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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 11 Feb



90th Birthday Celebration

Our club-night falls close to the birthday of Margaret Clark, giving us a very good reason to help celebrate the occasion. If you have photos of trips that you and Margaret were on, send them to Kerry M, mooorty@gmail.com or give them to him by 7.20pm on the night. We will have a special supper. Wear a hat or something unusual.

Tue 11 March



AGM

Our 93rd Annual General Meeting will include Election of Officers and Executive members any notified motions. The new club constitution to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 will be discussed. Full details in NOTES, page 2.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Papanui Garden Delights and The China Kitchen

Wednesday 26 February

Arrive any time after 5.15 pm at Maureen's new place, Townhouse 10, Ngaio Marsh Village, 95 Grants Rd, Papanui. If coming from the south take Dormer St then zig zag as you can't turn into Grants Rd. Park on Grants Rd and my lane is first on the right off Grants. I'll provide some fruit punch and chips/dips. At 6pm we will have a wander through the award-winning Ngaio Marsh gardens, then follow the Papanui Stream to [The China Kitchen](#), 21A Main North Rd for dinner at 7pm. Rice and Noodle dishes are \$22 and more substantial mains are about \$31. There are 95 dishes on offer. After dinner it's a short walk along Mary St back to your cars. Names to **Maureen Thompson** by Monday 24 February on 021 266 5778 or mothompson1212@gmail.com. Maureen is keen for members to offer a walk in their area or to offer their place for a potluck. We need someone else to share the planning of social walks as Maureen is doing it on her own at present.

NOTES

Notice of 2025 AGM

Peninsula TC's 93rd Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall, on: **Tuesday 11th March 2025 starting promptly at 7.30pm.**

The agenda will include:

1. Election of Officers and Executive members

Nominations for positions, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, may be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting. In addition, nomination forms will be available on the night.

2. Notified motions

Any member wishing to give notice of a motion for consideration at the AGM should forward their notice to the Secretary at, or prior to, our **11th February Club-night**.

The complete AGM agenda, including any Notices of Motion received, will be circulated by email in late February.

Motions circulated will include one from the Executive, proposing the adoption of the new club Constitution we have been working on, to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. When you receive the email, please have a browse through this important document prior to the AGM.

Merv Meredith

secretary@ptc.nz

TRIPS

2-Mar

[Mt Alford](#)

Sun

Mike Bourke 021 0255 4991, michaelbourke1000@gmail.com

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Easy-moderate climb starting in Alford Reserve and then into tussockland to this 1171m foothill inland from Methven

Meet Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd. Please phone leader to book on trip

- 8-Mar** [Kowhai Hut](#)
Saturday **Graeme Nicholas, 027 504 7726**
 ● An easy-moderate walk to the hut and beyond, at the foot of Mt Torlesse.
Meet 8am, Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd. Please phone leader to book on trip
- 14-16 Mar** [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 by 2 March
- 23-Mar** [Coach Stream--Rabbit Hill](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith, 322 7239**
 ● An easy-moderate round-trip up the Coach Stream route, starting from the bend at the bottom of Porters Pass, to join the Trig M track. We then cruise along the top ridge to 1198m Rabbit Hill at the southern end. Returning the same way.
Meet 8am at Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd.
- 30-Mar** [Peak Hill](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ● Easy-moderate climb from Algidis Road in open country to this 1240m hill with absolutely superb views of Lake Coleridge to the north-east and the Rakaia River to the south-west.
Meet 8am at Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd.
- 12-Apr** [Middle Waipara Gorge](#)
Saturday **Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**
 ● An easy walk from Ram Paddock Road through millions of years of rock strata, up-river to see the large concretions. Down-river we will wade through the narrow section of the gorge.
Meet 8am at Placemakers 319 Cranford Street. Please phone leader to book on trip
- 13-14 Apr** [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 Sun 6 Apr
- 20-Apr** [Lyndon Saddle - Helicopter Hill](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ● An easy-moderate 5hr circuit from Craigieburn campsite shelter on the Mistletoe Track to Lyndon Saddle, with a side-trip to Helicopter Hill. Returning to the saddle we take the Craigieburn Edge Track to the ski-field road where it joins the Sidle Track leading to the cars.
Meet 8am at Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd.
- 3-4 May** [Andrews Stream--Casey Hut--Binser Circuit](#)
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239, glendamervm@orcon.net.nz**
 ●● A classic easy-moderate circuit, starting from Andrews Shelter, over Casey Saddle, down to the newish Casey Hut. Day two goes down the Poulter River to cross Binser Saddle, out to the Mt White Rd and back to the Andrews.
Book by Sun 27 Apr

16-18 May [Lake Clearwater Base](#)

Fri-Sun **Graeme Nicholas, 027 504 7726**

●●● Lots of options for easy to moderate day walks from this base in the open tussocklands of the Hakatere area.

Book by 2 Apr

17-18 May [Potts River--Dogs Range--Mystery Lake Circuit](#)

Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239, glendamervm@orcon.net.nz**

●● A moderate circuit up the TR of the Potts River to Potts Hut. On day two we sidle up to the track along the Dogs Range and down past Mystery Lake to descend the TL of the Potts River back to the vehicles.

