



Peninsula Tramping Club (inc)

FOOTNOTES

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

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September 2015

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CORRESPONDENCE, including changes of address etc. can be sent to the club secretary—see above

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 **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace)** starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 8 Sept

FOLLOWING IN SHACKLETON'S FOOTSTEPS



Lorraine and Malcolm Wilmshurst spent three weeks in January visiting the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula. They were able to retrace part of Ernest Shackleton's 1914/15 expedition and the voyage of the James Caird lifeboat.

Supper Duty: Joy Schroeder, Russell Taylor or Barbara Brown, Bill or Wendy Templeton

Tue 13 Oct

MOUNTAIN HUTS - WHAT IS THEIR FUTURE?



Huts are a significant part of our outdoor culture. **Geoff Spearpoint** will look at huts generally, but focus on recent developments in maintaining huts, his experience with Tunnel Creek Hut and several others. He will include Consortium Funding, how volunteers are fixing huts, and look at how others could get involved.

Supper Duty: Terry Thomsen, Sophie Toutain, Peter Umbers

Venue for Peninsula Tramping Club Nights

PTC club nights are now held at the **Baptist Church Hall at 286 Oxford Terrace**, on the corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace, just south of the Avon River and Kilmore Street.

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.

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| 6 Sep
Sun | CHARING CROSS
Margaret Clark 348 4993
■ Easy-moderate tramp to this 999m peak in the Tekoa Range behind Culverden in North Canterbury.
Start: 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St | Maps BU 24,M32

Approx cost \$16 |
| 12-13 Sep
Sat-Sun | HAWDON - EAST HAWDON
Kerry Moore 359 5069
■■ Not a long trip, but moderate-hard in difficulty. Crossing over the tops between the heads of the Hawdon and East Hawdon valleys, probably via the summit of 1700m Smooth Peak (a misnomer) and along Blackball Ridge to the Hawdon.
List closes 22 August | Maps BV21,K33 |
| 12 Sep
Saturday | MT FOWERAKER
Gary Huish 332 7020
■ Moderate-hard trip in Arthurs Pass National Park to this 1804m peak between Sudden Valley and Red Beech Stream. Now this peak, recently named after UC's first professor of forestry, can stand tall opposite Pyramid. It is very conspicuous as you drive west along the Cass straight.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd | Maps BV21,K33

Approx cost \$20 |
| 19-20 Sep
Sat-Sun | HAWDON BASE CAMP
Keith McQuillan 384 6164
■■ We'll be based at the well-appointed, low cost Kidson Lodge near the Hawdon Shelter. We can drive up on the Friday night so we get two full days to explore. Woolshed Hill, Pyramid, Hawdon Hut and Sudden Valley are places we can go giving us a range of easy to moderate walks
List closes 12 September | Maps BX20,K35,K36 |
| 20 Sep
Sun | LAGOON SADDLE - MID HILL
Calum McIntosh 376 6133
■ Moderate trip at Arthurs Pass heading up to Lagoon Saddle and continuing on to climb 1831m Mid Hill.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd | Maps BV20,K34

Approx cost \$20 |
| 26-27 Sep
Sat-Sun | HENRY RIVER - ANNE – BOUCHER
Merv Meredith 322 7239
■■ This moderate hard trip starts on The St James Walkway, before climbing to Henry Saddle to cross the Libretto Range to the Anne Hut. Returning via Boucher Stream to Foleys Track.
List closes 16 September | Maps BT23,M31 |

