

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for October 2017

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Club night:

Tuesday 10 October 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) John and Ann Rhodes

Speaker: Dennis Page (HVTC) coast to coast walk in England

Trip List

2017

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
30.9	Finis track working party	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
7.10	Wainuiomata coast walk	<i>leader required</i>		M
14.10	Three canoes	Ed & Juliet	304 9497	F
21.10	Dobson's Hut site / Smith's Creek	<i>leader required</i>		F
28.10	Whareroa	Ed & Juliet	304 9497	
4.11	Finis track working party	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
11.11	Wharite with Wanganui TC	Barry Kempton	304 9353	F

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:

Janet Corlett & Bill Dolan Nov
Juliet and Ed Cooke Dec

SUBS ARE NOW DUE

The subs are \$45 for a family or \$35 for a single person.

They can be paid into our SWTC ANZ account - the number is 01 0623 0044755 00
or to South Wairarapa Tramping Club Inc, C/o Bruce Lambert 10 Danske Close Carterton 5713

A note from Sarah Ross:

Hi

I would love to do a mountain huts type 3-5 day walk week of Jan 8... am solo....any member wish to do something? Happy for anywhere in NZ.

Normally I do something with Carol but she can't this year and I would love to do something but am not equipped or safe:) to do alone.

Cheers from Paris....back Nov.

Sarah Ross

Trip Reports

MT REEVES 26 AUGUST

The five day forecast on Tuesday looked good for the Saturday, great as we had had lots of very average weekends over the winter months. By Friday evening I had fifteen starters for a trip to Mt Reeves 899 metres.

Saturday dawned fine and cool with warm temperatures predicted for 17-18 c. Some trampers set off mentioning that they were not intending to try for the summit; that was fine as this is a seriously steep hill in parts. The walk up the farm track and paddock ended the trip for some.

Bruce Lambert had brought his grubber as this was scheduled as a work party. Bruce spent some time improving the track leading into the pines. Thank you Bruce, your effort made a real difference to us on the descent. A short distance into the pines Ian produced his hand saw and skilfully cut a small pine blocking the track. Thanks Ian, marvellous work.

Progress was good and after a brief smoko stop we passed our advance track clearer John who was having a short spell before tackling some gorse. Two more people left us near here, and after three and a half hours we had eight SWTCERs at the summit having lunch. Great view of the Southern Wairarapa.

All too soon we were on the way down. Part way we caught up with John, veteran track clearer, who was doing a thorough job of gorse cutting. A few words of encouragement and we carried on to the road end.

Participants were Steve and Anne Maddock, Jennifer Pomeroy, Blair and Sylvia Crafer, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Mary and Bruce Lambert, Royce Cooper, Neil Johnston, Sarah Ross, Chris Cassels, John Rhodes, Barry Kempton leader .

RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK 8 AUGUST

On a very foggy morning I met up with Ed and Juliet Cooke, Sarah Ross and Graham Britten with Pips at 8.45 in Featherston. We drove up the Rimutaka hill road to the logging road and started walking at 9.05. Surprisingly it was very clear on the hill so good views were assured. The logging road takes you down to Ladle Bend Bridge on the Incline track, then we walked up to the camping area where there is a picnic table. We had smoko at 10.30 while Ed tried to repair a broken boot, only to discover that the other boot was broken too. The Cookes decided to limp the boots back to the car. Graham came on a bit further with Sarah and me before turning back as well. Sarah and I carried on to the summit then took the Back

Road circuit which joins up with the logging road. We had lunch in the sun by a culvert then made our way back to the car arriving at 1.45. An easy ramble on a pleasant day. Thanks all. Janet Corlett.

TE AHUMAIRANGI HILL WELLINGTON 23 SEPTEMBER

We meet at SWWC at 8.30, having all voted for the election during the week. Just five of us, kindly driven by Bruce. It was a comfortable ride to the top of Wadestown Hill, a few tricky narrow corners and steep streets to the Weld St car park at the start of the Ridgeline Track.

We stopped about 10.30 for a cuppa and lovely view of the harbour towards Matiu /Somes. We walked to the Te Ahumairangi lookout where there were superb views of the harbour, city and Orongorongo Range . This area was developed in 2010 and is an excellent place to take visitors to Wellington .We back tracked to the Paehuia connector track and Southern track to lead down to St Mary Street, down to Tinakori Road and a short walk to our lunch spot at the Botanic Gardens. The tulip gardens were superb and we had lunch by the pond, We retraced our steps up the steepish and somewhat muddy tracks to the Northern walkway. So many tracks and so accessible, so many walkers, runners and dogs. A lovely walk, on a rare day without rain! We were home by 3.30.

Bruce and Mary Lambert, Fay Mangin, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie.

