

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for September 2018

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Club night:

Tuesday 11 September 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Blair Crafar and Silvia Sze

Speaker: David Barnes, of HVTC and FMC, talking on the FMC, with time for questions and answers, and also Tramping in Dunedin's Backyard: the Silver Peaks and the Rock Pillars.

Trip List

2018

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
2.9 #	Mt Bruce crossing with MTC	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	F
8.9	Mangatoetoe Hut	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M
15.9	cycling, Carrington	Bruce Lambert	379 6106	E
22.9	Wellington walk	Rosie Montgomerie	304 9252	E
29.9	Stone Wall	Mary & Bruce Lambert	379 6106	M

Sunday Mt Bruce - Mauriceville crossing with MTC. Coordinators Ed and Juliet, 304 9497. Meet at SWWMC at 8am, will be parties going from both sides, meeting in the middle, and swapping car keys.

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:
October - David and Kaye Bowie
November Anne and Steve Maddock

SWTC SUBS are now due for 2018 - 2019

Single Sub = \$40
Family Sub = \$45

Payable by internet banking at ANZ 01 0623 0044755 00 or cheque (made out to South Wairarapa Tramping Club) or cash to:
B Lambert
10 Danske Close
Carterton 5713.

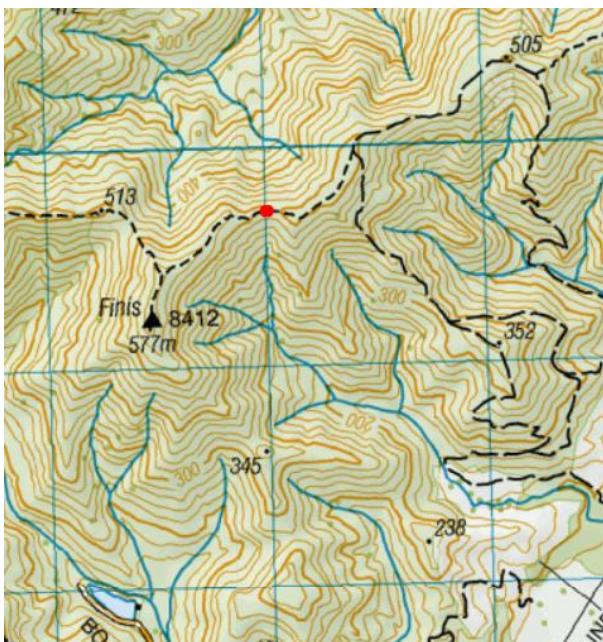
Please give some thought to trips for October. At the September meeting ideas can be suggested, or phone or email Ed efjac@xtra.co.nz.

Trip Reports

FINIS WORKING PARTY 23 JUNE

We met at the locked gate at Boar Bush Road. Thanks to the new track that we cut last summer, little more than an hour later we were admiring the view from Mt Finis (577 m). It was pleasing to find that the new access track is getting plenty of use, probably by hunters whose efforts will help to control deer, pigs and goats in the area.

After morning smoko we continued north to the point reached by the combined MTC/SWTC party of 26 March and continued re-cutting the main track from there. Although it was overgrown (having had no maintenance since 2010) the vegetation is bigger now, making the work both easy and rewarding. This section of the track is now well established. Mark's GPS showed that we reached the point indicated by the red dot.



The next working party will continue to join the bypass track cut by DOC in 2015.

Over the last 18 months, a sustained effort (17 work trips in total) by SWTC and MTC members and others for whose help we are grateful, has made a big impact on this recreational asset for South Wairarapa. Mark King, Greg Arnold, John Rhodes & Stuart Hammond (Wellington Forest & Bird)

KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK 21 JULY

It was not a walk of epic proportions. Not all the club's young fit trampers attended.

On a cool Saturday Fay Mangin, Mary Lambert, Pete and Ruth Graham, Francis Pike, Jen Pomeroy and Ian Bardsley did a number of the smaller walks in the Kaitoke Regional Parks and we monitored how well our regional rates were being spent. We enjoyed the huge rimus and ratas, and we argued over the species of several other big trees. We inspected the waterworks weir and the strainer house but could not agree which way the water in the big pipe was flowing! After our lunch on the banks of the Hutt River we visited Rivendell and made our way back having decided the Regional Council were doing a great job in a beautiful patch of bush. On the drive home we passed a club stalwart cycling to Greytown in the cold and bleak weather and decided that we at least had had a pleasant and easy day.

COLONIAL KNOB 11 AUGUST

Nine of us drove to Porirua and met up at the Broken Hill Road carpark for this trip. We walked clockwise round the circuit, over the Knob itself at 459m, and the slightly higher adjacent knob at 468m. The walk was approximately 8km and took about 4 hours. The beginning and end were in bush, but mostly we were walking along open grassy farmland.

The day was sunny, with not much wind, and the views were stupendous!

While there are lots of maps and signs, the signage is a bit confusing. Some routes are apparently intended for cyclists, with names like The Doctor, and Crash Palace. As they weren't shown on the main map, at times it was difficult to tell which track was the one we should actually be on. However, we successfully managed to find our way back to the cars, and no one was knocked off their feet by a speeding cyclist!

Those on the trip were Jeremy from Germany, Mark King, Mary Lambert, Rosie & Ian Montgomerie with son Jack, Hilary Ryan, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (coordinators).



FEATHERSTON 18 AUGUST

The Paekakariki escarpment trip scheduled for the 18th was shifted forward a week as several SWTC members were going to the NZ Mountain Film Festival in Masterton. This was a fundraising venture for the local search and rescue group.

As trip leader I scheduled a short local trip so we could attend the films. Jane Lenting and I climbed to One Tree Hill in the Featherston domain in the rain, walked up Watt Street then down Harrison Street and into the Barr Brown reserve. This reserve is well worth a visit, best on a fine day.

Back to our vehicles and home before lunch, quite wet.
Barry Kempton leader.

PAEKAKARIKI – PUKERUA BAY 25 AUGUST

The Paekakariki escarpment track is a ten kilometre section of the Te Araroa New Zealand trail from North Cape to Bluff.

The weather looked a bit uncertain mid week but by Friday it looked settled enough to try.

Seven SWTC members set off on a frosty morning with lots of shivering. Several of us were very warmly clad but a few hardier one were in their shorts.

It was a great day when we arrived at Ames Street Paekakariki, parked our cars and set off. We noticed a lot of new planting along the track, and came across a fenced in area that was set up as a lizard sanctuary, great!

After a kilometre or so of easy gradient we encountered steps, lots of them, not continuous but with short stretches of path then up more steps. By this time we were high up, the highest point we reached was about two hundred metres above the sea, road and railway line which were directly below. There is a serious drop but great views. By this time the temperature was about 14 and some of us were getting very warm.

The number of people we met on the track showed this is a really popular walk.

Trampers were, Ed and Juliet Cooke, Mark King, Warren Harland, Ian Montgomerie, Jennifer Pomeroy and Barry Kempton (leader).



