearson and set off to the north side of Purple Hill. The glorious sunshine became the cruel sun as we steamed up the steep slope. We needed lots of stops along the way so after 2hrs we hadn't gone far.

At the 1400m mark the spur takes on a better slope but the final 280m still looked daunting. Time was getting on so we didn't spend long admiring the mighty views all around. Through a gap in the terrain we could see Crow Glacier and Mt Rolleston. We moved down from 1680m and on to well-rounded 1518m Mt Saint Bernard, then south along a nice ridge. The spur pointing to the fan formed by Saint Bernard Stream seems like the logical exit but it got steep and bony and ends in matagouri. Dan was not amused. It was 6pm before we got on to the Flock Hill track and another half hour before we reached the lodge.

This hike would be better in cooler weather and with some snow to cover the gravelly slopes. We were: **Bill Templeton, Gavin Chalk, Joy Schroeder, Geoff & Mary Korver, Barry McKessar, Dan Pryce and Kerry Moore** 🏔️ KM



Magnificent Seven