



## July 2025



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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 <b>second Tuesday</b> of the month at <b>Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St and Oxford Terrace)</b> at 7.45pm. Doors open 7.30pm.	
<b>Tue 8 July</b> 	<b>NEW ZEALAND ORCHIDS</b> New Zealand has many interesting native specimens of orchid that we might find on our walks in our native bush. Max Hill and Melanie Brigden from a local Orchid Society will talk to us tonight about New Zealand orchids.
<b>Tue 12 August</b> 	<b>THE NAKASENDO TRAIL, JAPAN</b> A little on the wild side: Karen has just completed a 5-day walk on a section of this famous trail between Kyoto and Tokyo and will talk about this walk, and how different it was to a typical multi-day New Zealand great walk.

## NOTES

We are always thinking about speakers for our club nights so if you have any experiences to share, or any suggestions for speakers or topics, that would be of interest to our club members please let a committee member know.

**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:** If you haven't already picked up your FMC card, come along to the club night and collect it.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Tuesday 22 July: He Puna Taimoana, New Brighton Hot Water Pools then dinner at Pad Thai Restaurant, New Brighton.** Come along and join a PTC group to soak and relax in the hot pools at 195 Marine Parade. There is also a sauna, steam room and heated changing rooms. Cost is \$18/(\$14) for a gold card holder (peak time) or \$23/(\$18) (peak time) for an adult. The second price shows the discount you get as a Christchurch Resident. There is a link on the website to register, you need to upload a bill showing your name and Christchurch address, and it takes about 1 day to come back saying you are registered. PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR OWN TICKET. Book the 5.30pm or 5.45pm session. We will leave the pools at about 6.50pm. Dinner will be at the Pad Thai Restaurant, 59 Brighton Mall, at 7.00pm.

<https://www.hepunataimoana.co.nz/book-now/entry-passes> Please let Evelien Baas know if you are coming to dinner by Friday 20th. Phone 027 557 5521 or email [evelien@farmoffice.co.nz](mailto:evelien@farmoffice.co.nz)

In August, Maureen will still be "out-of-action" post-surgery, so requests a volunteer to lead a short walk and coffee catch up in August. Contact her for ideas if you can help out with an August social event.

**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 contact the trip planner, Sonja Risa, [sonja.risa@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.risa@gmail.com) if you wish to lead a trip so the trip can be put onto the PTC calendar and advertised on the website and in the newsletter.

*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.*

5-6 Jul

**Ada Hut--Zampa Tops**

Sat-Sun

Kerry Moore 03 359 5069 [mooorty@gmail.com](mailto:mooorty@gmail.com)

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Moderate hike near Cannibal Gorge in the Lewis Pass area. We'll stay at Ada Pass Hut Saturday night and get an early start Sunday to go along Zampa tops via the big tarn and 1710m Zampa

**Names to Kerry Moore. Book by 29 June**

- 5 Jul**  
**Saturday**  
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**Bealey Spur**  
**Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**  
Popular easy-moderate walk to this historic musterers' hut, through beech forest and tussock clearings which offer fantastic views of the upper Waimak and the mountains of Arthurs Pass National Park. It is worthwhile to walk beyond the hut, further up the spur.  
**Names to Graeme. Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**
- 12 Jul**  
**Saturday**  
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**Peraki Bay Circuit (this a change of trip to previous advertised)**  
**Kerry Moore 03 359 5069 [mooorty@gmail.com](mailto:mooorty@gmail.com)**  
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 Kerry. Meet 8am outside PMH, near Cashmere Rd-Fairview St cnr**
- 13-14 Jul**  
**Sun-Mon**  
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**Nina Hut**  
**Kerry Moore 03 359 5069 [mooorty@gmail.com](mailto:mooorty@gmail.com)**  
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. The hut needs to be booked.  
**Names to Kerry. Book by 6 July**
- 19-20 Jul**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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**Lagoon Saddle--Mt Bruce**  
**Kerry Moore 03 359 5069 [mooorty@gmail.com](mailto:mooorty@gmail.com)**  
An easy-moderate circuit on a piece of the Te Araroa Track from Cora Lynn, staying at Lagoon Saddle Shelter or the nearby hut. We return with a climb from the SW side of Mt Bruce, possibly meeting the day-trippers who will approach 1630m Mt B from the NE.  
**Names to Kerry. Book by 13 July**
- 19 Jul**  
**Saturday**  
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**Mt Bruce**  
**Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726 (Note change of day)**  
An easy-moderate up-and-back to this prominent 1630m peak. The route uses part of the Lagoon Track. Optional exit down Broad Stream. Take an ice axe if you think you may want to go down Broad Stream  
**Names to Graeme. Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**
- 26-27 Jul**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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**Edwards Hut--Williams Saddle**  
**Awaiting leader**  
A moderate round-trip to Edwards Hut, then crossing the 1327m Williams Saddle to the Mingha River. We often see blue ducks in the Edwards River.  
**Book by 20 July (Cost per car \$90.00)**
- 26 Jul**  
**Saturday**  
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**Allandale Circuit**  
**Colin Wilmshurst 383 2471**  
An easy-moderate circuit from Allandale to Living Springs, up to the Summit Road, along the Crater Rim, down to Governors Bay and back to Allandale on the shoreline track.  
**Names to Colin. Meet 9am outside PMH, near Cashmere Rd-Fairview St cnr**

