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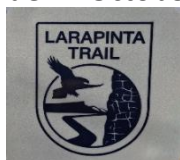
### OUR CLUB

Peninsula Tramping Club (PTC) caters for people of all ages who tramp for recreation. We run trips regularly, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', and 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 14 October**



#### THE LARAPINTA TRAIL IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Mike Bourke has just completed a 13-day 200+km walk, along this popular trail, through undulating rocky terrain from Mt Sonder (1379m) eastwards towards Alice Springs (576m) and through parts of the West MacDonnell, Chewings and Heavitree Ranges. . . and in glorious winter sunshine.

**Tue 11 November**



#### FORAGING IN NEW ZEALAND

Finding lunch outdoors if you have left your lunch box behind? Peter Langlands, intrepid outdoor naturalist, forager and conservation scientist, is our guest speaker tonight. He will have copies of his 2024 book "Foraging New Zealand" for sale.

*N.B. This is a rescheduled guest speaker following our impromptu and entertaining "foraging stories from the floor" presentations at the September club night.*

## NOTES

**FMC Backcountry Magazines:** These are now sent out as digital copies. Please, contact Mary McKeown at [marylmckeown@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:marylmckeown@yahoo.co.nz) 021 269 1165, if you would like a printed copy of the current and last edition of FMC's Backcountry magazine.

**FMC Cards:** Graeme still has a number of unclaimed FMC cards. If you haven't already picked up your FMC card, come along to the club night and collect it, or contact Graeme 027 504 7726 [gra.nicholas@gmail.com](mailto:gra.nicholas@gmail.com) to get one sent out you.

*With the absence of a Secretary, messages to PTC communicator ([secretary@ptc.nz](mailto:secretary@ptc.nz) or [ptc1932@gmail.com](mailto:ptc1932@gmail.com)) are not being monitored regularly. We don't get a notification about messages, so we don't know messages are there, and your message may be ignored and/or response delayed. If you want to contact a PTC member, please email them directly – please do not reply to PTC communicator. If you are sending a message to members by PTC Communicator, please include your name and email or phone number so recipients can contact you.*

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October : Flowers Track then Corianders Sumner for dinner.**

With daylight saving we can enjoy an evening walk. Depart from the Clock Tower in Sumner at 6.00pm for a leisurely uphill walk via Flowers Track to Nicholson Park and maybe a bit further to check out the views. We'll get back to the Clock Tower at 7.00pm then head to Coriander's Indian restaurant at 11A Wakefield Ave. in time for dinner at 7.15pm.



Names for dinner to Maureen Thompson text 021 266 5778 or email [mothompson1212@gmail.com](mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com) by 5.00pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**For the most up-to-date information about Social Events**, check the **PTC website**, the **PTC Facebook page** and look out for messages from **PTC Communicator**. Maureen has been organising social events lately, but she welcomes help from others for daytime or evening social events. Please contact Maureen Thompson by phone or text **021-266-5778** or [mothompson1212@gmail.com](mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com)

## TRIPS

**PLEASE NOTE:** All proposals for trips, offers to lead, changes to trips or trip schedules **MUST** be directed to the trip planner, Sonja Risa, [sonja.risa@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.risa@gmail.com) who will review, make necessary changes to the trip schedule and inform members. We want to offer trips with ranges of difficulty so even if you haven't ventured out in a wee while, please consider leading an "easy" level trip for those members who need a less arduous or slower pace trip.

*Although it hasn't been usual club practice, in future please contact the trip leader if you intend (or are just thinking about) going on a trip. This helps the trip leader with planning and you can be contacted directly if for some reason plans change or the trip is cancelled.*

**4-5 Oct      Pinchgut Hut--Bobs Camp Circuit**

**Sat-Sun      Awaiting Leader**

**\*\*      A moderate circuit from Pinchgut Hut, up Cattle Peak Route to Bobs Camp Biv, and back to Pinchgut on the Whare Track. Trip could extend to three days with a second night at the hut.**

