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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 8 Oct

Special General Meeting 7.30pm and Discussion on Peninsula TC 2025
See page 2 for SGM details.

Tue 12 Nov



Mountain Gorillas of Uganda

We go ape as **Karen Fincham** describes her visit to see the endangered primates of Uganda.

Notice Of Special General Meeting, 7.30pm, 8 October 2024 To Consider Proposed Increases to Subscriptions for the 2025 Year

The executive will unanimously recommend the following increase to the Special General Meeting:
That our annual subscriptions for the 2025 year be increased as follows:

Electronic membership Increase from \$40 by \$10 to \$50

Hardcopy membership Increase from \$55 by \$15 to \$70

The rationale for this proposal is the same as the last subs increase in 2022, ie.,

The ongoing operating loss in the club accounts year by year, with contributing factors including:

1. Continued reduction this year in membership numbers having to sustain fixed costs such as hall hire.

2. Increased postage cost year by year.

The SGM will commence PROMPTLY at 7.30pm prior to the normal **8 October 2024** club-night.

A motion to the above effect will be put by our Treasurer, Mike Bourke, seconded by Kerry Moore.

Merv Meredith, Secretary.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday 14 October St Albans Parks and Puzzle Walk then coffee at Ris'tretto.

Meet at 9.30am over the road from Ris'tretto Cafe at 670 Barbadoes St. We'll walk through the suburbs to Abberley Park where we can do an **Adventure Lab Puzzle** in the form of a **virtual escape room**. If you can download the free Adventure Lab app that would be great. Otherwise, we can share mine. The puzzle should take about 20 minutes as a collaborative effort. We'll return via a different route to Ris'tretto for morning coffee and treats. If the weather is bad, we could just meet for coffee at 10.30am.

<https://adventure.geocaching.com/>

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NOTES

Lambing and Maintenance Track Closures

Barnett Park, Bottle Lake Forest, Coastal Cliffs Walkway, Ferrymead Park, Godley Head Track, Isaac Conservation Tracks (external link), Ngaio Point Track, Okuti Track, Pony Point Track and Port Hills walking tracks. Details at: <https://ccc.govt.nz/parks-and-gardens/explore-parks/tracks-and-safety>

TRIPS

6 Oct [Mt Oxford - Oxford Hill - Ashley Saddle](#)

Sun Merv Meredith 322 7239

- A moderate circuit from Mountain House carpark, up Mt Oxford, then east to Oxford Hill, down to Ashley Saddle to descend the fence-line spur back to the cars.

Meet 7.30am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

8 Oct [Kennedys Bush--Gibraltar Rock--Omawete/Coopers Knob](#)

Tuesday Sonja Risa 028 8517 3969

- An easy-moderate 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 Omaha Reserve to see Annes Falls.

Meet 9am at the Halswell Quarry coffee cart

- 12-13 Oct**
Sat-Sun
●●
[Double Hut and Mt Taylor](#)
Awaiting Leader
Starting at Lake Heron, an easy walk to Double Hut. Those wanting a moderate-hard trip will climb 2333m Mt Taylor.
Book by 6 Oct
- 12 Oct**
Saturday
●
[Mt Somers Crossover](#)
Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726
A moderate crossover between Sharplin Falls and Woolshed Creek on the South Face Track and Rhyolite tracks. Takes in Hookey Knob and Staveley Hill.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 12 Oct**
Approx date
●●●●●
[Kepler Track](#)
Raymond Ford 022 318 087, fordrm@snap.net.nz
An alpine adventure with stunning panoramas. This Great Walk takes you from Lake Te Anau to Luxmore Hut (1085m) high above the clouds. We traverse the ridgelines of the Kepler Mountains, drop down to beautiful Lake Manapouri, before heading back through peaceful beech forest. Moderate or harder depending on snow depth.
Book by Sun 6 Oct
- 15 Oct**
Tuesday
●
[Godley Head Walkway](#)
Anne Hunter 021 0231 3125, ahunternz@gmail.com
An easy-moderate walk from Sumner to Godley Head with superb coastal views. The number 3 bus goes from the airport to Sumner.
Meet 9.30am Scarborough Clock Tower or call Anne if you want a ride, 021 0231 3125
- 19-20 Oct**
Sat-Sun
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[Mt Peel](#)
Kerry Moore 359 5069
Moderate-hard ascent of this 1743m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and subalpine scrub then 7km along the tops beyond Little Mt Peel. We will drive down Saturday afternoon and camp at Peel Forest to make an early start on the Sunday for a long day.
Book by Sun 13 Oct
- 22 Oct**
Tuesday
●
[Dunes and Wetlands, Chch 360](#)
Anne Hunter 021 0231 3125, ahunternz@gmail.com
This 16km sector of the Christchurch 360 Trail will commence at Pages Road and finish at Lower Styx Road.
Meet 9am at the corner of Pages and Wairoa Road, by the Pages Road bridge into New Brighton
- 26-28 Oct**
Sat-Mon
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[Black Hill Hut](#)
Merv Meredith 322 7239
Moderate trip to this hut in Oxford Forest. Three days so we have a full day for a side trip to Chest Peak. Less energetic people could be content with a walk to the top of 1300m Black Hill.
Book by Sun 20 Oct

