

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for June 2017

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Club night:

Tuesday 13 June 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Barry Kempton and Fay Mangin

Speaker: Tony Black - tramps in Kahurangi National Park

Trip List

June / July 2017

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
3.6	Mt Holdsworth	leader required		F
10.6	Battle Hill	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	M
17.6	local bike ride	Mary Lambert	379 6106	E
24.6	eastern walkway	Ian & Helen Montgomerie	304 9252	E
1.7	Masterton walk	leader required		E
8.7	Whareroa farm	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	M
15.7	Cannon Point walkway	leader required		M
22.7	Mikimiki / Kiriwhakapapa	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
29.7	Belmont Trig	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	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:

July - Carol Major and Frances Pike

Aug - Ian and Rosie Montgomerie

Trip Reports

FINIS TRACK WORK PARTY, 16 APRIL

Five trampers set out from the end of Bucks Road at about 9.30 am and went to the highest point on the benched sidle track that leads to the Tauherenikau Gorge. Thence we climbed steeply on the SWTC track towards Finis, with a little clearing as we went. It's gratifying to see how the gorse that once plagued the area, a legacy of the great fires of 1908, is gradually being shaded out by rangiora, manuka and other shrubs. The change since we started the project (about 1994) is marked.

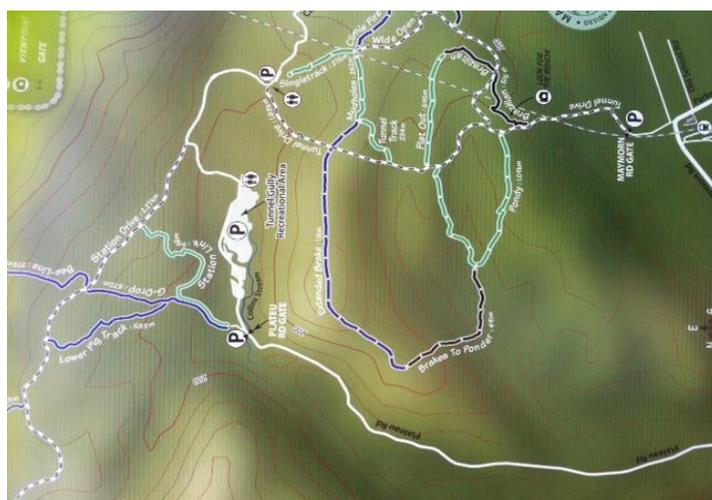
We took morning smoko in the first saddle and concentrated our main effort for the day (until rain stopped play in mid-afternoon) from there to where the ridge levels out.

More work parties will be scheduled. Without the SWTC track there would be no tramping access to Bucks Ridge, Mt Finis or Mt Frith, other than an approach that Ken Stokes has created from Boar Bush Gully.

Nigel Boniface (MTC), Mark King, Ian Montgomerie, Jack Montgomerie & John Rhodes

KAITOKE LOOP 22 APRIL

As the planned trip had been cancelled we decided to meet at SWWC at 8.30, with Ian Bardsley to head over the hill and begin the tramp from the old Kaitoke Road, that turns at the go- cart track entrance. This led us to the main road underpass and along the forestry track where the pine trees have been recently felled. This went down past the water treatment plant and storage lakes to the Te Marua Golf course. We crossed the main road and used a walkway up to Plateau Road, which we followed past the school and naturalist camp. At the end of the road we came to the Tunnel Gully recreation park entrance, and decided not to do a side walk to the Mangaroa Tunnel. This may be a good future walk in this park area. We were back on forestry /mountain bike tracks through this area until we came to a lunch stop on a bridge overlooking an old railway line. Not too much further and we came out on the Pakuratahi Park entrance, where we had left the car. This loop walk took us 3.5 hours. The day was calm and fine. We thoroughly enjoyed the walk. Ian Bardsley, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie.



TRAMP 29 APRIL

As the weather on the Kapiti Coast looked as if there would be rain all day, we opted for Plan B, a circuit from the SWWMC car park to Udy Street, Lions Trail and Alan Wasmuth's track up the Waiohine to the rail bridge, and back to town via the rail trail. Unexciting, but at least we all got nearly four hours exercise, and walked at least 12 kms.

If there had been a prize for best performance, it would have been won by the first pair back to the car park: Asha, who said at about halfway that she had sore feet and ankles but then never mentioned them again, and Fay, who had had doubts as to whether she could stay the distance.

Those on the walk were Blair Crafar and Silvia Sze, Mary Lambert and granddaughter Asha, Fay Mangin, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, and Ed and Juliet Cooke, organisers.



Some information from Sea Kayak Adventures:

Here at Sea Kayak Adventures we are perfectly located for walking, kayaking and mountain biking. We have the Nydia track, Queen Charlotte track and all the waterways in between.

We would love the opportunity to put together packages with one, two or even three different activities. Trips can be very flexible in length as well. We can organise trips over long holiday weekends or any other time that would suit.

We offer free pick ups from the ferry so no need to bring vehicles over, and can pick up from the airport if needed.

Have a look at some of our example itineraries and if you are keen to organise anything, please get in touch.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

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See attachments.

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Cancellation Policy: Full refund will be given for cancellation due to weather conditions for sea kayaking. If you cancel within 24 hours of trip departure we will keep the 20% deposit. If you cancel more than 24 hours out, we will refund you in full.