

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for Feb 2018

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Club night:

Tuesday 13 Feb summer barbecue Barry Kempton's 28 Cross's Line 6.00

Bring meat to barbecue, and a salad or other vegetable dish and dessert to share, plus your own drink, plates, cutlery and glass. Tea and coffee afterwards will be provided. Bring your holiday stories to share.

Trip List

2018

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
27.1	Mt Finis circuit via Boar Bush	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
3.2	maybe shortish Porirua area	Cookes	304 9497	E
10.2	Somes Island	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	E
17.2	Cross Keys	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M
24.2	Belmont Trig, tops circuit	Cookes	304 9497	M
3.3				
10.3	Mt Climie	Ian Montgomerie	304 9252	M
17.3	Gentle Annie stream to Holdsworth track	John Rhodes	304 9095	F

Further suggestions:

March 4 **Sunday** Dobson's circuit with Paul Carson MTC

March 24 Finis Track working bee, John Rhodes

March 30 Easter Powell Hut from Holdsworth, John Rhodes

April 7 Exploration up TL Waiohine from Wall's Whare, JR

April 14 Tait's stream to point 568 and return via old logging road, JR

April 21/22 I think is joint at Wanganui with the club there, Barry?

April 28/29 Nigel B has a Somes Is overnight stay with a couple of spaces though they may have gone now?

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.

Message from Sarah Ross: I have a yellow Karimor men's tramping pack. Guessing 75-80 litres. Excellent condition. Bought a year ago for \$50 when advertised in our newsletter. Wishing to sell for same price. Contact Sarah 022 158 2780.

Trip Reports

MIKIMIKI TO KIRIWHAKAPAPA 2 DECEMBER

We met at Charles Street and High Street corner at 8.15am and travelled on to Miki Miki.

We started to walk at 9.15 am. The day was very hot but we were walking in bush most of the day so it was a bit cooler, with lots of leaf litter on ground, so good on the feet.

We climbed over a low saddle between the two valleys and wondered what was showering us with little white petals. We looked up and saw little petals coming through the trees from quite high up. Rosie took a photo and we thought it was a small tree clematis.

We arrived at the shelter at Kiriwhakapapa at 11.45 am. There were two camper vans parked up and owners sitting outside on deck chairs enjoying the good weather, and a couple of 4-wheel drives, owners obviously gone a for a walk.

We had lunch in the cool of the shelter as it was very warm now.

It was a bit of a grind going up the saddle, it is steeper on this side than the other, and the temperature was soaring. We had a drink and a bit of a rest at the top then set off again.

We arrived back at the vehicles about 3pm. We were all pretty hot, but we had a good day. Those who came were Ruth and Peter Graham, Anne and Steve Maddock, Carol Major, Neil Johnstone, Fay Mangin, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie, and leader for the day Mary Lambert.

PINNACLES 13 JANUARY

We arrived at the Pinnacles car park at 9.20 and started walking at 9.30. There were lots of campers and a few camper vans at the DOC site. The weather was perfect and the sea flat.

We walked along the riverbed for 15 minutes and then starting climbing slowly up, had a few stops to catch our breath. We let a few young trampers pass us, arrived at the lookout around 10.20, took a few photos and had morning tea sitting on the steps.

We walked further up to the sign that said Te Kopi accommodation on the left and Washpool on the right. We turned left and followed the track down to the back of Te Kopi. We had an early lunch under the shade of some trees. It was very hot now and the views were amazing. We walked on down through some paddocks, one full of barley grass, and climbed over a couple of gates. We arrived at the back of the homestead, followed the drive down to the coast road then back around to the car park. There were a lot more people about now, all going off for walks in different directions.

Those who came on the walk were Ruth and Peter Graham, Ruth's friend Joy Cooper, Ian Bardsley, Ian Montgomerie, Fay Mangin, Frances Pike, and Mary Lambert, leader for the day.