

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for April 2016

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Club night:

Tuesday 12 April 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Barry Kempton & Frances Pike

Speaker: Ed & Juliet - Offa's Dyke Path - a journey up the Welsh/English border

Trip List

2016

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
2.4	Chimney Spur	Janet Corlett	306 9079	F
9.4	Mt Dagg	Vicki Brooks	379 8576	F
16.4	Otaki River	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	M
23.4	Herepai Hut			
30.4	Mt Climie	Ann & John Rhodes	304 9095	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.

Supper: At the end of each club meeting, the people who did the supper should pass the supper box to the people next on the roster.

For the next two meetings the roster is:

May: Mary & Bruce Lambert

June: Carol Major & Vicki Brooks

Trip Reports

LAKE RESERVE, TAUHERENIKAU DELTA 4 MARCH

Thirteen trampers set off from SWWMC car park heading toward the north eastern end of Lake Wairarapa via the Tauherenikau river. Unfortunately one of our number didn't make the road end so after several tries on the mobile to find her we set off along the stopbank on the true right bank of the lower Tauherenikau.

This area has been plagued with flooding for many years and the Wellington Regional Council along with the old Wairarapa Catchment Board has spent many thousands to keep the stopbanks topped up and the braided channel through the willows open. As the terrain is so flat gravel builds up in the river bed rapidly and frequently.

Our route down the river was easy, mainly on a recently cleared bank for a kilometre or so and then we reached the lake edge, crossing small branches of the river as we went. We spotted a few swans, Paradise ducks and maybe some pied stilts in the distance.

Our walk in a north westerly direction across the river delta followed a couple of markers set up by previous walkers. After a short scramble through lupins and gorse we found ourselves at the old camping area where years ago many people spent their holidays. The closing of the access bridge back up the road finished that unfortunately.

A walk in an easterly direction on the old roadway brought us to a tree covered waterway that we crossed on a very dodgy bridge probably made by duck shooters many moons ago. After a short bush bash we arrived at the pine trees that were on the old river bank from a long time ago. A shaded lunch spot was found at 11.30. It was then a short walk back to our vehicles. Total distance almost five kilometres.

Ian Bardsley, Ian & Rosie Montgomerie, Ed & Juliet Cooke, Frances Pike, Mary Lambert, Royce Cooper, Lloyd & Chris Penfold, John Rhodes, Barry Kempton (co leader with Ian Montgomerie).

CARTERTON BIKE RIDE 12 MARCH

The last three days had been gale force winds and a southerly had come through on Friday so it was great that Saturday dawned fine with no wind, cloudy and a bit cool for our bike ride.

We left our place at 9am and biked around to the main road, right into Moreton Road and at the mushroom compost yard turned right into Kokotau Road. We followed that road for a few kilometres until at the Martinborough Road turnoff we went left into Millar's Road and biked the long haul up Millar's Hill. We all made it.

At the Longbush turnoff Barry was waiting for us and we had smoko there. The paddocks were very dry along the Longbush Road and where they had stock grazing there was very little of anything on the ground. The road was busy with quite a few stock trucks. At the front gates there were still a few scarecrows looking a bit worse for wear from the festival held last year. We turned left into Gladstone Road and up another rise, on past the 'Gladdie,' over the bridge and up another hill - last one thank goodness.

Fay decided she would like to have a walk around Carters Bush so Royce and I who had never been there before did the loop which only took about fifteen minutes. The boardwalk needs some attention, it was all overgrown with creeper and blackberries. There was only just enough room to walk through the middle of it.

We got back out to the entry way and the others had biked on ahead. We went back up the Gladstone road to Carters Line, turned left to the Moreton Road turn off and back into town to our place by 12.30 pm. Bruce Lambert and Mary Cooper had just arrived before us but the others had all left to go home. A very enjoyable day had by Fay Mangin, Barry Kempton, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie, Mary and Royce Cooper, Mary and Bruce Lambert leaders for the day.



HONEYCOMB ROCK 19 MARCH

We set off from Carterton at 8.30 and travelled through Gladstone to Te Wharau Road. There was much activity at the beginning of the road, with people setting up food stalls, motor bikes everywhere and an ambulance in attendance. Further down the road we followed a truck stacking up hay bales on several corners of the road in preparation for races. We all commented about road closure and hoped the road would be opened when we returned later on.

We arrived at the entrance to Glenburn station at 9.45. We set off over the stile and down the fence line towards the sea then turned right to walk just above the shore line around to the Honeycomb rocks. Part of the track had come away so we had to walk on the beach for a while then we got back onto the grass.

We had a slight sea breeze which was good and the sea had a chop. A couple of cray-boats were in close working their pots. We stopped for smoko about 10.30am. As we continued there were a few seals basking on the rocks and several vehicles on the beach, people diving for paua we thought. Lots of empty paua shells lying around, all undersized!

We arrived at the rocks around 12.10pm, with the breeze getting a bit stronger and the sea a lot rougher. We took photos and had lunch and then set off back to the vehicles, a head wind now. On the way home we thought the road was closed so we went via Westmere Road, Wainuioru, the Masterton Stronvar Road, Lees Pakaraka Road, Te Whiti Road, Gladstone Road and home, arriving a bit later than we thought about 4.30 pm.

The four of us, Neil Johnstone, (who took the photos) thanks Neil, Frances Pike, Royce Cooper, Mary Lambert leader had an enjoyable day.



ATTEMPT ON MT FINIS (MASTERTON TC & SWTC) SUN 13 MARCH

Failed

Party: Sheila Christensen, Ed Cooke, Juliet Cooke, Merran Cooke, Jay Just, Mark King, Thea Prenzler, John Rhodes, Denise Stagg, Anne Taylor, Portia (non-human)

ATTEMPT ON MT REEVES (MASTERTON TC, CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE & SWTC) SAT 26 MARCH

Succeeded

Party: Nigel Boniface, Ren Yanan, Ann Rhodes, John Rhodes, Wu Shan

Photo: Wu Shan & Ren Yanan

