



## May 2026

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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.

### NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

Please contact **Derek Gane (Ph. 03 337-8264)** or **Irene Kilgour (Ph. 021-166- 3586)** for information. If you can't reach them, contact any committee member.

## CLUB NIGHTS

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **Lancaster Park Community Centre, 40 Stevens St, Waltham** at 7.45pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

**Tue 12 May**



**Ice and fire - Walking in Iceland**

Fjords, Waterfalls, Glaciers and Geysers.

Heather and Kevin will show photos of their walks, short tramps and the stunning scenery they encountered on their recent trip driving around the circumference of Iceland.

**Tues 9 June**



**Mid-winter Christmas with PTC.**

Bring a Christmas-themed plate to share for supper. We will have a photo quiz for the competitive element amongst us. Festive attire encouraged.

# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

## New Club Meeting Rooms

As the Oxford terrace Baptist Church hall is soon to undergo renovations and will not be available for our use for some time we have a new location for our Tuesday meetings.

We will now meet at the brand new CCC **Lancaster Park Community centre** at 40 Stevens St, Waltham. (near the corner of Stevens St and Wilsons Rd).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/3T4rJxdM4obbJauS7>



Too new to be on google Maps, it is next to The Rugby Supporters club (Red tag on the map).

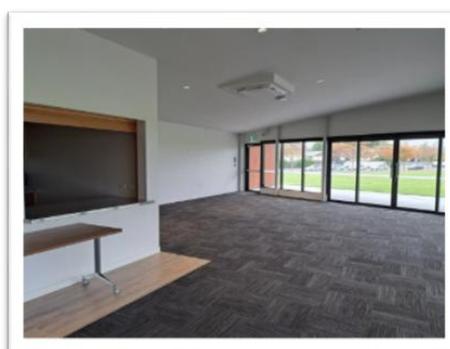
Go up the ramp or steps. The room and entrance are on the playing fields side of the building

### Parking

There is some parking on Stevens St and plenty of parking along Wilsons rd.

**The May meeting will be at the new venue.**

Come along and check it out and hear about Heather and Kevin's Iceland trip.



## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Somerfield walk and meal

Meet 6pm near Chim Don Don Japanese/Korean style restaurant (8 Somerfield St, Somerfield) for a short walk (bring a torch).

Meet at 7pm for the meal only (mains around \$30).

**Contact Chris Leaver 021 025 12011 if planning to come by Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May.**



*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. Contact Maureen Thompson by phone or text [021-266-5778](tel:021-266-5778) or [mothompson1212@gmail.com](mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com)*

## MESSAGES

### Annual Subs

Membership subs were due last month. If you haven't yet paid, please make your payment to:

Name: Peninsula Tramping Club (PTC)

Account: 38-9015-0030334-000

Particulars: Insert your initials and surname.

One member - \$40

Household with 2 for more members - \$45.

*If you no longer wish to remain a member please email [secretary@ptc.nz](mailto:secretary@ptc.nz) so we can give FMC a timely indication of membership for the coming year.*

### Cholmondeley Children's Centre - Garden Maintenance May 11th- Monday (Note: Change of date)

Cholmondeley was established back in 1925, by Hugh Cholmondeley and is located in Governors Bay.

I am looking for 5- 6 people who can give up 3 hours to do some garden maintenance i.e. weeding and pruning.

Cholmondeley is located on approximately four hectares of land and has a good area dedicated to gardens. It offers respite care for children aged 5- 12 and is always grateful for groups or individuals to volunteer time in helping the centre function. The centre has its own set of garden tools, but feel free to bring some tools along.

At conclusion, we can put our day packs on and have a walk on the nearby hills. Bring lunch and liquids.

Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital, inside gate 3 by 8.30 am

Please respond by May 6th to Murray on 0275-550059.

### Banks Peninsula Walking Festival

New Dates: 2-17 May. Watch-out for updated programme to be released on internet 13April.

# TRIPS

All proposals for trips, offers to lead, changes to trips or trip schedules must be directed to the trip planner Chris Leaver [newptc75@gmail.com](mailto:newptc75@gmail.com) so the trip can be reviewed, put onto the PTC calendar and advertised. Details of trips are given as accurately as possible at the time of newsletter distribution, but things can change, so please contact the trip leader and check with the PTC website or Facebook page or messages from PTC communicator for the most up-to-date information. 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.