Book by 11 May

TRIP REPORTS

Mount Oxford Sunday 6 October 2024

This was planned as a Mt Oxford – Ashley Saddle round trip, but the option of a return down the fence-line was canned at lunchtime. The forecast was for a moderate nor-wester which is what we got, in variable, overcast conditions. Leaving Placemakers, Cranford St at 7.30am we were walking from the car-park by 8.25am. John Robinson had arranged to meet us there. His car was there but no John. Turned out, he had gone up the fence-line route and returned the same way, so we didn't meet.



Lacking fitness, I managed the tramp up with effort. I'm sure the others walked behind me in sympathy rather than ahead, leaving me behind. Further up, we were progressively passed by a CTC group, plus others,

including a trim, lovely young corgi dog—with owner of course. Stopping just down from the top, we had lunch out of the wind, then up to the top for the record. As we descended there were still numbers of people going up—not quite like Harry Ell on a Sunday morning but very busy.

Back to the cars at 3.45pm in warm weather, we drove out to Oxford to closed cafes as expected, but made-do with coffee at the bar in the main street, supplemented by cookies, thanks to Kathryn. So, an enjoyable day out. We were: **Dorota Giejsztowt, Keith Hoard, Kyung Sang Lee, Kathryn Marshall, Merv Meredith, Kerry Moore, Joy Schroeder and Peter Umbers.** 🏠 MM.



Okuti Valley – Hilltop – Montgomery Park Reserve 24 November 2024

Glenda and Merv were outside Princess Margaret Hospital at 8am, anticipating a good turn-out on a nice morning but only Joy and Kathryn arrived. While waiting, John Lubber, a PTC member from way back, biked past and stopped for a chat. So just the four of us set off to Little River, up Okuti Valley Rd, then Reserve Rd to the car-park for the track up through the bush.

Walking at 9.05am, we were at the stile on the saddle by 11am, crossed SH75 at Hilltop by 11.30am and walked along Summit Rd to the reserve and the track up to the big, impressive totara. Another ten minutes or so further took us to the open grassy lookout spot with a view south-east to Onawe Peninsula in the upper harbour—a nice lunch spot. Retracing our steps, any easterly had dropped as a nor-wester took over and was very warm by the time we were descending the valley. Even at this time of year there was a boggy basin to do an awkward sidle above on the way down. We were at the car by 3pm and off to the Little River Cafe for coffee and cake, after a nice day out. **We were: Kathryn Marshall, Glenda & Merv Meredith, Joy Schroeder.**

🏠 MM.



Two old-timers



Ryde Falls Saturday 18 January 2025

At 9.15am seven of us—a mixture of old, new, returning, and potential club members—set off from Cranford Street, on a cloudy Saturday morning, under Mary’s able leadership. After walking twenty minutes we came across a prominent rocky outcrop, so declared this an ideal stop for morning tea. The track was a bit overgrown with blackberry and other foliage at the start, and along the way we encountered some gnarly tree roots, tree-falls to limbo under, some slippery paths and lots of boggy, muddy patches. We sustained a couple of wet bottoms from unscheduled slips and dips while crossing the largest stream, and a dust bath, but fortunately no injuries and no mud-baths. I knew Darcy had spare clothes in Mary’s car. Would I need them? Luckily, sandflies weren’t too troublesome, as most of us had not packed insect repellent. We eventually arrived at the falls around 1pm. Mary and Darcy had been to Ryde Falls before and proclaimed they had never seen them with so much water. Retracing our steps for five minutes to the “campsite”, we had a well-earned lunch. On our way back to Mountain Road car-park, at around 3pm, the clouds departed and blue sky and sun emerged.



On the track

We walked the last hour back in brilliant sunshine and reached the cars, tired but happy, just a couple of minutes after 4pm. Muddy boots were carefully pulled off. They would need a messy scrub-off job when we arrived home. My phone app said we'd covered 14.6km, gained 500m in height, with a moving time of 4½hr. From the map, the overall height gain from Mountain Road to the falls is 150m. We were: **Mary McKeown, Darcy Mawson, Laura Keenan, Helen Rutter, Joy Schroeder, Carol Cheong and Karen Fincham.** 🌲 KF



The Falls



Our lunch spot

Duncan Park Sunday 26 January 2025

The planned trip to Mt Alford was postponed due to forecast wet weather and so Plan B was a quick trip in the Port Hills, exploring some tracks around the Duncan Park area that some of the 15-strong party had not been on before.

Starting at 09:00 we went up the Duncan Park ridgeline via a walkway track, through some native bush in rather warm and humid conditions. As we climbed up the ridge, the low cloud over the Summit Road gradually thinned out and we had good views of Lyttelton Harbour and Christchurch City below. Once on the Summit Road, we soon reached the top of the Rapaki Track. A short distance down the track, we crossed a fence stile onto Jacks Track, before turning off and descending part of the Harakeke Track—where there has been planting of natives that seem to be doing well—and then along the Kotare Track, which led to the pylons on the Duncan Park ridge and back down to the cars around 1230. The trip down from the Summit Road was done in sunny and increasingly warm temperatures and we were back home before the afternoon rain arrived. We were: **Mike Bourke (leader), Sue Britain, Keith Hoard, Dorota Giejsztowt, Pat McIntosh, Derek Gane, Sha, Joy Schroeder, Chris Leaver, Sandra White, Doug Forster, Sue Hely, Merv Meredith, Glenda Meredith & John Skilton.** 🏔️ MB

