

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2018

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Club night:

Tuesday 10 July 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Jennifer Pomeroy and Bruce Eglinton

Speaker: John Taylor. Toby Sutherland and John Taylor biked from Cape Reinga to Bluff using the Te Araroa trail 3000km to raise \$15,000 for Life Flight Trust and the Catwalk Trust.

Trip List

July 7.72018

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
1.7	Rewanui with MTC	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	M
7.7	Masterton walkways	Frances Pike Mary Lambert	379 6106 Mary	E
14.7	cycling Hutt Valley	Bruce Lambert	379 6106	
21.7	Norbert Creek loop	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	
28.7	?	Vicky Brooks	379 8576	
4.8	Rimutaka Incline	Silvia Sze	027 475 3756	

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 – Barry Kempton and Fay Mangin

September – Blair Crafar and Silvia Sze

Trip Reports

MARTINBOROUGH 26 MAY

A last minute phone call from the crank & peddling CEO (John Rhodes) to say he would be hitting the tarmac, meeting us in Martinborough.

He was true to his word, gliding in ahead of the Red Bull team who had to refuel. With a chance of a shower we headed down Jellicoe St on our way to Rapaki Hill. Keeping an eye on the developments around the streets, also the roading upgrade on Shooting Butts road, we had a pleasant farm walk and morning tea at the top of the hill, then back down to town. A left turn almost led to a mutiny but all the troops followed instructions and had a look at the new housing development, and then it was an easy walk back to the square. A trip enjoyed by Juliet and Ed Cooke, Adrian and Sandra Kelly, Jennifer Pomeroy, John Rhodes, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie.

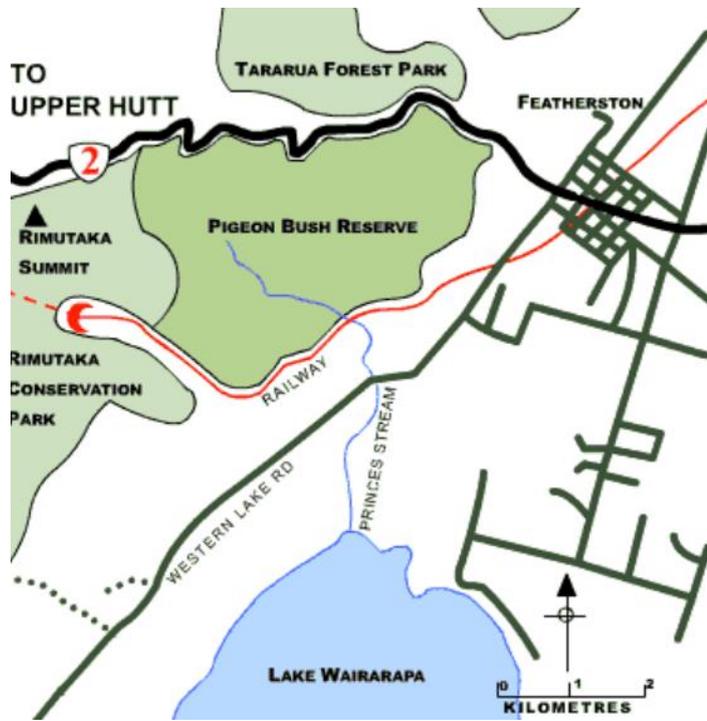


MT NICHOLL 2 JUNE

A foggy morning failed to deter six trampers from walking up the track from the first deep hairpin on the Rimutaka Hill Road to the Abbots Creek / Prince Stream saddle. Under a rapidly clearing sky with cloud below, we continued on a well-formed track to the Mt Nicholl trig beacon (437 m) with a side excursion to a point overlooking the sea of cloud that hid Lake Wairarapa. Return was by the same route.

The Pigeon Bush Reserve will repay further exploration.

Ed and Juliet Cooke, Mark King, Ian Montgomerie, Jennifer Pomeroy, John Rhodes.





BATTLE HILL 10 JUNE

The last excursion the coordinators of this trip made to Battle Hill was probably before they started keeping a trip diary, in 2002, so that explains their slightly misleading memories - they were right about there being mud, but wrong about the gradient!

Fourteen of us met at the Battle Hill carpark, and headed off on the 10km Transmission Gully - Puketiro Loop at 9.30. A cold wind meant warm clothes and hats, which gradually came off as we wound our way up the steepish track through the pine trees out on to the open tops. The keener members did a side trip to a viewpoint, and maintained that their views were far superior to the views from the main track!

We had crossed under the new Transmission Gully highway near the beginning of the walk, and from the hilltops we looked down on to other sections of roadworks, as well as across the Pauatahanui Inlet to Porirua Harbour, Titahi Bay and beyond.

Slightly below the top we found a sheltered grassy slope for lunch, and then continued our descent, reaching the cars at 1.30.

Those on the tramp were: Ian Bardsley, Graham Britton, Janet Corlett, Blair Crafar & Sylvia Sze, Adrian & Sandra Kelly, Mark King, Mary Lambert, Ian Montgomerie, Jennifer Pomeroy, John Rhodes, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (coordinators) plus daughter Merran.



GENTLE ANNIE CIRCUIT 17 JUNE

Meeting at Holdsworth road end, the group started out along the main Atiwhakatu Track wearing coats in case of drizzly rain. We diverted off the main track and started up the 'old Gentle Annie track'.

A stop was made to learn about the self-resetting rat trap attached to a tree trunk. Nigel explained the network of traps being installed by a group of volunteers keen to protect the flora and fauna around the Holdsworth road end. Nigel explained the trap mechanism and the data being collected by the volunteers.

Up through the vegetation we climbed, checking out the multitude of fungi sprouting up, plentiful climbing rata and rays of sun in the canopy gaps. Morning tea was a welcome stop at the signpost junction, with thermoses of hot drinks. After our break and consulting the map we continued onwards up hill, eventually coming out into shorter scrub with less leaf litter underfoot, small trickles of water flowing downhill. We stopped at the original rocky lookout for views of thunderous clouds and drizzle to the west.

Our tramp then started downwards through the bush, towards the Gentle Annie Creek. We passed fields of Crown and Umbrella ferns. Closer to the creek, there were many Kidney ferns enjoying the damp environment. Another stop was enjoyed by the creek as the group debated whether to use the creek terraces or creek bed for travel. We ended up alternating between the options, using the banks when the creek was deep or full of tree trunks.

Our creek travel eventually brought us back to the Holdsworth lookout track, which we followed to return to the car-park. A great 4 hour loop with plenty of variety, views and spectacular bush.

Masterton Tramping Club members Nigel, Denise, Christine, Shane and Sandra were joined by South Wairarapa Tramping Club members Ian, Ed, Juliet, Jen and Liat.