

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2016

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Club night:

Tuesday 12 July 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Royce & Mary Cooper

Speaker: Nigel Boniface – USA National Parks tour with FMC

Trip List

July – Aug 2016

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
25.6	Kaitoke Regional Park	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	M
2.7	Kaumatua Track	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	
9.7	Cycling Carterton & chocolate cake	Mary & Bruce Lambert	379 6106	M
16.7	Petone historical walk	Carol Major	304 8210	M
23.7	local walk	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M
30.7	Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	
6.8	White Rock O/N	Mary & Bruce Lambert	379 6106	
13.8	Skyline Walk (Wgtn)Kaukau-Karori	Carol Major	304 8210	
20.8	Atiwhakatu	Ian Montgomerie / Frances Pike	304 9252	
27.8	local walk	Barry Kempton	304 9353	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:
August – Kay and David Bowie
September – Ken O' Dowd

Trip Reports

KAPITI CYCLE RIDE SAT 4 JUNE

It was a cool brisk Saturday morning in Waikanae. Seven keen cyclists toggled up and took off along the river cycleway towards the estuary and sea. We passed stands of native trees, park areas, stopped to check progress on the expressway to Peka Peka, crossed two foot bridges, checked out a campervan spot for the Lamberts and arrived at Paraparaumu for a picnic lunch by the beach. Thank goodness for thermoses and take away coffees to warm us up.

We then biked along the Kapiti cycle route to Paekakariki where the trail goes onto the sand dunes to the township (this is the next ride planned for later in the year.)

Returning towards Waikanae we enjoyed some sunshine and arrived back after our thirty kilometre bike ride ready for a good meal.

We enjoyed a pot luck dinner at the Tonkes / Hodgson house and toasted the end of another great day. Cyclists were Mary and Bruce Lambert, Barry Kempton and Lynne King, Fay Mangin, Margaret Tonkes and Wayne Hodgson. Sincere thanks to Margaret and Wayne for hosting us for the evening as well.

CITY TO SEA WALKWAY SAT 18 JUNE

An early start from Greytown meant we found free carparks on Bowen Street, just around the corner from the starting point at Bolton Street cemetery. There are many paths through the cemetery and it would be interesting to complete the walk visiting graves of pioneer Wellingtonians, including Peter Graham's great great grandfather! Another time perhaps.

On to the Botanical gardens and up past the Begonia House, before continuing up Serpentine Way, through native forest. We walked past the Peacemaker sculpture and climbed the hill path. At the top was the Sundial of Human Involvement, checked out by Ruth to be accurate, the Planetarium and the observatories. It was then a short walk to our morning tea stop at the Cable Car terminal lookout over the central city.

We descended the path to Rawhiti Terrace and went across to the university, which we should have walked through by the Hunter Building, down through the Mount Street cemetery to a path that lead past university buildings and student accommodation to Waiteata Road and carpark. The road passed the rugby gym and the path beside Boyd Wilson Field. We turned left down to Te Aro School and followed the access path to Aro Street and Aro valley. Up Aro Street and across to Epuni Street with its turn of the century cottages, a rare Gothic influenced house and at number 37 a slender two storey villa with a pronounced tilt! We then took the steps on the left side by the substation, past the Tanera community gardens. What a place to have a free plot of council land to grow your vegetables and with a lovely view.

We continued following the faded signs to Central Park opposite Maarama Crescent. We followed markers up the left side of the Moturaua Stream valley that leads onto the track above the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre. Across Brooklyn Road to Nairn Street, Bidwill Street, Bell Road for a few metres and then up a vehicle access road and down steps to the Prince of

Wales Park. We saw many parks on this Town Belt park of the walk. From here we had views of Government house, the city, harbour and hills.

Signs lead us to Hutchinson Road and left down a path through pine trees for our lunch stop from where we could see and hear rugby practice at The League Park. We descended to Farnham Street play area and MacAlister Park and past the Berhampore nursery. It grows 70,000 natives, 250 street trees, 50,000 general trees and shrubs and 600,000 annuals for the city gardens!

We took the steps up to the Berhampore golf course. As the tour leaders were a bit unsure of directions here, and the map so small it was next to useless - we should have used GPS - we followed Ruth and Peter onwards and upwards to the Tawatawa ridge above Island Bay, with great views across Cook Strait to the Kaikoura ranges, Owhiro Bay to the right and Tapu Te Ranga Island to our left.

By now we were all feeling a bit jaded, but we did the last big climb, just a few steps at the end of Severn Street. The path continues along the ridge and down Oku Street and Milne Terrace to Shorland Park and the waiting bus!

The advance party, Ruth and Peter, caught an early bus back to Bolton Street and were home in Greytown at 5 pm.

A wonderful walk of 12 kilometres, plenty of ups and downs, with leaders Rosie and Ian, sub leaders Peter and Ruth, Barry, Lynne, Mary, Neil, Frances, Carol and photographer John Rhodes. Please check out his amazing photos on the club website, an eye for detail and the unusual things we didn't even notice.

We would like the signage to be renewed, online maps to download bigger and it would be good to have times and distances mentioned at lookout points.