**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.**

**1-2 May**      **Edwards Hut (return)**

**Fri - Sat**      **Chris Leaver**

●●  
**Moderate**      Dates flexible. A 2 day moderate 20km return tramp in Arthurs Pass requiring multiple river crossing up the Edwards Valley. 7 hours with at times steep steady climbing through forest to upper valley should get us to the Edwards Hut. Cost \$110 per car

**Trip is full**

**021 025 12011 or newptc75@gmail.com**

**1-2 May**      **Edwards Hut / William Saddle / Mingha**

**Fri - Sat**      **Kerry Moore**

●●  
**Hard**      Dates to co-incide with Edwards hut return. A 2 day steep, alpine climb from Edwards Hut to Willams Saddle. Bush-bashing down to the Mingha Valley and back to cars. Cost \$110 per car.

**Trip is full**

**022 156 9019 or moorty@gmail.com**

**3 May**      **Okuti Track to Hilltop return**

**Sun**      **Murray Hight**

●  
**Easy/Mod**      From Okuti Valley Reserve, it is a steady uphill climb on a 4WD track through farmland to a saddle. The track then gently descends to its end near the Hilltop event venue with fabulous views of Akaroa Harbour. Track likely to be slippery in places.

Meet 8:30am from car park inside gate3 the old Princess Margaret Hospital site near the corner of Fairview St and Cashmere Road.

Contact Murray by **Thurs 30 April**

**027 555 0059**

**6 May**      **Port Hills**

**Wed**      **Deborah Rhode**

●  
**Easy**      Easy walk up Eastenders track from Barnett park and down to Sumner for lunch/coffee. Return to cars from Sumner via bus (every 20 mins).

Depart from Barnett Park car park 10am

Contact Deborah by **5<sup>th</sup> May**

**021 166 5307**

**8 May**                    **Brooklands Mouth walk**  
**Fri**                        **Jaimee Latham**  
●                            An easy flat walk from Spencer Park around Brooklands lagoon and along the Waimakariri river to White's Crossing Picnic area with a lunch stop along the way. As it is not a circuit, 2 cars will be needed Cost \$8-12pp. Dogs are allowed on a lead. If the weather should be unfavourable it will be rescheduled to Saturday 16th May.

Meet 9.00am outside Placemakers, Cranford Street  
Contact Jamie by **5<sup>th</sup> May**

**020 4134 3625**

**9 May**                    **Kereru loop track - Mt Thomas**  
**Sat**                        **Graeme Nicholas**  
●                            Moderate walk through both beech and exotic forest to the top of Mt Thomas with views over Canterbury. Cost \$55 per car.

Depart at 8am from outside Placemakers, Cranford Street.  
Contact Graeme by **8 May**

**027 504 7726**

**16-17 May**            **Cookies Hut**  
**O/N**                        **Kevin and Heather Hughes**  
●●                            An easy –moderate overnight tramp into Cookies Hut, a basic 6 bunk hut in the Hakatere conservation park. The tramp initially passes through Redcliffe stream scenic reserve and over Redcliff Saddle to Tribulation Hut, then another hour downstream to Cookies hut (4 ½ hours). Dates can float if needed (contact leaders).

Contact Heather or Kevin by **8<sup>th</sup> May**

**332 6281 / 021 0797 101**

**24 May**                    **Kowai River Leithfield Beach**  
**Sun**                        **Colin Wilmshurst**  
●                            A 5 hour loop walk from the old Pukeko junction cafe, Leithfield, along the Kowai river to the sea. Lunch along the beach. Return via a track through sand dunes.  
**Easy**                        Cost \$28 per car.

Meet 9.00am outside Placemakers, Cranford Street  
Contact Colin by **23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**027 637 6497**

**29 May**                    **Castle Rock**  
**To 1 June**  
**TBA**                        **Chris Leaver**  
  
**Fri, Sat, Sun or Mon – to be decided**  
●                            Meet 10am for an easy walk starting at Horotane Valley up the ridge to below Castle rock or for an easier option on Jacks track to the bridle path and up to Summit Road. Down via ridgeline track towards Duncan Park and meandering around Jacks track back to cars.