- 27 Oct**
Sun
● [Cass River--Point 1912](#)
Awaiting Leader
A moderate-hard trip in the Black Range. Starting up the Cass River Track to Long Valley Stream, we sidle the waterfall on the true right and circle around the head of the basin up to peak 1912m for views all around. We exit using a great scree run down to the track and out.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 29 Oct**
Tuesday
● [Birdlings Flat - Magnet Bay](#)
Awaiting Leader
Easy-moderate up and down trip along the coast from Birdlings Flat to Oashore, Tokoroa, Hikuraki and Magnet Bays. Returning the same way.
Meet 8am opposite Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St
- 2-4 Nov**
Sat-Mon
●●● [Carroll Hut--Dillon Hut](#)
Names to Kerry Moore 359 5069
From near Otira, a short steep, moderate forest climb to stay at Carroll Hut just above the bushline. Those wanting an easier trip could do a two-day option to the hut and back to Kellys Creek car park. For the three-day option we cross Kelly Range and descend to the Taipo River to stay at Dillon Hut, then on day three, a short walk to SH73.
Book by 27 Oct
- 3 Nov**
Sun
● [Diamond Harbour--Charteris Bay](#)
Awaiting Leader
An easy circuit from Diamond Harbour, up to Bayview Road and along to Charteris Bay, returning to Diamond Harbour on the low Cliff-top Track.
Meet 9.15am opposite PMH on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St or the Lyttelton wharf to catch the 9.50am ferry
- 5 Nov**
Tuesday
● [Governors Bay Foreshore Track and Heritage Trail](#)
Irene Kilgour 021 166 3586
An easy walk along the foreshore to Allendale, then across the road to explore some of the hill trails near Living Springs. Returning on the same Foreshore Track. Take lunch. Optional coffee at the Governors Bay Hotel.
Meet 9.30am opposite PMH on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St or opposite the Governors Bay/Ōtoromiro Hotel for a 10am start
- 9-10 Nov**
Sat-Sun
●● [Lake Man](#)
Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726
A moderate trip to this attractive alpine lake in the Lewis Pass area. Starting near the Engineers' Camp, crossing the Boyle Rr, up the Doubtful and Kedron Rivers to camp at the biv or by the lake. A track up to the Doubtful Range and along the ridge is a good return route to the highway.
Book by 3 Nov
- 10 Nov**
Sun
● [Mts Cheeseman--Olympus](#)
Awaiting Leader
This moderate-hard trip climbs from Cheeseman ski-field road up to 2094m Mt Olympus. Returning via Mt Cheeseman. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

- 12 Nov** [Purau Loop](#)
Tuesday **Awaiting Leader**
● Catch the 9:50am ferry from Lyttelton over to Diamond Harbour for this easy-moderate walk to Purau Beach along the cliff track. We have three different return options. The track is rough in parts.
Meet 9.40am on the Lyttelton ferry wharf
- 13-17 Nov** [Mataketake Hut](#)
Wed-Sun **Chris Leaver 322 6445, newptc75@gmail.com**
●●●●● A moderate trip to a comfortable new hut on the range above the Haast-Paringa Cattle Track. Tussock tops give great views. Option to spend an extra night at the hut to explore the tops. Early hut bookings required.
Show Wknd **Book by 3 Oct**
- 14-17 Nov** [Dunedin Base](#)
Thur-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239, glendamerm@orcon.net.nz**
●●●● Based at the Leith Valley Holiday Park at the north end of Dunedin. Travelling Thursday afternoon, for a two-day exploration of some of the easy-moderate local walks such as Pineapple-Flagstaff and Mt Cargill. We'll take a Sunday morning short walk before heading home. Potluck dinner on Friday evening, then on Sat evening dinner around the corner in George St at one of the many ethnic eateries there. Accommodation and cost is very dependent on final numbers, so list closes early. A \$40 deposit will be required to secure our accommodation.
Show Wknd **Book by Sunday 13 Oct**
- 17 Nov** [Ryde Falls](#)
Sun **Awaiting Leader**
● From Coopers Creek car park, an easy walk through beech and podocarp forest to Ryde Falls, returning the same way.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 19 Nov** [Coastal Walk to Pony Point Reserve](#)
Tuesday **Awaiting Leader**
● A coastal meander visiting historic sites and sandy swimming beaches, ending at the Pony Point Reserve. Coffee and cake afterwards at a Lyttelton cafe. Returning the same way.
Meet 10am by the tunnel exit near Dublin Street
- 24 Nov** [Okuti Valley—Montgomery Park Scenic Reserve](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
● An easy-moderate walk through Okuti Valley Reserve, past French Hill, past Hilltop, to Montgomery Park Scenic Reserve big totara that is often bypassed but is worth a visit.
Meet 8am opposite PMH on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St
- 30 Nov-2 Dec** [Mt Cook Base](#)
Fri-Sun **Sonja Risa sonja.risa@icloud.com**
●●● We aim to stay at Unwin Lodge, Mt Cook village, or backpacker accommodation. Lots of options for walks, from easy meandering around the village and cafes, to climbs of nearby peaks such as Mt Kitchener, Mt Wakefield or Mt Sebastopol. Some will want to explore the big glacial valleys and melt lakes. Options to travel there on Thursday evening or Friday. Also a possibility of staying on until Monday for some, depending on transport. Early booking essential, by beginning of October if possible.
Book by 10 Oct

