

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for Sep 2014

<http://techs.net.nz/trusthouse.co.nz/sport/swtc/>

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Club night:

Tuesday 9 Sep 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Carol Major and Clive Baxter

Speaker: Julie Miller north / south traverse of the Southern Alps

Trip List

Aug – Sep 2014

Date	Destination	Trip leader	Phone	Fitness	Cost
30 Aug	Mt Frith	John Rhodes	304 9095	F	
6 Sep	Rimutaka Trig & Pylon Track	leader needed please		M	
13 Sep	White Rock	Bill Dolan	306 9221	M	
20 Sep	Hutt River trail	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	M	
27 Sep	Cone Hut	Clive Baxter	027 742 2975	F	

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.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE

They are \$30 for single person and \$40 for a family. On payment you will receive your member's card from FMC with their discount book.

You can pay either by cheque or cash to: South Wairarapa Tramping Club c/- Bruce Lambert
10 Danske Close Carterton 5713
or pay into our ANZ bank account 01 0623 0044755 00

AGM - All office bearers have carried on from last year.

New SWTC trip arrangements for 2014-15

A meeting of eleven members at Juliet & Ed Cooke's home on 18 August discussed the difficulty of finding leaders and devised a new way to organise trips.

We compiled a trip list for the six months from the end of September 2014 to the end of March 2015, naming no leaders.

We now seek an expression of interest for each trip, from a member who wishes to go on it and is willing to be the co-ordinator (not leader). Please communicate this to Barry Kempton at bazilk@xtra.co.nz or 304 9353.

When Lynne King sends out the newsletter she will list four or five trips with the names and contact details of the co-ordinators.

Trips without co-ordinators will not run.

The co-ordinator may lead the trip if she or he wishes, but her or his main responsibilities are to:

- receive phone or email messages from intending participants and compile a list;
- establish a meeting time and a meeting place or places;
- arrange transport to minimise fuel use;
- ensure that she or he has the club PLB and first aid kit;
- if the planned trip is on private land, find out who the owner is and get permission
- provide Lynne with a trip report.

It is up to the group going on the trip to decide beforehand whether they have, collectively, the knowledge and experience of the route to complete it safely. If they do not, they should seek advice from members who know the route or plan a different trip.

If the new system works we shall continue it for another six months, April to September 2015.

Ed Cooke
Berry Kempton
John Rhodes

SWTC trips Sept. 2014 – March 2015

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| Oct. 4 | Mt Mabel (SE of Martinborough, accessed from the Ruakokoputuna valley road. Permission needed) |
| Oct. 11 | Corner Creek to Wainuiomata walk / bike (western Palliser Bay coast) |
| Oct. 18 | Keith George Memorial Park (beside SH2 near Silverstream bridge) |
| Oct. 25
reverse) | (Labour w/e) Mt Bruce crossing (from National Wildlife Centre to Mauriceville West or |
| Nov.1 | Mt Kaiparoro (just north of Mt Bruce) |
| Nov. 8 | Wellington, Skyline Walkway (Mt Kaukau to Johnsons Hill or reverse) |

- Nov. 15 Ken Stokes' Rimutaka track (Rimutaka Trig to near the foot of the Rimutaka hill on the Featherston side)
- Nov. 22 Jane Gillett's farm (**probably near Lake Wairarapa and Tauherenikau R. mouth.** Permission needed) *Bowies / Helen Morison?*
- Nov. 29 Mt Reeves (Greytown's local hill)
- Dec. 6-7 Herbertville weekend (far north Wairarapa. Stay in camping ground & explore coast both ways) *Cookes We have contacted Herbertville camp, they have 3 cabins sleeping 4 each (one has a queen bed), and a caravan sleeping 3, plus tent and campervan space of course. Maybe we need initial expressions of interest so we can get bookings pencilled in, with a firmer commitment in October.*
- Dec. 13 Ruakokoputuna Chasm (SE of Martinborough. Arrange with land owner and pay - <http://www.patunafarm.co.nz> 06 306 9966)
- Dec. 20 Jury Hill (east of Greytown; access from Ponatahi area. Permission needed.)
- Dec. 27 no trip
- Jan. 3 no trip
- Jan. 10 Tauherenikau River paddle from end of Bucks Road track (delightful on a hot day)
- Jan. 17-19 (Anniversary w/e) Waitahanui Taupo *Sarah Ross my family bach. Sleeps 8 (2 beds, 2 bunks, 3 camp beds, one sofa bed for one etc) plus tent space if anyone wishes. Idea is to drive up in couple of cars with a view to doing Tongariro from Mangatepoto to Ketatahi carpark. Side trip up Ngauruhoe for those who wish. Leave cars at either end and shuttle between at end of journey. Bus fares expensive. Suggest drive up Friday leaving around lunch time return Sunday night. If weather bad other walks possible. 2 nights sleepover.*
- Jan. 24 Mt Rangitumau (prominent hill north of Masterton. *Ko Rangitumau te maunga; ko Ruamahanga te awa*) *Bardsleys*
- Jan. 31 Roaring Stag Hut & Hidden Lake (overnight? North-east Tararua; access from end of Putara Road)
- Feb. 7 Pahaoa north to Honeycomb Rock (coastal walk; permission needed from Glendhu Station)
- Feb. 14 Boom Rock (on coast between Makara and Titahi Bay) *Bowies?*
- Feb. 21 Tauanui Stream (SW Aorangi Forest Park; permission needed to reach park boundary)
- Feb. 28 Sutherlands Hut (from end of Ruakokoputuna Road)
- Mar. 7 Eastern Hutt hills (from Naenae or Wainuiomata hill)
- Mar. 14 Gentle Annie Saddle (near Holdsworth Lodge; gentle bush navigation needed)
- Mar. 21 Lower Ruamahanga track (crosses farmland near Mt Bruce; permission not needed. Bush and gorge.
- Mar. 28-29 (tentative) Tauherenikau heath pulling (volunteer programme; contact DOC Masterton or see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/volunteer/projects/wairarapa/tauherenikau-spanish-heath-control/>)
- Apr. 3-6 (Easter) Orongorongo - rent a hut

On a wet winter's night
trampers gathered to hear
their President explain
that comfort was near.
Trips that had faltered
and failed, and not run,
would soon be conducted
in fair weather and sun!

