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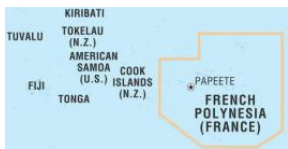
Our Club

Peninsula Tramping Club (PTC) caters for people of all ages who tramp for recreation. We run trips regularly, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. In addition to the monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held every month.

Club Nights

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St and Oxford Terrace)** at 7.45pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

Tue 10 October



Adventures in French Polynesia

Five groups of islands make up French Polynesia: The Society Islands Archipelago, the Tuamotu Archipelago, the Gambier Islands, the Marquesas Islands and the Austral Islands. **Janette Kear** will tell us about her recent trip to parts of this scattered group of islands.

Tue 14 November



Further Faster Gear Talk

We will be treated to a review of some of the adventure gear that this sporting goods retailer stocks, enabling users to go higher, lower, safer, drier, further and faster.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wigram Wetland Wandering and Indian Dinner at Kingfisher Restaurant

Tuesday 17 October

Meet 6pm on the corner of Mackinder Drive and Aidanfield Drive in Wigram.

We will explore the walkways of the upper Heathcote River. At 7 pm we'll do a short drive or walk to Kingfisher restaurant, 65 The Runway, Wigram. Parking is available behind the restaurant. Dinner bookings to Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778 or mothompson1212@gmail.com

NOTES

Membership: We welcome **Karen Fincham** to the club.

Screen: The club's projector screen is no longer used and has been gathering dust in Merv's garage for years. We'd like to give it to a member, so if you want it, call Merv on 322 7239.

TRIPS

- 8-Oct** [Glentui--Knowles Top--Ashley Gorge](#)
Sun **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
● An easy-moderate walk from the Glentui Road to 835m Knowles Top and over to the Ashley Gorge picnic ground. A little side-trip takes us to a waterfall.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 14-18 Oct** [Motutapu Track, Te Araroa](#)
Sat-Wed **Names to Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●●●●● A moderate tramp on the Te Araroa trail from Glendhu Bay on Lake Wanaka to Arrowtown. A delightful track, winding up to passes and down through valleys in this open tussocky country. Interesting history in the old gold-mining areas around Macetown.
Book by 8 Oct
- 14-15 Oct** [Benmore--13 Mile Bush](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●● A moderate climb from Lake Lyndon to 1655m Ben More and over to stay at Benmore Hut.
Book by 8 Oct
- 15-Oct** [Mt Grey](#)
Sun **Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**
● A popular easy-moderate circuit taking in 933m Mt Grey/Maukatere
Meet 8am Placemakers, Cranford Street
- 21-23 Oct** [Wheel Creek Hut--Mt Crosscut](#)
Sat-Mon **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●●● A moderate track along Wheel Creek leads to 6 bunk Wheel Creek Hut. It's at 815m to give good access to the tussock tops of the Victoria Range and 1613m Crosscut Peak.
Book by 14 Oct

- 22–Oct** [Sugarloaf](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● An easy-moderate climb up 1410m Sugarloaf from Cass with commanding views in all directions. Height gain is 770m.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 28–Oct** [Mitchells Track--Gilpins Track](#)
Saturday **Awaiting leader**
● An easy circuit in the hills above Cashmere.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp Princess Margaret Hospital
- 28–29 Oct** [Mt Peel](#)
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
●● Moderate ascent of this 1743m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and subalpine scrub, then 7km along the tops beyond Little Mt Peel.
Book by 22 Oct
- 4–6 Nov** [Carroll Hut--Dillon Hut](#)
Sat-Mon **Awaiting leader**
●●● From near Otira, a short steep, moderate forest climb to stay at Carroll Hut just above the bush-line. On day 2 we cross Kelly Range and descend to stay at Dillon Hut on the Taipo River. The two-day option returns from the tops back to Otira.
Book by 29 Oct
- 5 Nov** [Mts Cheesman—Olympus](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● This moderate-hard trip climbs from the ski-field road up to 2094m Mt Olympus. Returning via Mt Cheesman. Take ice axe and crampons.
Early start, meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 4–5 Nov** [Mt Taylor](#)
Helen Binnie 027 2866 999
●● A moderate-hard climb of 2333m Mt Taylor in the Taylor Range near Lake Heron. An easy walk in on Saturday to stay in Double Hut. Then an early start Sunday for the climb. The height gain from the hut is 1433m.
Register your interest by 29 Oct. Dates may move to suit the weather.
- 11–12 Nov** [Pell Stream--Freyberg Range](#)
Sat-Sun **Peter Umbers 359 9118**
●● We use the Lake Daniel track for a short way then head up Pell Stream to the hut. On day two we'll climb 900m to the Freyburg Range and descend the track to Maruia Springs. Moderate-hard.
Book by 5 Nov
- 17–20 Nov** [Saxton--Leatham--Severn](#)
Fri - Mon **Names to Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com**
●●●● A valleys and passes circuit through Molesworth Station.
Book by 10 Nov