- 26 Sep** **QUAIL ISLAND** **Maps BX24,M36**
Sun **Mary Korver 355 3905**
■ An easy tramp around Quail Island with some stunning cliff-top views. A chance to look at all the trees we have helped to plant over the years.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx cost \$0**
- 3 Oct** **LEITH HILL** **Maps BW21,K34,35**
Saturday **Ruth Barratt 335 0010**
■ **Easy-moderate** trip to the 1384m peak behind Castle Hill Villiage. Possibility of round-trip behind the Castle Hill scenic reserve.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$16**
- 10-11 Oct** **POTTS RIVER - DOGS RANGE - MYSTERY LAKE** **Maps BX18,J35,J36**
Sat-Sun **Murray Hight 347 4014**
■■ **Moderate** tramp up Potts River to the historic Potts River Hut. Return traversing Dogs Range and Mystery Lake.
List closes 3 October
- 11 Oct** **MT BEALEY - AVALANCHE PK** **Maps BV20,K33**
Sun **Gary Huish 332 7020**
■ This **moderate-hard** trip, traversing the range from the ridge to Mt Bealey to Avalanche Peak in Arthur's Pass, makes an excellent moderate-hard round trip. Expect a long day.
Start: 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$25**
- 17-18 Oct** **GLENROY TOPS** **Maps BT23,L31,M31**
Sat-Sun **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 7 October
- 17-18 Oct** **HURUNUI HUT BIKING** **Maps BU22,L32,L33**
Sat-Sun **Chris Leaver 322 6445**
■■ **Easy-moderate** overnight biking trip to this comfortable hut to the west of Lake Sumner. Start from the Lake Taylor road. The Hurunui hot springs are a short ride from the hut.
List closes 7 October
- 18 Oct** **BROKEN HILL** **Maps BW21,K34,L34**
Sun **Evelien Baas 358 5521**
■ **Moderate** trip to this peak just off of the Arthurs Pass highway, near Flock Hill Resort.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$16**
- 24-26 Oct** **BARKER HUT MT HARPER / MT SPEIGHT** **Maps BV20,K33**
Sat-Mon **Raymond Ford 351 9496**
■■■ Hard trip at the head of the Waimakiriri River. Walk into Carrington on Friday night with an early start 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 required.
Labour **List closes 7 October**
- 24-26 Oct** **FREEHOLD CREEK - DUMB-BELL CREEK** **Maps BZ14,H38**
Sat-Mon **TBA Please contact Kerry Moore 359 5069 if you would like to lead this trip**
■■■ **Moderate** tramp onto very nice tops near the Ohau skifield. Plenty of alpine tarns to camp beside, and take in views of the main divide.
Labour **List closes 7 October**

- 24-26 Oct** **MESOPOTAMIA BASE CAMP** **Maps BX18,I36,J36**
Sat-Mon **TBA Please contact Kerry Moore 359 5069 if you would like to lead this trip**
 ■■■ A chance to visit Mesopotamia Station at the end of the road, inland from Mount Peel. The very
Labour rustic but comfortable Cookhouse has plenty of bunkrooms, good kitchen and showers. There is
 so much to do there with a whole range of possible tramps, from easy to moderate.
List closes 7 October
- 25 Oct** **TIROMOANA BUSH - KATE VALLEY** **Maps BV24,N34**
Sun **Colin Wilmshurst 383 2471**
 ■ **Easy** coastal trip east of Waipara, through bush and wetlands to a remote beach. Great views to
 Pegasus Bay and Banks Peninsula. Nice walk and pleasant day out.
Start: 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$9**
- 31Oct-1No** **CARRINGTON HUT** **Maps BV20,K33,K34**
Sat-Sun **TBA Please contact Kerry Moore 359 5069 if you would like to lead this trip**
 ■■ **Easy-moderate** tramp to a spacious hut in the Waimakariri River, Arthur's Pass National Park.
 Spectacular views in all directions.
List closes 23 October
- 31 Oct** **MANUKA HUT BIKING FROM STOUR RIVER** **Maps BX19,K36**
Saturday **Geoff Korver 355 3905**
 ■ **Easy-moderate** walking or biking trip starting up the Stour River and heading for Manuka Hut.
Ring Geoff if you plan to bike it **Approx cost \$20**
- 7-8 Nov** **LAKE MAN** **Maps BU22,L32,M32**
Sat-Sun **Kevin Hughes 3326281**
 ■■ **Moderate** tramp up the Doubtful River from Lewis Pass, to camp beside the Lake Man Biv.
 Returning along the Doubtful Range over Mt Murray.
List closes Sun 1 Nov

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tues 15 Sep **Campus Spring Walk**



Come for a walk around the spring gardens of the university grounds, Ilam. Walk will start at 6pm from the intersection of Homestead Lane and Ilam Road. Free parking after 5pm in the university parking lot across from Homestead Lane.

Dine at Tandoori Palace, 71 Ilam Road at 7.15pm. Main dishes approx. \$20

Please let Margot know by Sunday, 13 September if you are going to dine.