Meet 10am at the road end, top of of Horotane Valley rd  
Contact Chris by **28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Text Chris which day you would prefer to do the walk.

**Text: 021 025 12011**

**6 June**      **Mt Herbert from Port Levy Saddle**

**Sat**      **Murray Hight**

● Drive to Little River, up Western Valley Road to the Port Levy Saddle. We will be following a well signposted track through farmland to Mt Herbert for lunch and hopefully admire the views, especially back to Lyttelton. Retracing our footsteps back to the cars will be 11.5 km return.

**Easy/ Mod**

Meet 8:30am from car park inside gate 3 the old Princess Margaret Hospital site near the corner of Fairview St and Cashmere Road.

Contact Murray by **Thu 4 June**

**Text: 027 555 0059**

**13 June**      **Diamond Harbour jetty to Purau - Cliff circuit**

**Sat**      **Chris Leaver**

● This track is part of the head to head coastal cliffs walkway with beautiful views of the harbour and heads. Care needs to be taken as the track is uneven with steep cliff edges.

**Easy /Mod**

We return through pine trees and suburban streets for refreshments and 3 pm boat.

Meet 9:40 am Black Cat B-jetty in Lyttelton for 9:50 departure to Diamond Harbour.

Metro/ Supergold card; cash \$6; bank card \$5 each way

Contact Chris by **Fri 12 June**

**Text: 021 0251 2011**

**19 June**      **Banks Peninsula Walk-Te Oka to Te Kaio Waterfall**

**Fri**      **Jaimee Latham**

● Hopefully get to Bossu Rd by 10 am to start a 4-4.5 hour, 10.5 km walk where we will have essentially a down slalom on the Middle Spur Track with Lunch about halfway down and a detour to a waterfall, then heading down to the beach for an explore on the rocks where we will be picked up and head back home, maybe via a coffee in Little river. Cost \$39/car

**Easy**

Meet 9.00am on the bend of Halswell rd outside Halswell School.

Contact Jaimee by **12<sup>th</sup> June**

**020 4134 3625**

**Date TBA**      **Carroll Hut/ Kelly Range/ Dillon Hut**

**3 Day**      **Kerry Moore**

●●● A three-day moderate walk with two short days and one longer day to Kelly Saddle, past a series of tarns and down to the Taipo River. Dates are flexible.

**Moderate**

Contact Kerry if you are interested

**03 359 5069 or mooorty@gmail.com**

# TRIP REPORTS

Please email **trip reports** and photo's to the editor at [heather@nivek.co.nz](mailto:heather@nivek.co.nz) by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Photos need to be around 640x480 pixels (about 100 to 200 KB). Photos with date and time in the file-name allow them to be placed in the correct order.

## **Bellbird—Ellas Track—Cass Ridge Track—O'Farrells—Bush Road Track—Ellas Track**

### ***Saturday 18 April 2026***

Five assembled at PMH and fitted in Graeme's spacious auto for the drive to Jamieson's Lookout over the road from the Sign of the Bellbird. Ellas Track joined the Cass Ridge Track which is not a ridge at all, but a spur—call me pedantic. Most of this spur track is in the open so gives good views of the harbour. It joins a fairly horizontal O'Farrell's Track which enters patches of forest as it passes through gullies. Taking the first up-track would have shortened our circuit too much so we chose the Bush Road Track that meanders upwards through forest, then low vegetation to meet a flat section of Ellas Track. A view-point on the way up Bush Road let us count the many slips that stormy weather has triggered. At a sunny viewpoint not far from the car we had a leisurely lunch and finished the walk with most of the afternoon in reserve. We were Mary, Graeme, Dorota, Joy and Kerry. 🏠 KM



Many slips are visible from this Bush Road lookout

Our 12:20 lunch-stop, not far from the Sign of the Bellbird



# NOTES

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**Contacts:** Messages to [secretary@ptc.nz](mailto:secretary@ptc.nz) are now being monitored periodically however if you want to contact a PTC committee member or Trip Leader it is best to please email them directly.

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