- 5 Oct  
Sunday  
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- Charing Cross  
Murray Hight**  
An easy-moderate circuit walk on farm tracks in the Tekoa Range west of Hawarden. The peak claims to be exactly 1000m asl. Meet 8.00am Placemakers, 319 Cranford Street.  
**Names to Murray Hight** [roslynfarm@gmail.com](mailto:roslynfarm@gmail.com) or 027-555-0059 by **3rd October**.
- 11-12 Oct  
Sat-Sun  
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- Mt Tekoa  
Kerry Moore**  
A moderate climb of these 1469m and 1615m peaks in the Island Hills area. We plan to stay Saturday night at a farm hut and climb from there.  
**Names to Kerry Moore (03) 359-5069. Book by 4th October**.
- 12 Oct  
Sunday  
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- Mt Alford  
Murray Hight**  
An easy-moderate climb starting in Alford Reserve and then into tussock land to this 1171m foothill inland from Methven. Meet 8.20am West Melton Pub Car Park.  
**Names to Murray Hight** [roslynfarm@gmail.com](mailto:roslynfarm@gmail.com) or 027-555-0059. Book by **5th October**.
- 19 Oct  
Sunday  
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- Pinnacles Hut (Mt Somers)  
Kathryn Marshall**  
A moderate rated trip starting at Staverley carpark, with a steep climb up to the hut, so a reasonable level of fitness is required to reach the hut and return as a day trip.  
**Names to Kathryn Marshall by text or phone 027-545-1150.**
- 25-27 Oct  
Sat-Mon  
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- Taipo--Dillon Hut (N.B. a slight change to that previously advertised)  
Peter Umbers**  
A moderate rated trip from Taipo to Rangi Taipo tops along to Kelly Range, maybe Carroll Hut, then back down Seven Mile Creek track to Dillons Hut in Taipo then back out to road. This may change depending on weather and participants. Good fitness required.  
**Names to Peter Umbers** [pumbers04@gmail.com](mailto:pumbers04@gmail.com)
- 25 Oct  
Saturday  
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- Rabbit Hill (Trig M)  
Evelien Baas**  
An easy-moderate walk to Rabbit Hill in Korowai-Torlesse Tussocklands Park, near Castle Hill, offering panoramic views of the Canterbury Plains. Track starts near Porters Pass.  
**Names to Evelien Baas 027-557-5521.** Meet 9.00am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Road.
- 1-2 Nov  
Sat-Sun  
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- Deception--Minga  
Awaiting Leader**  
A moderate trip. A classic crossing of the Main Divide from Aickens, following the Coast to Coast, up the Deception River, over the 1070 Goat Pass and down the Minga to Arthurs Pass. Cross-over with transport.
- 2 Nov  
Sunday  
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- Christchurch 360° Godley Cliffs  
Evelien Baas**  
This 16km sector of the CHRISTCHURCH 360 TRAIL starts on the Summit Road and finishes at Scarborough. Commence 9.00am on the Summit Road. Turn right onto the Summit Road at the top of Mt Pleasant Road and drive a couple of kms to the point where the Summit Road is closed. A sign for Walk360 indicates the start point. Two cars are needed for cross-over as it is a one-way track.  
**Names to Evelien Baas 027-557--5521**

- 8-10 Nov**  
**Sat-Mon**  
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**Black Hill Hut--Chest Peak**  
**Awaiting Leader**  
Moderate trip to this hut in Oxford Forest. Day two can be a climb of Chest Peak, a visit to Salmon Creek, or just an easy amble to 1300m Black Hill.
- 8 Nov**  
**Saturday**  
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**Mt Oakden**  
**Graeme Nicholas**  
A moderate-hard ascent of this 1630m peak at the head of Lake Coleridge. Quite an uncompromising grunt, but you get superb views for your effort, up the Rakaia and Wilberforce Rivers towards the Main Divide and of the Lake itself.  
**Names to Graeme Nicholas 027-504-7726. Book by 1st November.**
- 14-16 Nov**  
**Fri-Sun**  
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**Discovery Stream—Sudden Valley**  
**Awaiting Leader**  
A moderate-hard tramp in Arthurs Pass National Park, linking Sudden Valley and Hawdon Valley via Discovery Stream. Travel in Discovery Stream will initially involve boulder hopping up the creek bed, from the Hawdon, before ascending a narrow scree-filled gully to the ridge. A scree slope provides a rapid descent into Sudden Valley.
- 16 Nov**  
**Sunday**  
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**Mt Manson**  
**Awaiting Leader**  
This moderate trip starts from the Craigieburn Ski Field Road to take out some of the grunt work, making it a steep but short climb to ascend this 1860m peak at the northern end of the Craigieburn Range.
- 22-23 Nov**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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**Redcliff Saddle--Tribulation Hut**  
**Graeme Nicholas**  
An easy-moderate walk from the Rakaia River, on a well-defined track alongside Redcliffe Stream. The return could take in 1450m Rat Hill.  
**Names to Graeme Nicholas 027-504-7726. Book by 15th November.**
- 22 Nov**  
**Saturday**  
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**Hinewai--Stones Circuit**  
**Murray Hight**  
A moderate 6-hour trip starting at the summit of Stony Bay Road, dropping down the new track near Stony Bay Stream, then climbing steeply north to The Stones. Returning to the cars via Lisburn Track, Broom Track and over Stony Bay Peak.  
**Names to Murray Hight [roslynfarm@gmail.com](mailto:roslynfarm@gmail.com) or 027-555-0059. Meet 8am outside PMH, near Cashmere Rd-Fairview St corner. Book by 15th November.**
- 29-30 Nov**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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**Rough Creek--Brass Monkey--Lewis Pass**  
**Awaiting leader**  
A moderate trip up the Rough Creek Forest track with an easy crossing of the main divide to the new Brass Monkey biv. We can exit along the Lewis Tops route or go down Lucretia Stream and the Nina River.
- 29 Nov**  
**Saturday**  
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**Mt Charon--Dumblane**  
**Awaiting Leader**  
A moderate trip to the summit of Mt Charon from Jacks Pass, also taking in the peak named Dumblane.  
Meet 7am Placemakers, 319 Cranford Street.

