

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for June 2014

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Club night:

Tuesday 10 June 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Glenys Robertson and Barry Kempton

Speaker: Jack Montgomerie - experiences in France

Trip List

June – July 2014

Date	Destination	Trip organiser/leader	Phone	Fitness	Cost
7/6	tree planting Lake Domain lake reserve Featherston. GWRC restoration project. Cuppa proved, bring your spade 9.30 on site	John Rhodes	304 9095	M	
14/6	Blue Range Hut starting at Kiriwhakapapa. Good climb for first hour, good views.	Bill Dolan	306 9221	F	
21/6	Fort Dorset & Eastern Wellington walkway	Rosie & Ian Montgomerie	304 9252	M	
28/6	Mangatoetoe Hut	Frances Pike	027 330 6358		
5/7	Mikimiki – Kiriwhakapapa	Bruce and Mary Lambert	379 6106	M	

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.

*Stan Smith
died 14 July 2013*



On Sunday 13 July we will be having a day to mark Stan's anniversary. A pot luck lunch at Holdsworth Lodge if it's fine, or Waggs Motors if it's not. Confirmation at the time.

Trip Reports

CARTER'S RESERVE CYCLE TRIP 3 MAY

The planned trip to Wellington had to be cancelled as the weather was not looking good. Instead we went to Carter's Reserve. The weather improved after a cool start and we did about 40 kilometres in total from Greytown. Anne and John Rhodes, Theresa Fawdray, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie.



PINNACLE RIDGE 10 MAY

Seven of us left from Holdsworth carpark about 8.30 up Pinnacle Ridge bit steep Cool calm and misty with drizzle at times couldn't see anything. Walked along the ridge top for about 40 minutes then turned south east onto track marked with red white and blue markers an informal track that someone has kept open. The ridge sloped gently down had lunch part way down.but for the last quarter of an hour it was very steep, with people hanging on to trees and a rope. Came down to a tributary of the A Stream. We made two teams of three and joined arms to cross the stream, as it was moderately full. After crossing the stream there was a steep scramble up to the old A track that we followed for a short time and met the new track back to car about 3.00.

Vicki Brooks Roger Coventry John Rhodes Clive Baxter and Radar, Carol Major, Barry Kempton and Victor.

MASTERTON TRAILS 17 MAY

Ann Rhodes, Barry Kempton, Helen Morison, Theresa Fawdray, Kay Bowie, Lynne King and John Rhodes drove to Masterton and searched out the start of the trail beside Masterton Vegetable Seeds in Akura Road. It took us under the rail bridge and beside the Waipoua River to the Highway 2 bridge, which we also passed underneath. At Colombo Road we crossed the bridge, then followed a trail to Henley Lake. Netball and rugby were in full swing—some rugby players little more than toddlers. We walked up Gordon Street and Nikau Heights Road to the back of the golf course and lunched with a panoramic view of the Tararuas, then followed another trail past the Hansell factory. Our walk ended with coffee and cake at Dish Cafe in First Street—thanks Helen!

The day was perfectly fine, calm and warm – Wairarapa autumn at its best. Photos are on the website at http://swtc.org.nz/?page_id=286 Or open the home page and navigate to 'People & photos', then 'Recent trip photos'.



PAEKAKARIKI TO PARAPARAUMU BIKE RIDE 31 MAY

The views from Queen Elizabeth Park on the day of our bike ride were magnificent. There was no wind to hamper us, and only bright sunlight distracting us as we plunged from light to shadow down a sand dune or into scrub. We were riding the coastal track north through the park from our starting point at the motor camp, and it couldn't have been more perfect. The track rocks up and down over the sand dunes with some good downhill runs and many hills that had us on foot and pushing our bikes. Even Bruce's battery assisted bike couldn't quite perform miracles.

We emerged from the park at Raumati South and continued north, alternating between riding on the road and on a waterfront track. It was right on high tide and the waves were a bit too close to the track at times. The weaving concrete pathway heading into Paraparaumu was an easy cruise. We rode carefully past all the families out at the playground and crossed the bridge onto the sand at the Kapiti Boating Club. Biking on the beach was a little bit difficult and after a short distance we stopped and ate our lunch sitting on driftwood logs in the sun.

I took the road route back and the others went on the beach, and we met at the Rosetta Cafe in Raumati for drinks or icecreams. At Queen Elizabeth Park we took the inland track, on the western side of farmland bordering State Highway 1. A few good slopes got the adrenalin going, as we hurtled down bouncing over rough ground. Tucked into a valley was the local model aeroplane club, with a couple of miniature planes and a helicopter buzzing around in the calm air. We arrived back having biked about 25 kilometres, and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Those on the trip were Bruce Eglinton, Lesley Coutts, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie leaders and Lynne King scribe.



A note from Sarah Ross back in April:

I am joining a French friend to walk one part of one of the pilgrim walks - St James Way/St Jacques de Compostelle.....from Narbonne to Carcasson. Aiming about 20km a day for about 8 days end May. My sister has walked alone and is just finishing the walk in Spain750kms!!!!!!! About to arrive at Compostelle where apparently the relics of St James are entombed.

Maybe we will organise a month's walk one summer over here!!!!!! 7kg back pack - Let you know. Accommodation 10€/night in pilgrim hostels.

From La Rochelle where I am teaching Cheers Sarah

And an update from Margaret and Barry in Karamea:

Greetings to all SWTC members from the Karamea outpost.

It was lovely to see the Bowies last month, and the Cookes earlier in the year. Unfortunately the devastation by the Easter storm has resulted in the closure of most of our local tracks, so we went for a beach walk with David & Kay - photo attached. Ed & Juliet were luckier and sampled many of the local walks.

Luckily the Heaphy track has been reopened, so Barry and I were able to walk into Scotts Beach and camp the night for my birthday. Full moon, venison back steaks for dinner, and to my delight, a nocturnal visit by a great spotted kiwi. I initially thought it was a weka and I was looking for something to throw, but it moved into the light and I realized my mistake.

Wekas are plentiful here. We've even needed to put a good netting fence round our veggie garden to keep them out. They always manage to look guilty.

The garden is occupying much of our time as we work to tame the jungle. Fishing has been productive, though the snapper have now gone till next summer. With winter bedding in we are tackling some of the painting that needs to be done indoors. Before we know it white bait season will be here.

If any of you are coming this way, do pop in to see us. Happy to update you on the state of tracks as they are cleared, but in the next few months we'll be concentrating on beach walks - there are plenty of those.

Phone us on 03 782 6024 if you are heading our way - would love to see you.
Margaret & Barry