The meeting was Annual
and advancing the age
of these senior trampers
on a government wage
for which none of them works,
as they all have a card
that's oblong and golden
to make life less hard.

Now, the Zip in the kitchen
never whistled at all,
suggesting refreshments
were not in the hall.
When the meeting was done
they discovered a gap in
the staffing arrangements
to make supper happen.

Disaster had struck!
The Custodian of Gear
was down on his luck
for he'd failed to hear
or remember or think
that for a small fee
people wanted a drink
of coffee or tea ...

... which all trampers need
after the formalities
while recalling past deeds
and exchanging banalities.
The lack caused such pain
that people just left!
For who'd want to remain
if of supper bereft?

The person whose duty
it was to provide
eats and drinks for the trampers
had nothing to hide.
'Not my fault!' said Life Member,
'Cos no-one gave me
the doings for making
tonight's cup of tea.'

'Can't you read?' said the others;
'It's there on page one
of your tramping newsletter.
It should have been done!'
'Well if that's how you put it',
said John (it was he)
'The fault for it lies
fair and squarely WITH ME'.

Trip Reports

PINNACLES AND BEYOND 16 AUG

The weather had been horrible all week with heavy winds, hail and rain. We were half way down Mt Dick when the hail and rain hit, not very nice to be walking in. Saturday was looking to be a better day, with the rain clearing early morning according to uncle.marineweather.co.nz

Frances and Theresa arrived at our place in Carterton at 8.45 and we set off to Greytown to pick up Carol at the back of the Workingmens Club. On the way out we struck heavy rain at Kahouta and decided that if it was still raining when we got to the coast we would just do a tiki tour of the coast and then go home.

Arrived at the Pinnacles at around 10am. The day was cold with the south westerly still blowing and the sea was dirty and rough. We put on all of our warm gear before we started. The first part of the track after we left the river bed was very muddy and wet underfoot. Theresa led us off, stopping and taking lots of photos. Theresa is a German student who is staying at Wairarapa College Hostel for a year. Frances knew her through her daughter-in law who works at the hostel and she enjoys the outdoors.

We arrived at the lookout platform where we had great views of the sea and Pinnacles and had our morning tea stop there as well. We walked up and then down to the turn off where the track goes down to the coast or up to the Washpool hut. Frances was keen to go up and have a look at the Washpool track so we walked along that track for about half an hour. It's been such a long time since we had been along there and we wanted to see where we used to sit and have lunch at a grass clearing with a view of the sea. Frances said that there used to be a large pine tree there that we used to sit under to have lunch. The tree was gone but the view was still there. We turned around at that point and after explaining to Theresa how gorse had arrived in New Zealand with the early settlers for hedges on their farms we turned around and started back down the track.

After lunch, which we had at the turnoff for the Pinnacles, we went down the Te Kopi track which came out onto sets of farm flats with farm tracks between the flats. Just before we reached the end of the track we met up with a group of about 12 people who were walking the same track that we had just done. They were staying at the house at the bottom of the track for the weekend.

We walked back along the coast road which had a lot of stones and gravel on it that had been thrown onto it from the big storm in the week, and back to our vehicle at about 2pm.

The weather stayed fine for the whole trip and those who came were Frances Pike, Theresa, Carol Major and leaders Mary and Bruce Lambert.



MT REEVES 23 AUG

Friday: The weather was not looking too good for our trip to Mt Reeves on Saturday so I told everyone who had rung that I would ring back after I had talked to uncle marineweather.co.nz after 6pm. He said that it was going to be cloudy all day with no rain so I rang and told them that it would be an 8am start from Greytown. Frances came to my place at 7.45 and we drove on to Greytown to pick up Carol and Bill. After a short drive out to Woodside we arrived at the start of the track. There was a very cold south westerly wind blowing so we put on all of our gear, jackets, hats and coats. Carol and Bill had not been on this track before, Frances had not been there for fifteen years and I had not been for five years.

When we reached the pine trees, after a steep climb up a grass slope and under two electric fences, Frances said that the old pines had just been milled last time she was there. The track is in good condition with the new bush taking over from the gorse on the sides of track that our members have cut back over the years. It was slippery in places and one of our members slipped over coming down. Reeves track is a bit up and down with nice bush but this time there were no views as we were in cloud most of the day. Stopping for smoko at 10am we reached the top at 12.15 and because it was very cold with small patches of snow on the ground we started straight back down to a warmer spot to have lunch.

After lunch we carried on down noticing a lot of deer and pig sign in the soft parts of the track. I asked the group if they knew how to tell from a wild animal's spore how long it had been since the animal had been there. They said no, so I told them that if you put your finger into the spore you could tell from how hot it was how long it had been since the animal was there. Cold: the day before. Warm: one to two hours and hot: run like hell, or something like that.

We got back to the car at 3.00 and there was a note from Barry under the window wiper which said, "Hello Bruce and team, I did a short trip 9.30 from car, stopped 11.30 for smoko then returned back to the car." Barry came up later because he had to feed out to his stock. It was a great day and the cold weather made the bush look fantastic.

The team was Frances Pike, Carol Major, Bill Dolan and leader Bruce Lambert.