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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 13 Aug



Winter Amusement

Bring out your inner performer by presenting a one minute, or less, amusing or profound rendition from song lyrics, rhymes, comedy, TV or book. You may perform as a group and may get to do a second or third recital if time allows.

Tue 10 Sept



Finding Your Way

We will cover the more modern navigation tools, featuring GPS devices and smartphone apps.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tuesday 27 August Barnett Park morning walk

Meet 9.30am at Barnett Park carpark, Redcliffs. We'll do the loop walk via the Cave. Bring boots and walking poles if you use them as it can be a bit muddy. Great views. About an hour and forty minutes. Afterwards there are a couple of options for a coffee or ice cream nearby. Or bring a snack to have in the little park on Beachville Rd.

More details from **Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778** <mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com>

If you have ideas for future social events we would love to hear from you.

NOTES

2024-25 Annual Trip Plan

The new 2024-25 Annual Trip schedule has usually been circulated by now, following our trip planning meeting. But don't be too concerned. Sonja and Kerry have been concentrating on trips for this August newsletter as you would expect, with further work for the list into 2025 following. If you have thoughts about a trip further ahead and particularly for multi-day, or base camps, do contact Sonja, 028 8517 3969, sonja.risa@gmail.com As always, we still need leaders for scheduled trips, so contact Sonja or talk to any exec member, or an experienced trip leader if you can help.

Tuesday Trip Option

In recent years we have occasionally found it helpful to delay a scheduled Sunday, or weekend trip to midweek when the weather is better. Going further and in response to feedback from members, you will now find we are scheduling some day trips on a Tuesday. They are mostly easier and local, but not always. We will see how these go, and of course, to run them we need leaders, so when you see one listed that would suit you, please do put your hand up and contact Sonja to volunteer.

Boots

Geoff Price has 2 pairs of Scarpa men's double leather boots to give away. Both pairs are in good condition. Both pairs are Scarpa SL M3 size 44. One pair is BXX width and the other is BX.

Geoff.Price@xtra.co.nz 027 343 5000

TRIPS

10-11 Aug

[Cass Saddle--Lagoon Saddle](#)

Sat-Sun

Names to Wang 027 279 7505

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A popular **moderate** circuit, overnighing in the good-sized Hamilton Hut. Mainly good track through beech forest, two tussock saddles and grassy flats, with some small river crossings thrown in. Day two is on a section of the Te Araroa Trail.

Book by 4 Aug

18 Aug

[Mt Evans](#)

Sun

Kerry Moore 359 5069

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From the Camp Bay Road we climb a spur to 703m Mt Evans then along a nice ridge all the way to Purau Saddle.

Meet 8am opposite Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St

- 25-26 Aug** [Nina Hut](#)
Sun-Mon **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ●● An easy, flat walk in beautiful Nina Valley forest to this modern hut. This one is a Sun-Mon trip to avoid overcrowding in this very popular hut.
Book by 18 August
- 30 Aug-1 Sep** [Hokitika Base](#)
Fri-Sun **Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**
 ●●● Staying in Hokitika and doing a range of walks near Lake Kaniere, such as:
 around the lake walkway, Mt Tuhua, Mahinapua Walkway. Take your kayak or bike.
Book early, by 18 August
- 1 Sept** [Mt Torlesse](#)
Sun **Dan Pryce 027 384 7065, dan.pryce@xtra.co.nz**
 ● A moderate-hard climb up the spur from Kowai Hut to 1961m Mt Torlesse. Ice axe and crampons must be taken.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 7-8 Sept** [Avalanche Peak--Crow Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ●● A popular, moderate crossing from Arthurs Pass village to Crow River via 1833m Avalanche Peak. People wanting an easy-moderate trip could take the Klondyke Corner, Crow River route.
Book by 1 Sept
- 7 Sept** [Mt Charon - Dumblane](#)
Saturday **Peter Umbers 359 9118**
 ● A moderate trip to the summit of 1540m Mt Charon from Jacks Pass. Along the way we take in 1303m Dumblane.
Meet 7am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 10 Sept** [Lyttelton - Urumau Reserve - Crater Rim](#)
Tuesday **Awaiting leader**
 ● From Lyttelton, an easy-moderate walk through Urumau Reserve, past gun emplacements and along the Crater Rim Walkway, returning to Lyttelton down Major Hornbrook Track.
Meet 10am cnr London and Canterbury Streets, Lyttelton
- 15 Sept** [Mt Harper/Mahaanui](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● A moderate-hard 1200m climb in the Lake Clearwater area. We take a vehicle track to Balmacaan Saddle and climb the spur to 1829m Mt Harper/Mahanui. Take ice-axe and crampons.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 17 Sept** [Bridle Path--Lyttelton--Stan Helms Track--Bridle Path](#)
Tuesday **Awaiting leader**
 ● From the Bridle Path car park we will walk up the pipeline "track" to the Summit Road, drop down the Bridle Path to Lyttelton, take the Stan Helms Track to the Summit Road then back to the gondola base on the official Bridle Path.
Meet 10am at the start of the Bridle Path track, near the gondola base