**PLEASE NOTE TRIP DETAILS ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLICATION BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - WATCH FOR UPDATED MESSAGES FROM TRIP PLANNER OR TRIP LEADER**

## TRIP REPORTS

*Please email trip reports to the editor at [karenfincham97@gmail.com](mailto:karenfincham97@gmail.com) by the 28th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter, in docx format with minimal formatting, or email text. Photos need to be around 640x480 pixels (about 100 to 200 kilobytes). Photos with date and time in the file-name allow them to be placed in the correct order.*

### **Mt CLOUDSLEY : FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025**

With spring arriving it's time to start get fit again for the summer. Apart from Bill, everyone commented on how unfit they felt. So, a good day was needed to exercise the muscles! Five club members left the Castle Hill/Hogs Back carpark just after 9.00am on a calm, clear morning. The trip was originally set down for Wednesday but with better weather forecasted Raymond decided to delay it to Friday.

The Hogs Back track was free of snow but a little greasy. Onwards and upwards to Long Spur, dodging pockets of snow, until ice axes were put into use as the snow got deeper. Gary, just back from the UK, decided to stop at Pt 1855 and meet us on the descent. The rest of us headed up the ridge, The snow was too soft for crampons. At times the snow was knee deep (depending on how tall the tramper!) and a bitter wind picked up with icy snow spindrifts flying around. Despite the great views, it was not pleasant at the summit so we didn't linger and retraced our steps down the ridge to have lunch in a sheltered spot.

No time records were broken as some members were just returning after long breaks or overseas travel, but it was great to be out enjoying our backyard playground. Thanks to Raymond for the organization and to those people who plugged the steps in deep snow.

Stats for the trip: 7 hours, 12.59kms, 1338m climb, Mt Cloudsley 2107m.

We were Raymond Ford (Leader), Peter Umbers, Bill Templeton, Gary Huish and Helen Binnie 🏠HB







## KAITUNA VALLEY : SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

Murray's planned walk was from the top of Kaituna Valley to Mt Herbert but as we drove up the valley we decided the brisk, cold southerly wind would make conditions up there unpleasant. Instead, we walked up the Packhorse Track for a sheltered, lazy stay at Packhorse Hut. At 11:30am we had an early lunch while day trippers and stayers arrived. By noon we were on the way down with ample time to admire the valley. Kowhai flowers out-did gorse flowers in volume if not for vividness. The well-trodden track crosses the stream many times lower down but strategic stepping stones kept our boots dry. We were: Murray, Darcy, Joy, Kyungsang and Kerry. 🏠 KM





## IMPORTANT MESSAGES



We are planning to hold a “garage sale” of pre-loved tramping equipment on 9<sup>th</sup> December at our Christmas club night meeting and you are invited to bring along any serviceable unwanted equipment to sell. So, start checking out the garage and those gear cupboards now, have a sort out and prepare to set yourself up at a sales table. Details to follow . . .

The executive committee is currently considering significant matters pertaining to the future of the club. Not all current executive committee members are intending to remain on the committee next year so, for the club to continue or to continue in its present form, we need more PTC members willing to serve on the committee as well as more PTC members volunteering to lead trips, and more PTC members venturing out on trips. Watch out for a message on PTC communicator, sometime this month, for an official notification of a Special General Meeting.