

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for November 2016

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*Club night:*

Tuesday 8 November 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

*Supper:* (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Ed & Juliet Cooke

*Speaker:* John Rhodes - Buller, north Westland, Waikato & north Taranaki

### **Trip List**

2016

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
29.10	Dobson Hut site Smith Creek Circuit	Ian & Rosie Montgomerie	304 9252	F
5.11	Rocky Hills Reserve	Carol Major	304 8210	M
12.11	cycling Kapiti	Lamberts Tonkes	379 6106	M
<b>20.11 #</b>	joint trip with MTC to the Te Mara Bush	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
26.11	Cutfield's Hut	Kaye & David Bowie	304 9530	M
3.12	Orongorongo	Jennifer Pomeroy	304 8011	M

**# Sunday**

***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 meeting the roster is:

December: Royce & Mary Cooper

Reminder: if you haven't paid your sub it is overdue.

Single - \$35    Family - \$45

Pay to: South Wairarapa Tramping Club c/o Bruce Lambert 10 Danske Close Carterton 5713  
or direct to the SWTC ANZ bank account    01 0623 0044755 00

Christmas dinner Saturday 19 November at the Montgomeries.

### ***Trip Reports***

#### **PINNACLES 8 OCTOBER**

I met the Grahams, Montgomeries and Janet and Graham in Martinborough and left to go to the Pinnacles around 8.30.

We arrived there and started walking about 9.20. There were a couple of other cars in the carpark already.

The track was in good condition considering the rain we'd had over the week. We stopped at our usual seat and had morning tea. The day was good, no wind and a reasonable temperature. Further along the side of the track Peter came upon a set of wings and a whole lot of soft feathers. We had a discussion about what sort of bird it was and sort of agreed it was from a morepork. Maybe a dog had got it.

We arrived at the lookout, took some photos then came down and walked down the side track to the river bed. The others walked on up to look at the pinnacles from underneath. Rosie and I walked a little way up but then decided to come back and walk on down to the carpark. There were now a few more people on the track. The wind was picking up and quite cold.

We arrived back at 11.45. I counted seventeen cars and three camper vans in the carpark. We had lunch in the notice board shelter so we could keep out of the cold. It wasn't long before the others turned up. Ian had taken some good photos of fossils embedded in the rock of the pinnacles.

We left there about 12.30 to head home. Good day, a short walk but we all had gardening and lawns to do and were happy that we had been out.

Those who came were Ruth and Peter Graham, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Janet Corlett, Graham Britton and Mary Lambert leader for the day.





### HIDDEN LAKES 22 OCTOBER

The postponed trip to the “Hidden Lakes” actually took place on Saturday 22nd October and twelve merry souls enjoyed a great day out. Kay, Mary and Ian M had all been to the lakes before, but it was 15 - 20 years or so earlier, so nobody had clear memories of the area. The lakes are part of a QE II Trust and there has been a lot of planting done in a past few months - like hundreds of native trees. It is all rather beautiful. Rather than taking the easy way around the western side we bush bashed around past old duck shooting hides and eventually arrived at the lovely picnic area complete with tables. The three oldest and wisest of the group took the direct route, the younger exuberant ones got themselves lost for a while, but they did have good views over the Ruamahunga river.

For the record and for the next trip leader, the QE II contact is Trevor Thompson. The land you cross is owned by Tim Lawrence but is leased by a Mr Barton, all of whom need to be contacted. (The kowhai would have been a little better on the original date of October 1.)

Trampers were Ed and Juliet with daughter Merren and granddaughter Bethany, Rosie and Ian, Mary with daughter Niki and granddaughter Asha, Kay, Dianne and Ian (leaders).



