

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for September 2016

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Club night:

Tuesday 13 Sep 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Ian & Dianne Bardsley

Speaker: Barry Bradley - Madagascar and Mauritius

Trip List

September – October 2016

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
3.9	Winzenberg Hill	<i>leaders required</i>		
10.9	Wellington Botanical Gardens & Bolton Street Cemetery	"		
17.9	Mt Bruce track	"		
24.9	Pigeon Bush Reserve	John Rhodes	304 9095	
1.10	Hidden Lake	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	
8.10	Putangirua Pinnacles	Mary Lambert	379 6106	
15.10	Dobsons – Smith's Creek circuit	Rosie & Ian Montgomerie	304 9497	
22.10	Three Canoes	leaders required		
29.10	Cutfield's Hut	Kay & David Bowie	304 9530	

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:
October: David & Kay Bowie
November: Vicki Brooks and Ken O' Dowd

Subs are now due for 2016 - 2017

Single - \$35 Family - \$45

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or direct to the SWTC ANZ bank account 01 0623 0044755 00

Trip Reports

MASTERTON WALKWAYS 30 JULY

Owing to rain and gales on the other side of the Rimutakas, we postponed the planned excursion to Battle Hill and opted to make the most of the promised fine morning close to home.

Ten of us set off from Railway Crescent just after 9.00 It was quite chilly, and we were glad when we emerged from the wintry shade of leafless trees into bright sunlight. Henley Lake was dazzling in the sun, and dog walkers were everywhere!

We were led up the Lansdowne hill at a cracking pace, which led to a general shedding of layers, only to have to put them on again as the sun went behind the clouds for morning tea by the lagoon.

We were back at the cars at 11.45, having completed the trip before it rained.

Those on the walk were Mary Lambert, Fay Mangin, Ian & Rosie Montgomerie, Neil Morrison, Jen & Bob Pomeroy, Sarah Ross, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (organisers).



ATIWHAKATU HUT 20 AUG

A fine Saturday morning at last, and our group met at SWWC at 8.30 and picked up two from Carterton en route to Mount Holdsworth. We left the carpark at 9.15 and had the track almost to ourselves until our morning tea stop at 10.00. We had clear views of the snow on the ranges and guessed that is where some of the trampers we met would be heading. We took the lower track at the slip face. The sign realistically says to use the upper track with caution. On our return some of us missed the lower track and crossed the slip with some encouragement from Barry. Avoid unless not scared of heights and slipping.

We were accompanied on our tramp by Barry's very well behaved dog Victor, who made crossing swing bridges look easy and even took a mid winter swim in the very cool waters.

We arrived at the hut after 2 1/2 hours and had lunch outside on the decking, it was slightly warmer than inside the hut. Sad to see deliberate damage to an inside wall of the hut.

On our walk back we met Fay and Janet, while Kay, Helen and Frances had already started to walk back to the cars. Janet continued to Mountain House. We did the return in a little less time and were back at the cars by 2.45.

Trampers were Barry, Lynne, Mary, Neil, David, Royce, Carol, Chris, Rosie, Ian, Fay, Helen, Frances and Kay.