Contact Margot Bowden, margot.bowden@gmail.com or phone 332 7020

Tue 20 Oct **McCormacks Bay Walkway then dinner at Curry En-route.**



Make the most of the lighter evenings for a walk with great views. Meet at 6 pm, corner of McCormacks Bay Road and Glenstrae Road. We will walk up McCormacks Bay track and then go down the road to the Indian restaurant at 2 Soleares Avenue at about 7.15 pm.

Take a torch and sturdy shoes as the track can be a bit rough. Take your money with you unless you are leaving your car near the restaurant. Book for dinner by **Sunday 18 Oct** to

Keith and Marion McQuillan, 384 6164 or 021 264 1773

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360 Trail Invitation The Christchurch 360 Trail Committee invites members to the opening of the new 135km trail that circles Christchurch on **Saturday October 3rd** at 11 am at Wetlands Grove, Bexley

Deadline for the Oct newsletter Sat 3 Oct

Next committee meeting 7:30pm Tue 29 Sept

TRIP REPORTS

North Opuha - Spur Hut — 11-12 July 2015

An intrepid five set out to explore the North Opuha Conservation Area on a fine and frosty morning. Taking care on the icy corners we drove to the new DoC car park near the Fox Peak ski-field road. The marked track goes up the valley and over a very low saddle into the upper reaches of the Orari River which flows down a fine, open basin. A 2000m hill at the north end is an outlier of the Ben McLeod Range, and an appealing col leads over to the Phantom River to the east.

Our sights were set on Spur Hut, a rustic old 4 bunk musterers' hut, but as it turned out the hut was fully inhabited by hunters and we resorted to plan B and set up camp. A small stream wends its way down the valley with plenty of old willows and shrubs for wood, so a good campsite was soon found. In view of the clear skies and remnant patches of snow it was obvious that the night would be chilly, at least, if not actually brass-monkey cold. Also the sun was soon lost behind the hills and it was mid-winter. So with great foresight a considerable effort went into wood collection rather than peak-bagging, and come dusk a good fire kept us cosy and entertained. Given that the temperature was probably about minus 15 it was most welcome. The water from the stream started to freeze in our cups almost immediately and various members of the team discovered that bananas did not freeze well but egg sandwiches were pretty-much ok. The MSR stove was temperamental and the party debated whether our Quartermaster would blow a gasket if the club's prized billies ended up over the fire. Fortunately this was not put to the test.

The morning saw a relaxed start until the sun, creeping up the valley, reached the tents and sped us up. Another fire was lit for breakfast and the party eased out to the car and on to a café. We were:

Calum McIntosh, (leader) Pat McIntosh, Yvette So, Peter Umbers and John Allen. 🌲 PM

Mid-winter "Christmas" - 18-19 July 2015

With an abysmal, "don't go into the mountains this weekend" weather forecast the mid-winter Christmas dinner was diverted from the Boyle Flats Hut to Innes Road, Christchurch, where the weather was more appealing. The keen trampers arrived in the evening, by car.

At the door a sign read "Welcome to the Boyle Hut". In true DoC style another sign read "No Boots Inside" – just to set the scene. Entering the "Boyle Hut" trampers were welcomed by a cosy fire, especially favoured as the thermometer had plunged to -1°C. The kitchen area was festively decorated with Christmas lights supplied by Kerry, and a few frivolous decorations from the Korver stock.

Once everyone had warmed up, and Tim had arrived. Drinks were served. Our menu read:

Nibbles	
Soup in a cup	
Main	Coq-au-vin, Mashed potato with cheese topping
	Cabbage and caraway seed stir-fry, Peas
Dessert	Rich fruit Christmas pudding and custard



Kerry who specialises in custard, made a brew in true keeping with being in a hut. He forgot the sugar, so it was declared “Sweet as”, and eaten.

After the meal, Father Christmas (Aka Geoff Korver) offered people the choice of a gift or to steal someone else’s. It took a wee while before the desire to steal a present started, but once Colin had stolen his desired present, the fun began. Lots of laughter accompanied the game. We finished with cups of tea and coffee (billy style – aka teapot and plunger).

This was a true slack-packing tramp – a delicious meal that was easy on the back, and enjoyed by everyone. A great turn out. We were: **Colin Wilmshurst, Graham Hunter, Graham Nicholas, Tim Hines, Jane Swift, John Rice, Lois Moore, Kerry Moore, Geoff Korver, and Mary Korver. MK.**

WINTER 2015 – DAY-TRIPS

It hasn’t been a good winter for tramping so far, with southerly snow dumps repeatedly blown off by nor-west gales, which often occurred over the weekend. That was the case with **Torlesse** scheduled for 19th July. But some of us were lucky enough to go with the Over 40’s on the following Wednesday. See the report in the August Footnotes.

