



Peninsula Tramping Club (Inc)

FOOTNOTES

April 2024

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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 9 April



Shared Adventures

We need volunteers to review an adventure book or film you have read/watched which has inspired you.

Let Kerry Moore know if you are able to give a 5 or 10 minute synopsis.

moorekj@xtra.co.nz

Tue 14 May



Lord Valley and Range

Members of this alpine adventure will describe this year's foray into the Southern Alps.

NOTES

PLBs: People with PLBs should remember to do a battery check on their device before they take it into the wild. The maker of the KTi SA2G suggests once a month. KTi also says you can do a more elaborate test of its ability to contact satellites. Their instructions for the KTi SA2G model can be found [here](#)

Mini conflagration: Another note to help you keep your tramping equipment ship-shape—check the o-rings in your burners. When they perish, they develop tiny cracks which are not easy to spot. It helps to remove them and flex them a little. Defects will show when they are bent. If they are cracked or no longer rubbery, replace them with the correct solvent-resistant o-rings. On a recent trip we had an unscheduled flare-up of butane!

XTRA email users will need to pay \$6 per month to use their XTRA mail address after 16 May 2024. If you switch to a free alternative, it's a good idea to do it soon so you can pick up any stray emails that arrive on XTRA before mid-May. To continue receiving emails from the club you need to advise Mike Bourke of your new email address. We have 21 members with XTRA addresses.

TRIPS

6-7 Apr

[Sylvia Tops](#)

Sat-Sun

Merv Meredith 322 7239

●● Moderate tramp over this 1500-1600m range between Nina and Doubtful valleys in the Lewis Pass area. Camping beside Devils Den Biv on Devilskin Saddle.

Book by 31 Mar

6 Apr

[Pyramid](#)

Saturday

Laurayne Robb 021 619 718

● Cross Mt White bridge, cross the Hawdon River, climb spur through forest at confluence of Sudden Valley Stream and Hawdon River to 1608m to summit. Descend scree into the Hawdon and out to Hawdon Shelter.

Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

7 Apr

[Virginia Peak](#)

Sun

Kerry Moore 359 5069

● An easy-moderate circuit in foothills west of Hawarden from Mt Virginia Station to 986m Virginia Peak, then down a track to the end of the Virginia Road.

Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

13 Apr

[Five Gully Stream--Mt Storm](#)

Saturday

Kerry Moore 359 5069

● A moderate climb of this 1254m peak from near Mt Pember homestead. A choice of spurs mean we can make a circuit of it.

Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

21 Apr

[Mt Barrosa](#)

Sun

Awaiting leader

● A moderate trip in the Clent Hills area up from the Ashburton Gorge Rd. Open tussock country with good views all the way up this 800m climb to 1364m Mt Barrosa.

Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

- 25-27 Apr** [Zampa Tops, Opera Range](#)
Thur-Sat **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ●●● Moderate tramp in the Lewis Pass area. Climb up near Henry Saddle to a beautiful tarn under Mt Zampa 1710m to camp. Day 2 back to Henry Saddle and on to the Opera Range, camping in a tarn basin under Mt Trovatore. Day 3 is over Travers Peak and down Foleys Track to the highway.
 Anzac **Book by 21 Apr**
- 28 Apr** [Kowai River](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● An easy-moderate wander up a flat section of the Kowai Valley from below Porters Pass to the hut, then on to explore the upper valley.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 4-5 May** [Crow Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ●● For some an easy-moderate walk up 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 Avalanche Peak into the Crow valley.
Book by Sun 28 Apr
- 5 May** [Porters Pass--Rabbit Hill](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● Easy-moderate walk to 1200m Rabbit Hill in Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park. Starting near Porters Pass.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 11-13 May** [Poulter Hut--Lake Minchin--Townsend Ck](#)
Sat-Mon **Awaiting leader**
 ●●● A medium-hard trip from the south side to the north side of APNP, passing Lake Minchin, Minchin Pass and down the rugged Townsend Creek.
Book by 5 May
- 12 May** [Stony Bay Peak--Mt Brasenose](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ● Moderate walk behind Akaroa, crossing the Misty Peaks Reserve between Stony Bay Peak and Mt Brasenose.
Meet 8am opposite Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St
- 13-17 May** [Kepler Track](#)
Mon-Fri **Awaiting leader**
 ●●●●● Moderate-hard tramp at this time of year, the Kepler Track circuit traverses the ridgelines of the Kepler Mountains from Te Anau.
Book by 28 Apr
- 18-19 May** [Tarn Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ●● Easy-moderate tramp from Lees Valley to Tarn Hut located above the bushline on the Puketeraki Range.
Book by 12 May

