

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2017

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Club night:

Tuesday 11 July 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Carol Major and Frances Pike

Speaker: John Rhodes - Cycling from Trondheim to Genoa

Trip List

2017

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
2.7 #	Manawatu Gorge track with MTC	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
8.7				
15.7	Cannon Point walkway	leader required		
22.7	Mikimiki / Kiriwhakapapa	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
29.7				
5.8	Rimutaka Forest Park	Janet Corlett	306 9079	M
12.8				

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 two meetings the roster is:

August: Ian and Rosie Montgomerie

September: Helen Morison and Jennifer Pomeroy

Trip Reports

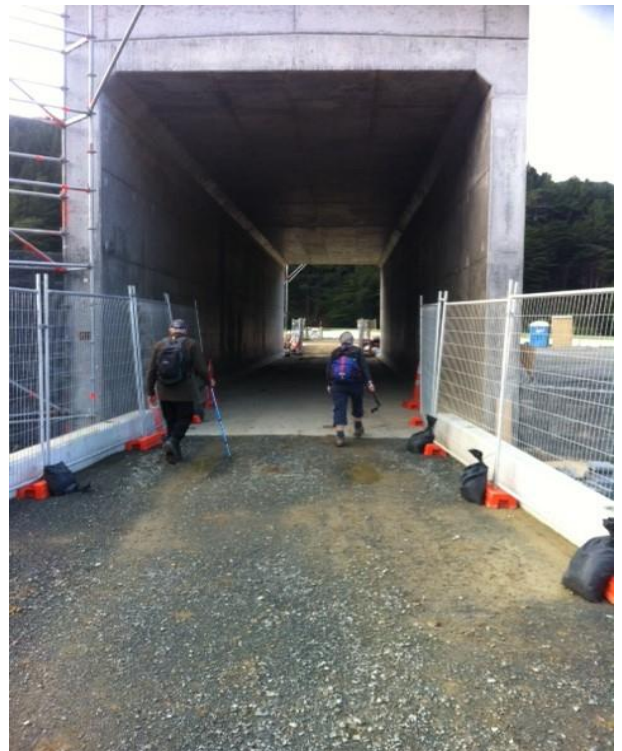
BATTLE HILL 10 JUNE

We met with Mary Lambert at SWWC at 8.15 to head over to Battle Hill Farm, located on the Paekakariki hill road, arriving at 9.15 am. We chose to walk the Puketiro track that begins at the old cottage and past the farm buildings.

This led us past the ponds and deer fenced areas to the new Transmission Gully motorway. This is a very extensive new road, due to be completed in 2020. Check online links for aerial photos. We walked through a tunnel that will be under the motorway, and this led to the recreational areas. We crossed a small stream and then the uphill began. A forest of very tall pine trees on a wide bulldozed track, covered with pine needles, was soft to walk on. Once above this the area opened and we saw evidence of pigs..... live pigs on the run. Too quick for the photographer.

We went a wee way past the right hand turn at Waterpoint, because a mountain biker had told us of good views. Not quite the right track! So we were on the ridge line and had to retrace our steps. The yellow markers are the ones to follow. No problem, found a nice spot for lunch and headed back to Waterpoint track for our return on this loop track back to Battle Hill. There are several other walks in this area, including the summit, restoration and farm tracks, of shorter duration.

We enjoyed a calm day, a little sunshine, and were back to the car before any rain later in the day. Thanks Mary for your company, with Ian and Rosie.



BIKE RIDE AROUND CARTERTON 17 JUNE

Everyone arrived at our place (10 Danske Close) at 9.30 am. Fay had biked up from Greytown and Sylvia and Blair from their place in town. Eleven bikers set off around 9.40. We biked around into Dalefield Road, down the road and turned left into Jervois Road. It was a lovely sunny morning but cold and we were all rugged up in our winter woollies.

At Moffats Road we turned left, came to Matarawa Rd and then biked all the way down the hill. Lots of

chit chat on the way and finding out where farmers in the area lived.

We stopped there for morning tea in front of a house with a nice garden. The lady of the house came out and had a chat and wanted to know a little bit about e-bikes which two of our members had, and then Bruce and someone else wanted a look at her raised vegie garden which was no bother so in they went.

We started to pack up and Barry and Ian and Rosie left because they had to be back in Greytown for lunch at 12 midday. The rest of us biked back and rode around Railway Rd past the station and into Watersons Line. Fay left us and went back into Swamp Rd and on to the State Highway back to Greytown. The rest of us biked up to the Dalefield School and decided to do another block before we got to our place. Blair and Sylvia turned left on Lincoln Road to go home and the rest of us turned right and back into Charles Street and to our place. A good morning's biking. Those who came were David and Kay Bowie, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Carol Major, Fay Mangin, Barry Kempton, Blair Crafar and Sylvia Sze and Bruce and Mary organisers for the day.

Circulation of the monthly WILDERNESS magazine is taking an eternity to do the rounds of club members -- 2-3 years in some cases.

*Please remember to **read and quickly pass on** all publications that have a circulation list attached.*

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NOTICE of 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held in the St John Hall, Greytown Tuesday 8 August 2017 – 7.30pm

1. **NOTICES OF MOTION** should be submitted in writing to Carol Major by Friday 4 August 2017.
2. **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE**
 - a) Nominations for office should be notified to Carol Major by Friday 4 August 2017.
 - b) Current office holders are requested to indicate their willingness to stand for re-election.

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With thanks

Carol Major
Secretary