

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for Oct 2013

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Club night:

Tuesday 8 Oct 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Bruce & Mary Lambert

Speaker: Nigel Boniface – overland from Nairobi to Cairo

Trip List

Sep - Nov 2013

Date	Destination	Trip organiser/leader	Phone	Fitness	Cost
28 Sep	bike ride	Mary & Bruce Lambert	379 6106	M	
5 Oct *	Pukerua Bay coastal walk	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	M	\$10
12 Oct	Pylon Track Chimney Spur some steep climbing	Janet Corlett	306 9079	M	
19 - 20 Oct	Roaring Stag overnight	Vicki Brooks	379 8576	F	
26 Oct	Labour w/e no trip				
2 Nov	Mt Reeves	Clive Baxter	027 742 2975 377 5085 (W)	F	
9 Nov	Rimutaka Rail Trail Cross Creek to summit	Bill Dolan	306 9921	M	
16 Nov	Colonial Knob or coastal walk	Carol Major	304 8210	M	

*Depending on the tide, we'll probably start at Plimmerton, go round the coast to Pukerua Bay, then return via the Goat Track, Ara Harakeke, Taua Tapu Track, and the Reserve Track.

If you wish to go on a trip, please let the organiser know by the Thursday prior.

Trip Gradings

The letters after the cost for a trip are an indication of how tough it will be.

VE **Very Easy.** A stroll suitable for the youngest, oldest and least fit of people.

E **Easy.** Up to four hours walk. May involve some uphill. Lots of stops.

M **Moderate fitness.** 4-6 hours walk per day. Lunch and smoko breaks.

F **More fitness.** Some experience needed. May go off tracks. 6 – 8 hours walk per day.

FE **Fitness extreme.** 8 – 18 hours walk, fast. Heaps of climbing. Stops are hurried. Enjoyed only by masochists. May take up to a week to recover.

Leaders: please remember if you are unable to lead your trip it is your responsibility to find a replacement leader / trip.

The secretary's role is to be filled by Carol Major. Thanks Carol – you are a busy person and we appreciate you taking it on.

Sincere thanks to Jenny Duggan who was secretary for ten years; that was a great contribution.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE!

Subs are due for the 2013 – 2014 season. They are \$30 for a single member and \$40 for a family. You will receive a discount card from FMC which will entitle you to a discount on the Cook Strait ferry, tramping goods shops and DOC passes.

**Please pay to:
South Wairarapa Tramping Club
c/- Bruce Lambert
10 Danske Close
Carterton 5713**

**or:
Direct Debit to ANZ Bank
01 0623 0044755 00**

Trip Reports

CAPE PALLISER TO STONE WALL 24 AUGUST

Our trip from Cape Palliser had to start at the Mangatoetoe stream, as the road is closed at that point following storm damage. Repairs are under way, but it will take some serious reconstruction to fix the major washouts just past the stream. Seals were relaxing in the grass and on the rocks, enjoying the sun, and we had smoko close to them. It was a very pleasant flat walk past the lighthouse to the stone wall. Derek showed us the bait boxes to trap vermin and encourage a safe environment for the penguins. A few trampers stopped a bit short of the destination and waited for the others to come back, mindful that we'd had a longer walk than planned. The old wall is still clearly defined and in quite good condition, and we sat amongst it and had our lunch. Some of us walked up to the pool in the river.

Trampers were Derek Wilson (leader), Fay Mangin, Helen Morison, Peter and Ruth Graham, Bruce and Mary Lambert, Bill Dolan, Barry Kempton, Lynne King (reporter).

STAN SMITH MEMORIAL TRAMP 7 SEPTEMBER

We had a stupendous turn-out for this tramp, nineteen people! Thanks to everyone for supporting it.

The main aim of the tramp, from Te Marua Lakes to Kaitoke, was to locate the Supplejack Track, which a group from the Wellington Catholic Tramping Club had mentioned a few years ago, and which should provide an alternative route from near the highest point of the existing track directly down to the filtration plant. Stan thought he had tramped up or down it years ago, and we located what we thought was the top of it on a club trip in April.

So, having exchanged the glorious sunny day in the Wairarapa for a cooler misty day over the Rimutakas, we proceeded up the track from the lakes, and re-located the track heading off to the left. There were lots of newish markers, which meant following the track was quite easy, but as we descended in slightly the wrong direction we began to have our suspicions that we weren't on the Supplejack Track at all. We stopped at the point that the track began a steep descent, conferred with each other, the map, compass and GPS, and confirmed that we were on the escape route up from the Hutt River Gorge.

We retraced our steps back up the hill, half the group continued along the main track to Kaitoke, and the rest returned to the cars.