- 21-22 Sept**
Sat-Sun
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[Three Mile Stream - McMillan Stream](#)
Awaiting leader
Longish days make this a moderate tramp in Lake Sumner Forest Park, starting from Windy Point, up the Hope River and Three Mile Stream to Three Mile Hut. Day two goes down McMillan Stream, past Lake Sumner to Hope Kiwi Lodge and out to Windy Point.
Book by 15 Sept
- 22 Sept**
Sun
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[Big Ben Saddle](#)
Awaiting leader
An up-and-back trail near Oxford. An easy-moderate 6hr route with a gentle climb of 750m.
Meet 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 24 Sept**
Tuesday
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[Kaiapoi River--Waimakariri River--Pines Beach--Kairaki Beach](#)
Awaiting leader
This is a flat and easy walk along the Kaiapoi River to meet the Waimakariri River, follow that to Pines Beach and along to Kairaki Beach.
Meet 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 28 Sept**
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[Castle Hill Peak](#)
Awaiting leader
Moderate climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse Range at nearly 2000m. Fine views all around. An ice axe may be useful if snow remains.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 1 Oct**
Tuesday
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[Charlesworth Reserve --Heathcote -- Ferrymead](#)
Helen Harkness 384 2890
An easy, flat circuit walk from near the Ferrymead Bridge, through Charlesworth and Ti Rakau Reserves along both banks of the Heathcote River, then to Ferrymead Park and back to the cars.
Meet 9.30am Scotts Reserve car park near the Ferrymead bridge
- 6 Oct**
Sun
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[Mt Oxford - Oxford Hill - Ashley Saddle](#)
Merv Meredith 322 7239
A moderate circuit from Mountain House carpark up Mt Oxford, then turning east to Oxford Hill, down to Ashley Saddle and descend the fenceline spur back to the cars.
Meet 7.30am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 8 Oct**
Tuesday
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[Kennedys Bush--Gibraltar Rock--Omawete/Coopers Knob](#)
Awaiting Leader
An easy walk along part of the Crater Rim Walkway, to 500m Gibraltar Rock then to 573m Coopers Knob and back to Kennedys Bush. A more ambitious group could venture into Omahu Reserve to see Annes Falls.
Meet 9am opposite Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St
- 12-13 Oct**
Sat-Sun
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[Double Hut and Mt Taylor](#)
Awaiting Leader
From Lake Heron we'll head to Double Hut and stop there for the easy option, whilst those wanting a moderate-hard trip will climb 2333m Mt Taylor, a 1430m climb from the hut.
Book by 6 Oct

TRIP REPORTS

Matariki Moana Base 27-30 June 2024

At about 4pm Thursday Peter and Stan, part of the advance party, welcomed us to Kadandy Cottage. They had the fire going to warm our home-base for the weekend. The cottage looks out over Lake Brunner/Kōtuku whakaoka to Mt Te Kinga. Beyond the lake we briefly glimpsed snow-covered 1958m Mt Alexander in the Kaimata Range, on the other side of the alpine fault. With nothing else planned we settled in for the night with our own dinners and relaxed on the leather sofas next to the fire.

Next morning the fog over the lake was thick, but was clearing at 9am when we walked down to meet Stan, Sue and Wendy. We continued over the Arnold/Kotuku River swing-bridge to explore the lake-edge and the new 9km walk and bikeway, built by locals, around the north side of the lake. They are planning a new swing-bridge over the eastern Hohonu River, which will eventually connect the track with Kumara and The West Coast Wilderness Trail. It was all flat walking through spectacular Westland bush, with the opportunity to get out onto the water's edge in places. The odd large boulder gives hints of the glacial origin of the lakes in this area which were gouged out by a branch of the Taramakau Glacier. Lunch was had overlooking the river at the end of the existing walkway.