- 30 Nov-1 Dec** [Rough Creek—Lake Christabel](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting Leader**
 ●● A moderate trip in the Lewis Pass area to Lake Christabel Hut. The route is tracked all the way and crosses a ridge at about 1460m before dropping into a valley. Lake Christabel is an easy 1.6km from the hut.
Book by 24 Oct
- 1 Dec** [Mount Richardson](#)
Sun **Awaiting Leader**
 ● An invigorating easy-moderate climb through pleasant beech forest from Glentui picnic area, via Richardson Track, return via Blowhard and Bypass Tracks. 5.5 - 6 hours.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 3 Dec** [French Cemetery walks, Akaroa](#)
Tuesday **Awaiting Leader**
 ● An easy short climb to the oldest Christian cemetery in the South Island and a tranquil beauty spot with the option for a short or longer loop return. Coffee and cake afterwards at Akaroa.
Meet 9.30am opposite Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St
- 7-8 Dec** [Avalanche Peak--Crow Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Names to Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ●● A popular moderate crossing from Arthurs Pass to the Crow River via 1833m Avalanche Peak. Those wanting an easy-moderate trip could take the low river route to the hut.
Book by 1 Dec
- 8 Dec** [Boby Stream - Onepunga Falls](#)
Sun **Awaiting Leader**
 ● An easy walk in limestone country, through luxuriant vegetation, up Boby Stream to these impressive falls.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 10 Dec** [Akaroa - Skyline Circuit, Misty Peaks Reserve](#)
Tuesday **Awaiting leader**
 ● Start at Akaroa township at Rue Balguerie, up Stony Bay Road, along the ridge onto the Skyline Circuit over Misty Peak, which will take between five and seven hours. Provides spectacular harbour views. Return to Akaroa via Lighthouse Road.
Meet 8am opposite Princess Margaret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, near Fairview St
- 14-15 Dec** [Lake Mavis--Mt Oates](#)
Sat-Sun **Names to Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ●● A moderate tramp up the Mingha Track to Goat Pass, then up to camp at Lake Mavis. Those interested can climb Mt Oates. Others can climb to get a view of Taruahuna Pass, Falling Mountain and the Edwards Valley.
Book by 8 Dec

TRIP REPORTS

Hidden Valley Tuesday 10 Sept 2024

We were invited by Jonathan Carr of Hidden Valley Conservation Trust to go on this guided walk from the Purau-Port Levy Road to this splendid reserve above Purau Bay. The conservation trust now owns an area of land below Mt Evans and with the cooperation of farmers has created an excellent circuit. Our host guided us to the secluded gully where he boiled water for us to have a lengthy morning tea. The track zigged to a solitary tree where we had super views towards Purau and even over the Port Hills to the plains and alps. We then zagged on an interesting track through forest and emerged onto tussock farmland for a descent back to the track we'd come up.

We were: **Jonathan Carr, Sonja Risa, Calum McIntosh, Anne Hunter, Milomir & Vesna Mojsilovic, Kyung Sang Lee, Raymond Ford, Eileen Mackey, Graham Townsend, Chris Leaver, Terry Thomsen, Joy Schroeder, Peter Umbers, John Robinson, Jane Liddle, Kerry Moore** 🏠 KM





Spot the 14 trampers visible in this pic

Mt Grey - Red Beech Track Saturday 21 Sept

Our seven set off with a blue sky and good forecast for the day. After a trip along some North Canterbury back roads and a rough forestry road, we arrived at the Mt Grey car park. The DoC website warns that if the water is flowing over the ford, the river would be too dangerous to cross upstream. The ford is now just large lumps of concrete scattered downstream, so no longer a problem.

We took the advised track on the true-left of the Grey River to the summit. Muddy at first, it soon became a firm, dry track through beech forest. We reached the summit at about 11.30 and were soon joined by two families and a girl with her border collie dog. Great views out towards the sea and Amberley were had. We pushed on, along the ridge and into the bush to find a spot for lunch, out of the cool sea breeze.

After lunch the track straddled a couple of high points and slowly descended a ridge, and we reached the first river crossing at about 2pm. From there the track meandered up and down beside the river, although from a lookout we passed, we could see we were quite high above the river. Shortly before reaching the car-park we checked out the trapper's hut which has seen better days. One final river crossing, where there was once a ford, and we were at the cars. Judging by the comments we had one bunch of satisfied trampers.

We were: **Graeme Nichols (leader), Mary McKeown, Kathryn Marshall, Ian Beale, Eileen Mackie, Joy Schroeder and John Robinson.** 🌲 GN