- 2-3 Aug**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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- Lake Man**  
**Awaiting Leader**  
A moderate tramp from the Doubtful River, up the Kedron to this scenic gem perched well above the forest. The Doubtful Range provides a high route back to the car.  
**Book by 27 Jul (cost per car \$120)**
- 2 Aug**  
**Saturday**  
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- Planting on Quail Island (Otamahua)**  
**Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
Help restore the island with this year's native tree planting. Tools and transport provided. Take the usual tramping gear and gardening gloves. Early booking will help ensure a full muster on the day.  
**Names to Kerry. Book by Thurs 31 July**
- 9-10 Aug**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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- Lake Sumner--Hope Kiwi**  
**Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**  
Easy-moderate tramp in Lake Sumner Forest Park, overnighing in Hope Kiwi Lodge. Good track all the way, through beech forest and along river terraces. A cross-over walk may be possible alongside Lake Sumner.  
**Names to Graeme.**
- 10 Aug**  
**Sunday**  
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- Onepunga Scarp--Mt Grey**  
**Awaiting leader**  
An easy-moderate northern approach along a limestone scarp to 933m Maukatere from its north side. We'll be starting at 300m altitude.  
*Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St*
- 16-17 Aug**  
**Sat-Sun**
- Cass Saddle--Lagoon Saddle**  
**Awaiting leader**  
A popular moderate circuit starting at Cass and heading over Cass Saddle. Staying overnight at Hamilton Hut, then heading up the Harper River, over Lagoon Saddle and out to SH73.  
**Book by 10 Aug (Cost per car \$80)**
- 16-Aug**  
**Saturday**  
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- Mt Lyndon--Cloudy Hill**  
**Awaiting leader**  
A useful circuit above Lake Lyndon with splendid snowy vistas all around at this time of year.  
**(Cost per car \$60)** *Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd*
- 23-24 Aug**  
**Sat-Sun**  
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- Erewhon--Lawrence Hut**  
**Awaiting leader**  
A flat walk from Erewhon Station up the Clyde River and into Lawrence River. Staying at Lawrence Hut.  
**Book by 17 Aug (Cost per car \$120)**
- 24 Aug**  
**Sunday**  
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- Purple Hill**  
**Awaiting leader**  
A moderate climb of this 1680m peak above Lake Pearson with superb views around Castle Hill Basin.  
**(Cost per car \$80)** *Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd*

We are aware that calculating the mileage for trips is difficult, and even a barrier, for some leaders so we are attempting to make this easier for those of you who aren't well-versed in this task. We have included costs per car for some of the trips awaiting leaders and will endeavour to have mileage costs included in the future on trip lists.



## TRIP REPORTS

Please email **trip reports** to the editor at [karenfincham97@gmail.com](mailto:karenfincham97@gmail.com) by the end 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.



Sorry, there have been no trip reports received this month.

The weather has not been favourable for exploring the great outdoors so many trips in June were cancelled.

Here's hoping for some sunny days in July.

Your current executive committee members now have much more work to do, with fewer people on the committee and key roles unfulfilled, so please be patient and forgiving if things don't operate as usual, or we need to make some important changes to keep our club operating in a sustainable way.