- 17–19 Nov** [Oamaru Base](#)
Fri-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●●● Connect with some of our members who now live in the Oamaru area. A variety of interesting walks to choose from.
Book by 12 Nov
- 25–26 Nov** [Carlyle Hut, Glenhope Station](#)
Sat-Sun **Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**
●● Easy-moderate tramp up Carlyle Stream to this unusual hut on Glenhope Station, below the Poplars Range.
Book by 19 Nov
- 26–Nov** [Opawaho Divide, Christchurch 360 Trail](#)
Sun **Helen Harkness 384 2890**
● An easy, flat 16km walk from Riccarton to Halswell Quarry. The “divide” is the separation of the Avon/Otakaro and Heathcote/Opawaho watersheds.
Meet 9am cnr Titoki St and Rimu St
- 2-5 Dec** [Mt Adams](#)
Sat-Tue **Awaiting leader**
●●●● A moderate-hard, steady 2100m climb to beautiful 2208m Mt Adams in this Wilderness Area. Expect permanent snow near the top.
Book by 26 Nov
- 2–Dec** [Nina--Boscawen--Rough Creek](#)
Sat-Mon **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
●●● A moderate circuit up the Nina Rr to Nina Biv then over Boscawen Saddle to Lake Christabel Hut. Day three goes to the highway via Rough Creek.
Book by 26 Nov
- 3–Dec** [Birdlings Flat--Magnet Bay](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● Easy-moderate trip along the coast from Birdlings Flat to Oashore, Tokoroa, Hikuraki and Magnet Bays. Returning the same way.
8am Princess Margaret Hospital, NE carpark
- 9–10 Dec** [Crow Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **John Cook 384 1710 jkscook@xtra.co.nz**
●● For some an easy-moderate walk via the Waimakariri valley and into the Crow valley which drains the Crow Glacier. Others may choose a moderate route starting in Arthurs Pass, going over Avalance Peak into the Crow valley.
Book by 3 Dec
- 9–10 Dec** [Waimakariri Col--Mt Philistine](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●● This hard through-trip takes you up the Waimakariri valley to stay at the Waimak Falls Hut. A long second day over the Col, up Mt Philistine and down through bluffs ends at the highway near the top of Arthurs Pass.
Book by 3 Dec

10–Dec

[Onepunga Falls](#)

Sun

Awaiting leader

- An easy walk up Boby Stream to the falls Inland from Amberley. Take secateurs as it may need a trim since we were there a year ago. Take a bag as there may be plums at the car park.

Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

9–12 Dec

[Kakapo Hut](#)

Sat-Tues

Awaiting leader

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A moderate-hard 4 or 5 day trip on the west side of Kahurangi National Park to visit Kakapo Hut. We depart Little Wanganui, head along the newish track (not shown on the map) from the old Belltown-Manunui hut site, Wangapeka Track, over Lawrence Saddle to Kakapo Valley, and return, either via Kakapo Saddle or possibly along the Scarlett Range to Little Wanganui Saddle.

Book by 19 Nov

TRIP REPORTS

The Gap, Korowai/Torlesse Range

10 Sept 2023

Merv's trip along the south side of Mt Somers became a walk to The Gap when Merv announced foot trouble would rule him out. We ended up with three trampers, so chose this snow trip as it was closer to home. Wang, Lee and Kerry were away up the Kowai Rr at 8:20am on this gusty morning. After twenty minutes a group of eight trampers overtook our three. Later, on a broad area of the river we caught them as they searched the river bed for something. It turned out that a wind gust had blown spectacles off a woman's face. Wang saved the day by finding them and received a big hug from the relieved owner.



The gap comes into view

Near the hut our three took the true-left bank river terraces and the eight went up the river itself. At a fork in the river, we stopped for a break and were surprised to see the bigger group were behind us. At a little side-stream we diverted up a little way and then scrambled up a nasty little slope to reach the spur that runs NW towards The Gap. Patchy snow became continuous soft snow, and well ahead we could see a tight bunch of eight Over 40s TC people zig-zagging steadily up. Their tracks made the going easier for us, but they had time to eat lunch and start returning by the time we reached this prominent notch on the main ridge of the Korowai/Torlesse Range. We started downward at 2pm, avoiding the awkward scramble off the NW spur, and made two stops on the way back to the car at the big pines. As for the morning, the wind made us seek shelter, as we took off wet boots and soggy socks. Kerry nursed leg cramp in the back seat while Wang drove home, arriving 7:45pm—an energetic day out, enjoyed by **Shi Ping Wang, Kyung Sang Lee and Kerry Moore.**

 **KM**



Following the tracks of the OFTC group



Filling the Gap

Sign of the Bellbird - Gibraltar Rock Sunday 17 Sept 2023

The Mt Alford trip was cancelled due to a forecast for rain and high winds, so we settled for a local trip. The two who arrived on time at PMH nearly called off the trip but a last-minute phone call from Kerry announcing he was on the Orbiter and one minute away, saved the trip.

We parked at the Sign of the Bellbird and started into Orongamai Reserve, in the lee of Orongamai/Cass Peak. When we emerged from the bush the wind was pretty wild. We followed the Crater Rim walkway up and down through flax and bracken for about an hour and a half before coming to the end of the track where we crossed the Summit Road to visit 502m Gibraltar Rock. Back in Omahu Bush we made a brief visit to 573m Coopers Knob, then headed back on the Crater Rim Track. Our lunch spot gave us a windless view of the farmland around Living Springs. The nor-wester seemed to buffet us even more than for the morning—not a trip for light-weights. We were: **Dan Pryce Kerry Moore and Graeme Nicholas (leader)** 🏠 GN



Gibraltar Rock



Coopers Knob from Gibraltar Rock

LeBons Bay—Panama Rock—Otepatotu Reserve

Sunday 1 Oct

Enticed by a good weather forecast, Chris took this trip on at short notice and managed some tricky logistics to allow most of us to do a through-trip from the foot of Panama Road to the Otepatotu Reserve car park. Graham took the Grunt Track back to the cars and Chris rode her bike from the Summit Road car park down the steep Le Bons Bay Road to retrieve a second car. We were: **Chis Leaver, Graham Townsend, Bill & Wendy Templeton, Sha SG, Kyung-Sang Lee, Kevin & Heather Hughes, Joanna Frampton, Peter Umbers and Kerry Moore.** 🏠 KM



A brief stop in Langer Reserve



Descending 755m Lavericks to the Otepatotu car park on the Summit Road