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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 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. Rescheduled speaker from September.
Tue 9 December 	SHOW AND TELL AND CHRISTMAS FUN Email a photo of a (hopefully) recognizable tramping landmark or scene (with you in it, if possible) to Evelien baasevelien@gmail.com by 5 th December and we will show these photos and see if others can guess the spot. Please bring a small plate of festive finger food to share for supper.

NOTES

FMC Backcountry Magazines: These are now sent out as digital copies. Please, contact Mary McKeown at 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 to get one sent out you.

With the absence of a Secretary, messages to PTC communicator (secretary@ptc.nz or 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 18th November : Walk then potluck dinner at home of Anne & Grant Hunter.

Meet at 6 Harrods Court, Ilam (off Woodford Terrace and suggest you park here) at 5.45pm. Explore local parks and walkways and return about 7.00pm for pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to share. Bring your own drinks and your own crockery and cutlery. All welcome, whether or not you walk. Names to Anne **021-023-13125 before 17th November.**

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

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 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.

1 Nov

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Oashore Regional Park, Banks Peninsula (replaces Deception--Minga trip)

Murray Hight

Oashore is a new regional park, providing outdoor recreation, recently purchased by the Christchurch City Council. An easy-medium walk, this 526 ha property includes old whaling sites, coastal headlands and other historic sites. Drive to Little River then drive up Bossu Road and park there to start the walk.

Meet 8.20am PMH Gate 3 for carpooling, for 8.30 departure. **Names to Murray Hight on roslynfarm@gmail.com or 027-555-0059 by 31st October.**

- 8-10 Nov**
Sat-Mon

- Black Hill Hut--Chest Peak**
Awaiting Leader
A 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.
- 9 Nov**
Sunday
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- Mt Oakden** (Note: change of day)
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

- 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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- Christchurch 360° Godley Cliffs** (Note: change of date)
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. Book by 11th November.
- 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 or 027-555-0059. Meet 8am outside PMH, near Cashmere Rd-Fairview St corner. **Book by 15th November.**
- 29 Nov**
Saturday
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- Tupari Reserve, Kaituna Valley**
Honora Renwick
An easy 5-6 hr 10km guided walk (with 2 options of track depending on weather) at Tupari Reserve, a 730 ha private reserve purchased to preserve and enhance ancient forest and subalpine plants and native animals and birds, in the Kaituna Valley, Banks Peninsula/Te Pataka-a-Rakaihauta, owned and managed by the Mikimiki Conservation Trust.
Names to Honora Renwick honorarenwick@gmail.com Book by 22nd November. Meet at 9.00am at Halswell Domain playground carpark.

6-7 Dec
Sat-Sun
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Rough Creek--Brass Monkey--Lewis Pass (Note: rescheduled date)

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.

6 Dec
Saturday
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Peraki Bay Circuit

Murray Hight

Visit the site of the first European whaling station in Canterbury. An easy-moderate circuit to the headland then up a spur to Carews Peak, along Bossu Road and down Peraki Road to the cars. **Names to Murray Hight roslynfarm@gmail.com or 027-555-0059 by 29th November.** Meet 8.00am outside PMH, near Cashmere Road-Fairview Street corner.

13 Dec
Saturday
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Bridle Path “Ferrymead Alive - Canterbury 175th”

Graeme Nicholas

On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December Ferrymead Heritage Park is hosting **Ferrymead Alive - Canterbury 175th**, a festival to commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of the first four colonial ships of the English settlement of Canterbury in 1850. Join this event on Saturday 13th December and walk the Bridle Path from Lyttelton to Ferrymead. A 175th souvenir certificate will be available for those that complete the walk. Meet 9.00am at Bridle path carpark (by gondola car park) to catch the bus to Lyttelton. Stroll the Farmers Market and then walk over the hill to join in the gala celebrations (food, drinks and entertainment) at the Ferrymead Historical Society Park. Period dress optional! Note: Cars can be parked in Heathcote and you can travel by the number 8 bus to Lyttelton if you don't want to walk both ways.

Names to Graeme Nicholas 027-504-7726 by 12th December.

20-21 Dec
Sat-Sun
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Avalanche Peak—Crow Hut

Awaiting Leader

A classic moderate trip from Arthurs Pass village to Avalanche Peak, along the ridge, then dropping down a scree ramp to Crow Hut. Sunday is a shorter day to Klondyke Corner.

21 Dec
Sunday
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Port Hills Picnic Walk

Evelien Baas

Take a little more lunch than you would usually take as we will have a picnic with shared lunch on this easy ramble to a special spot. Bring your gold card in case we need to use public transport. **Names to Evelien Baas 027-557-5521. Book by 14th December.**

Meet 10.00am outside PMH, near Cashmere Road-Fairview Street corner.

**PLEASE NOTE TRIP DETAILS ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLICATION BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER AND AVAILABILITY OF TRIP LEADER
WATCH FOR UPDATED MESSAGES FROM TRIP PLANNER OR TRIP LEADER**

What trips can you lead?

We need offers from leaders for trips for January and February. There will not be a newsletter in January so please let Sonja know of any offers or suggestions for trips for January by the end of November so they can be added to the trip schedule data base and then advertised in the December Footnotes. Offers of leaders for trips for February can be made any time before February.

TRIP REPORTS

Please email trip reports to the editor at 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.

TRIG M-RABBIT HILL : SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER

The trip was scheduled for Saturday, which was lucky as we just managed to sneak it in between two fronts. There were five takers, but Tanya, a prospective new member, had to pull out. Hopefully, we will see her soon on another trip!

Karen came to my house, we picked Ann up at Church Corner, and Murray at West Melton. We started at the roadside start of the track just before Lake Lyndon at 10.20am. For the others, this was a new way to reach Trig M, as they had previously gone via Coach Stream Route. As it is lambing season, this option was closed. I have always gone straight up from the road, as I usually take my dog, which is not allowed on the Coach Stream Route.

The weather was better than expected, fresh and sunny. We enjoyed great views all around. The wind picked up from the first saddle and was reasonably strong, doable, but it kept getting stronger. We had morning tea in a sheltered spot just before we reached Trig M and a lunch break shortly afterwards around 12.20pm in a spot sheltered by the trees at a saddle between Trig M and Rabbit Hill. We decided going further wasn't worth the battle with the wind, so we turned back and were back at the car around 2.00pm. We were Evelien Baas (Leader), Ann Schofield, Karen Fincham and Murray Hight. 🌲EB



Karen & Ann at start of track 2025_1025



Murray on track 2025_1025



Ann, Evelien & Murray at Trig M 2025_1025_1158 KF

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

The executive committee has decided that we do NOT need to hold a Special General Meeting at this point in time but we will review matters concerning the future of the club, and any potential significant changes to the format and administration of the club (including subscriptions) at the Annual General Meeting in March 2026. As you know, 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. We have now had some potential offers of help and expressions of interest in some committee positions so we are hopeful that the club can continue in some form next year and beyond, but we will be clearer about our situation by March next year.

We will NOT be sending out subscription notices in December, as usual, as we will defer collecting subs until after the AGM in March next year when we know if the club is going to continue or not.



A big OOOOPS . . . Yes, we were planning to hold a “garage sale” of pre-loved tramping equipment at our Christmas club night meeting but it was brought to our attention by more than one club member that, given the declining participation of members on trips, no-one might be interested in buying used tramping gear! So, very sorry, you probably need to find your own new homes for your pre-loved equipment.