Mt Somers substituting for Mt Binser – Sun 2 August 2015

We had another nor-wester and it’s too far to go to Binser only to stop at the bushline. Just Markus Kaufmann and me turned up at Church Corner and decided on the hardy standby of the Mt Somers from Staveley. Snow conditions weren’t good, but being sheltered on the south face from a moderate nor-west on a sunny day was more than we could expect. Looking at the clouded-in conditions a few kilometres inland from our lunch spot on top reinforced our view that this was the place to be. It was amazingly calm as we descended.

Mt Cloudesley – Sun 9th August 2015

We had westerlies again but they were only moderate and the day sunny. I don’t know where everyone else was, but **Peter Umbers, Milan Brisnik** and I were happy to be there. As well, a party of eight from CTC followed us up Long Spur. They had planned to climb Mt Hamilton but decided Cloudesley was better in the snow conditions. The soft snow plus icy patches made it slower going. We had lunch on the saddle and didn’t reach the top until 1.50pm. Going down, the weather closed in and started lightly snowing just as we reached the carpark! Wasn’t that good timing.

Hanmer Base Camp – 15-16th August 2015

Sadly that didn’t happen. Only four of us enlisted so I had to cancel it. However, you may recall the weather was foul. Someone reported that it rained and rained in Hanmer. So, no snow trip that weekend either way.

Black Hill, Rakaia – Sun 23rd August 2015

A few years back, the farmer for Black Hill had split the original station in half, named their half Black Hill Station with a new house, yards, barn, etc. Not only that; they have since carved out a new access road through their property up to the quarry road, having got the quarry going again on the western side to provide fine, pink chip. The road, fencing, etc is now fully upgraded all the way up.

This trip is usually scheduled for a 7am start, but this day was listed for 7.30am. Added to that we lost a little time finding the road access was no longer through the back of Redcliffe Station. So with not walking until 9.40am from just past the quarry, it was clear this would be an up and back directly to the top and not one of the round-trip options. The road upgrade now included a completely new section sidling Redcliffe Hill on the western face, up to the saddle. The snow level was high, but not bad going with crampons from in the upper basin where we stopped early for lunch. The view from on top was as good as ever and it was tempting to continue south to the spur leading down to the old musterers’ hut. That wasn’t an option as Kevin had turned back before the top ridge. So we left the top at 2.45pm for a pleasant cruise down to meet Kevin and walk out, this time, along the old route over Redcliffe Hill, now nicely grassed.

We were: Kevin Hughes, Markus Kaufmann, Merv Meredith and John Robinson. 🏔️ MM



Markus below Black Hill



and we laugh at teens with their cellular toys
John Robinson and Markus Kaufman on Black Hill.

QUAIL ISLAND -2015 PLANTING SEASON

Planting on the island started in 1998 and particularly in the earlier years involved planting large numbers during the August season. This year, the Trust had 2500 young plants for the season, which ran on both Saturday and Sunday, for the first four weekends of August. It should have been easy, with Ian McLennan normally having to do a balancing act to hold back some plants to cover to the last weekend. But the weather this year...

Kerry had listed the annual PTC expedition for Sat 8th and had seven planters. Alas, a bad weather forecast meant the day was canned. The next day the Sunday people did go and it snowed! They gave up and hid in the cottage. A week later four of us turned up at Lyttelton on an iffy morning. We tried to talk Ian into going, but he rang the DoC man on the island who said, no. Later on, at home, we weren't sorry at all. Ian and Kerry then scheduled a Friday Special for PTC on the 21st and we had a beautiful, calm day in the harbour. The PTC group was **Kerry M, Merv M, Maureen T, Anne & Grant Hunter and Nathan Dougherty**. The flattish terrace in the northwest was a lovely place to be. **Sat 22nd** and the weather was almost as good. Lindsay, a regular on the island and I were planting in two steeper gullies above the ships' graveyard, a great place to be and very satisfying. Meanwhile, Ian had a **Student Army** party of fifteen finishing the terrace we had worked on previously. There is probably still a significant percentage of the total remaining to plant, so I can imagine more days being scheduled in September. 📷 **Merv M**