

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for Nov 2014

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Club night:

Tuesday 11 November 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Mary and Bruce Lambert

Speaker: Fay Mangin –trip to Rocky Mountains, Canada

Trip List

November December 2014

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness	Cost
1.11	Mt Kaiparoro	Kay Bowie	304 9530		
8.11	Skyline walkway Wgtn Mt Kaukau /Johnstons hill	Carol Major	304 8210		
15.11	Ken Stokes' Rimutaka track (Rimutaka Trig to near the foot of the Rimutaka hill on the Featherston side)	Ken Stokes	308 9962		
22.11	Wet land walk on Tairoa Farm near Lake Wairarapa	Helen Morison	304 9531		
29.11	Mt Reeves	Barry Kempton & Carol Major	304 9353 304 8210		
6.12	Wainuiomata road end towards Corner Creek coastal walk	Juliet Cooke	304 9497		

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.

Subs are now due

They are \$30 for single person and \$40 for a family. On payment you will receive your member's card from FMC with their discount book.

You can pay either by cheque or cash to: South Wairarapa Tramping Club c/o Bruce Lambert
10 Danske Close Carterton 5713
or pay into our ANZ bank account 01 0623 0044755 00

Trip Reports



Photos from the trip to White Rock / Tora. The report was in the October newsletter.

REWANUI 4 OCT

The trip was supposed to be to Castlepoint but it was too windy, so we went to Rewanui instead. It was a bit of a round about walk as we went up a wrong gully and then had to go down and back up again. It was quite windy and cold up on the tops. We came back down and did the bush walk. There were three of us, Sarah Ross, Juliet Cooke and Vicki Brooks, trip leader.

CORNER CREEK TOWARDS WAINUIOMATA COASTAL 11 OCT

Frances arrived at our place at 7.45 and we drove to Greytown to pick up the rest of the trampers. Barry took Teresa, Juliet, and Carol, and at Featherston we were joined by Rosie and Ian, Bill, and Ruth and Peter. We picked up a new tramper, Jan, just past Praireholm on the Western Lake road.

The creeks on the coast road were quite full and scoured out and rough due to the rain. We left Corner Creek by 9.30. It was a perfect day, the sea was flat, no wind and warm. There were a few people on the beach surf casting and the baches had people at them.

We stopped for morning tea around 10.30. There were lots of wash outs on the road and we all wondered how the bikers who bike the coast road manage; you would be walking over most of the road and lifting your bike over the slips. We had decided beforehand that we would walk as far as lunchtime, have lunch and turn around and come back. Janet and Graham caught up with us, they had left later from the car park. We arrived back at the cars just before 3.00. The day was brilliant, such good weather.

Those who came were Frances Pike, Barry Kempton, Carol Major, Juliet Cook, Teresa Fawdray, Bill Dolan, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Peter and Ruth Graham, and Mary and Bruce Lambert, leaders for the day.



PERCY'S RESERVE AND KOROKORO DAM 18 OCT

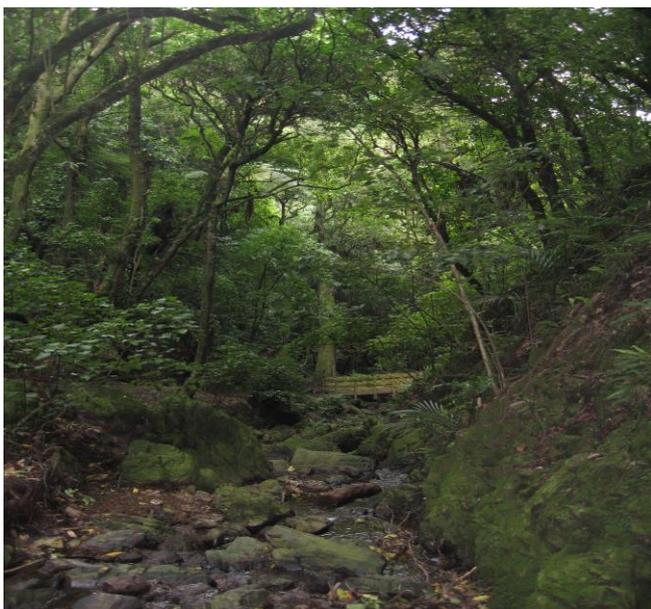
The entrance to Percy's Reserve beside State Highway 2 in Petone opens out to lovely lawns, gardens and a duck pond, a great place for children. You could be forgiven for thinking it would be the actual walk in the park. However, we set off on a steep track through bush up the hill, including some quite daunting steps, and fairly quickly found ourselves out in the open again, on an expanse of grass at the end of Stanhope Grove, Korokoro. We had smoko there, and were delighted to share a chocolate cake, presented on a china plate, that Juliet had made in honour of her birthday the following day.

Signs and maps were a bit sparse, but after a chat with a local we took another track through bush to Frank Cameron Park, a bit further up the hill. Returning part way down we turned onto the track to the waterfall, finding an old spillway that was dry but may take water in wet weather. The bush was exceptionally attractive and the bird sound was really beautiful. The waterfall drops down into a creek in very dense bush, and although the track was marked as continuing on there was nothing but rocks and very steep banks on the other side of the creek so we turned back. Again the track markers were a little haphazard but we found our way a bit erratically down to the duckpond and civilisation again. A short, dark cave just above average head height revealed an impressive colony of wetas on the roof – slightly disconcerting to see so close when a torch was turned on.

Juliet's birthday cake



We had lunch back at the entrance and then drove to the top of Dowse Drive and into Oakleigh Grove. We walked down a path from there to the Korokoro Dam, a quiet and peaceful spot in the middle of magnificent bush.



Those on the trip were David and Kay Bowie, Juliet and Ed Cooke, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie, Lynne King and Barry Kempton leader.