The view of 1204m Te Kinga from our base

Our pot-luck dinner Friday night surpassed everyone's expectations. It began with marinated figs on blue cheese, french bread, a huge vegetable and bean hotpot soup, lasagne, shepherd's pie, quiche plus broccoli salad. Double apple strudel, cream and Scottish oat cakes for dessert with a wine or two, of course. PTC potlucks have always been fantastic – thanks all.

That evening the rain fell quite heavily but by morning it had mostly cleared. We split into three groups. Peter, Joanna and Chris headed to Iveagh Bay to walk the DoC track up Mt Te Kinga. Peter had previously climbed it on an older track, approaching from the eastern side. Graham, Stan, Sue and Wendy had a later start, and walked to the second view-point over the lake on Te Kinga and back. Di and Ann walked all the short walks in the vicinity, and with Tony, enjoyed the Arnold River dam power scheme and beautiful colours

of the scenic reserve in the afternoon sun. We had an early meal at the Hotel Lake Brunner, then returned to home-base for a competitive card game, conversation or some quiet book time.

Sunday, Joanna re-discovered the whereabouts of her old school camp venue at historic Jack's Mill School, Kotuku. Here, the Peter Pan sculpture garden was made by students to beautify the environment, back in the bleak 1930's depression. The forward-thinking head master, Mr Darracott gave the 10-12 year-olds a project to design, build and furnish a small bungalow. On completion this was used as the home economics room and is now a DoC historic reserve.

We were: **Peter Umers, Joanna Frampton, Diane Mellish, Stan, Sue and Wendy Wilder, Ann Schofield, Tony Greaves, Chris Leaver (scribe) and Graham Townsend.** 🏔️ CL

Youngman Stream Hut—Lilburne Hill 6-7 July 2024

As our vehicle drove along the Lees Valley Road the wind-screen wipers suggested that we might be in for a damp day. At the start of the 3km farm 4WD track, Helen skillfully drove the ute through mud and ruts and we arrived at the trail-head without getting bogged. As we were unpacking the ute a guy with a deer carcass on his back came riding along from the hills on an electric mountain bike. I have never seen a hunter carrying a deer on a bike before. As we set off, the light rain stopped and the cloud lifted to treat us to a sunny day. We were on the river-side vehicle track for an hour before it turned up the Lilburne Valley. At the Lilburne River crossing we met two young guys reluctant to get their feet wet. They must have consulted a sketchy route description, so weren't expecting this. They did cross the river because we saw them on the spur track to Tarn Hut thus avoiding the risk of arriving at a crowded Youngman Stream Hut.



Helen praises the Lord as the rain abates. Photo by Wang

River flats at Tent Gully Stream provided a suitable lunch spot, then we climbed up the forest track on the Ashley's true right to avoid the river route. The uphill seemed unrelenting for us four oldies and was quite steep in places. Descending a spur to the river, we saw a sign pointing across the river telling us the hut was a

mere five minutes away. After keeping our feet reasonably dry, we had to do some last-minute wading. The hut is a standard six-bunker with a wood burner, so we set to, gathering firewood to get the hut to room temperature, rather than fridge temp. The fire was only half-way successful as the burner is set into an old fireplace, so most heat goes up the chimney. Kerry engaged in a bit of “fishing” and retrieved a stonefly larvae, or some-such, when getting river water. The dinner quantity was adequate, so Wang took it back to the river in the morning in a benevolent delayed catch and release.

Sunday dawned clear and frosty and at 8.30am we re-crossed the river and headed up the Lilburne Hill track, a steady 700m climb to Lilburne Hill. On the shaded side of tussocks, snow remained, but on the sparsely vegetated tops there was none. At Tarn Hut we boiled the billy and had a 40-minute stop, then took the long spur down to the Lilburne River, a 700m decent from Tarn Hut.

Back on the track alongside the main river, we had another hour’s walk back to the ute—a bit over six hours of walking time. This compares with four hours for the inward journey. We were: **Graeme Nicholas (leader), Kerry Moore, Helen Binnie and Wang. GN**



Ready to go on a frosty Sunday morning. Photo by Wang



Photo by Helen



Tarn Hut Tarn. Photo by Wang



Enjoying a relaxed cuppa at Tarn Hut