Those on the trip were Kay, David & Karen Bowie, Graham Britton, Vicki Brooks, Janet Corlett, Theresa Fawdray, Pete & Ruth Graham, John Ihaka, Bruce & Mary Lambert, Margaret Mackley, Carol Major, Jennifer Pomeroy, John Rhodes, Woody Woodcock, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (leaders and scribe).



MIKI MIKI TO KIRIWHAKAPAPA 14 SEPTEMBER

We left Carterton at 8.30, picked up Frances Pike outside Mitre 10 and arrived at Miki Miki around 9.10. David dropped Kay off with us and then drove around to Kiriwhakapapa to walk in from there and meet us, as it is not long since he had a hip replacement.

The day was good, not what was predicted. The track was muddy in places and covered in tree litter and we were continuously throwing branches off the track into the bush. There were a few bigger trunks of trees that took a bit more moving.

We stopped in a lovely sunny spot down on the riverbed for smoko around 10.15. We continued to clear the track as we went uphill and over the saddle. David had been busy clearing the track as well and met us at the top. We walked on down and onto the flat, arriving at the shelter around 12.15. It was fairly muddy in places.

A couple of vans with young cadets had arrived there earlier and had set up a mess tent and another tent and were making a makeshift shelter in the trees on the track leading up to Blue Range. Part of their bush craft skills, we thought.

We had lunch and a wander around and left around 12.50. David and Kay left in their vehicle and took Frances with them. She had had a good walk but did not want to overdo it as her knees are playing up.

So the four of us who were left set off back to our vehicle at Miki Miki end and arrived around 3.20. We all had a lovely day. It was the first time Bill Dolan had been in to Kiriwhakapapa and he enjoyed it immensely.

Those who came were David and Kay Bowie, Frances Pike, Carol Major, Bill Dolan, Mary and Bruce Lambert leaders for the day.

These books are available to club members to read. Please contact Carol Major.

Safety in the Mountains (Robin McNeill) [2012 FMC]
Safety in the Mountains - Field Guide Only [FMC]
The Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ (Inc) Constitution
New Zealand First Aid Manual [1994 Order of St John]
Bushcraft - Outdoor Skills for the NZ Bush [NZ Mountain Safety Council]
A Guide to the Rimutaka Forest Park
Abseiling - a handbook of techniques and equipment [Mountain Safety Manual]
Abseiling Handbook - an instructor's guide to Youth Group Abseiling
Exposure or Hypothermia [NZ Mountain Safety Council]
Firearms and Hunting [NZ Mountain Safety Council]
101 Great Tramps in NZ (Mark Pickering & Rodney Smith) - a Reed's best-seller
The NZ Outdoor Cookbook - the trampers' guide to appetising lightweight food (Marcelle Pilkinton)

Also available to interested readers is a set of Club Newsletters 2002 - 2009 made available by Joyce Skinner to SWTC earlier this year. They are in the SWTC case with archived club documents.

Here's an interesting event coming up:

**An Evening of Extreme Adventure with
JAMIE FITZGERALD
(from TV One's First Crossings)**

Join one of New Zealand's most inspirational and sought after speakers and learn how Jamie's experiences gaining a trans-Atlantic rowing world record, walking to the South Pole and retracing NZ's historic pioneers in the action documentary 'First Crossings' can help you perform better and achieve more in your daily life!

**Friday 11 October
Doors open @ 6.30pm
Kuranui College Auditorium, Greytown
Tickets \$20 adults | \$15 students**

Visit Dash Tickets www.dashtickets.co.nz

More information at www.kuranuicollege.co.nz

New track to try out:

The Greytown – Woodside River Link Track

It is now possible to do a complete around Greytown circuit along the **Greytown – Woodside River Link Track** which joins the **Greytown – Woodside Rail Trail** to the **Lions' River Trail**.

The track which runs alongside the Waiohine River is a "rough" track and is ideal for cross country runners, trampers, geocachers and other adventurous types. An estimated circuit which includes West Street to join them all up is approximately 14 kilometres. It would provide an ideal training circuit for the Coast to Coast, Holdsworth – Jumbo Mountain Race, and other similar challenges.

The route is not suitable following heavy rain or when the river is up.

Part of the track crosses over private land.

Keep to the track.

No guns.

No dogs.

Abuse it and we lose it.

To get to the track:

From Kuratawhiti Street

Follow the stop bank or river bed until you come to the two wire electric fence. Follow the fence on its river side.

From the Woodside end

From Woodside follow the railway access road towards the Waiohine railway bridge for approximately 500 metres then cross the fence. Follow the fence around to the fence crossing which allows you to drop to the river bank.

For more information phone Allan Wasmuth 304 8133