- 18 May** [Mt Oxford](#)
Saturday **Geoff Spearpoint 329 0008, 027 318 4727**
 ● A popular moderate climb to Mt Oxford with great views all around.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 26 May** [Tommys Cabin--Mt Lance](#)
Sun **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ● An easy-moderate walk to this 778m hill inland from Hawarden.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 2 Jun** [Rakaia Gorge Walkway](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● An easy-moderate 10km loop beside the Rakaia River with minimal climbing. At this time of year you are likely to be looking towards a snowy Mt Hutt.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 1-3 Jun** [Dunedin \(or elsewhere\) Base](#)
Sat-Mon **Names and suggestions to Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ●●● Possibilities still under investigation.
Book by Sunday 18 May
- 9 Jun** [Mt Aitken--Mt O'Malley](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● This trip, traversing the range between two of the peaks in Arthur's Pass, makes an excellent moderate round-trip.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

TRIP REPORTS

Gabriel Hut—Jollie Brook 9-10 March 2024

Having watched the long-term forecast slowly change over the week from cool and cloudy to warm and sunny we knew the trip would be a goer. When we arrived at the car park on the Lake Sumner Road we saw five cars there. Six cars, seven bunks told us we should carry tents and sleeping mats!

We crossed the Hurunui on the swing bridge and headed up the true left towards Gabriel Hut—John told us it was also called the rats' nest. The track was well marked with orange poles, as it climbed over river terraces and wound through scrub. Arriving at Gabriel Hut we decided to take the 20-minute diversion to Lake Sumner for lunch. Along the Hurunui flats we encountered a large wasp population, but no one was stung. Then Graeme managed to get stung by a bubble bee at the lake. After lunch we pushed on up the gentle climb through beech forest to Gabriel Saddle. Soon we were descending into the Jollie Brook. The hut was across a swing bridge and to our surprise, totally deserted. Inevitable comments about lugging tents ensued.

Dinner was a mixture of various freeze-dried meals, followed by Graeme's chocolate brownie cake, which is heavy on sugar and butter, but everyone survived.

We were away soon after 8am on the Sunday morning, following the river and criss-crossing downstream towards the big Hurunui River. Jollie Brook was low and unexpectedly warm. At about 11:30am we arrived at the turn-off back to the car park and re-followed the Hurunui up-stream on a rough track through scrub, arriving back at the car about 1:30.

This was a good, easy-moderate trip with all the basics: a couple of real, traditional huts, swing bridges, forest, grassland, scrub, lots of river crossings, warm sunny weather and good company. We were: **Graeme Nicholas (leader), John Robinson (photographer), Derek Gane, Ian Beale and Eileen Mackie.** 🏔️ GN



Walking up the Hurunui River flats



Lunch on Sumner Beach. No, not that one



This one





Jollie Brook Hut

Woodills Track, Akaroa Sunday 17 March

A relaxing Sunday walk, up Woodills Track, then down via Alpacas Bedroom track. We roused the Alpacas out of bed. Our packs got heavier as we collected apples, plums and blackberries. 🌲 **Maureen Thompson.**





We were on walk #2 See [here for more information](#)