

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for October 2018

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Club night:

Tuesday 9 October 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) David & Kay Bowie

Speaker: Nigel Boniface – walking and cycling in Japan

Trip List

2018

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
29.9	Stone Wall	M & B Lambert	379 6106	
6.10	Rimutaka rail trail			
13.10				
20.10				
28.10 *	Wellington area	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	
3.11				
10.11	Atiwhakatu Hut	Mary Lambert	379 6106	
17.11	Mangatoetoe	Barry Kempton	304 9353	

***Sunday**

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:

November - Anne and Steve Maddock

December – Ken O'Dowd & Vicki Brooks

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.

Trip Reports

BRUCE'S HILL, MT BRUCE 2 SEPTEMBER

Five people from the Masterton Tramping Club and two from SWTC set off from a very muddy carpark just south of Pukaha, crossed a stream very cautiously in gumboots with the water level 2cm below most people's gumboot tops, changed into boots on the far side, and set off up the Braddicks Track in the rain.

As there were so few of us, and the weather report was for worsening conditions, we abandoned the idea of crossing right over to Mauriceville, aiming just for the top of Bruce's Hill, 710m.

Our views on the way up were nothing but thick white cloud, and freezing wind on the exposed grassy knoll just before Bruce's Hill meant that we didn't hang about there. A final short descent and ascent, and suddenly we had the metal pipe in the ground in front of us, proving that we were indeed on the summit of Bruce's Hill.

The rain stopped for a while, and we ate an early lunch in the trees just below the summit. When we got back to the grassy knoll we were amazed to find that the cloud had mostly cleared, and we had views over to the Tararuas.

The track was very overgrown in places, and Don from MTC hacked away furiously on the way up and down with his pruning saw, so it has been considerably improved!

We got back to the cars, raining again, after about four and a half hours, and headed for home, showers, dry clothes, the fire, and warm drinks.

Those on the tramp were Don and Denise, Brian and German exchange student Lena, with our leader Nigel Boniface, from MTC, and Ian Montgomerie and Juliet Cooke from SWTC.

We need to reschedule the Mt Bruce - Mauriceville crossing - in summer!



THE CHOCOLATE CAKE BIKE TOUR, CARTERTON 15 SEPTEMBER

We all met at the entrance to Spark's Park, Belvedere Road, Carterton. There was a great turnout with 19 riders lined up for the start. It took about ten minutes to get going as there was one new person to meet (Lou) and two visitors (John and Karyn Wenden).

We biked up Belvedere Road and around to Forest and Bird's Fensham Reserve. They have just put a picnic table at the entrance so some of us sat there for smoko, others gathered along the road side. Mary supplied a chocolate cake for smoko which she cut up and handed around to all.

After a drink and of course a bit of cake we headed off to our next stop, the top of Carrington Hill. Some of us had ebikes and the rest just went down the gears to get to the top. It was a great ride through beautiful farmland and once you get to the top it is all down hill back to the start at Spark's Park.

The ride was enjoyed by all and we were back by 11.45. Barry had ridden up from Greytown on his ebike, and Fay and Ian joined him for the ride back home.

Riders were: Bruce E, Fay, Anne, Steve, Ian, Rosie, Barry, Warren, John, Karyn, Neil, Silvia, Blair, Kay, Adrian, Sandra, Lou, Mary and Bruce.

Thanks all for coming along for the ride.
Bruce Lambert (Scribe)



CITY TO SEA 22 SEPTEMBER

We met in Featherston at 8am and then met up again at Oriental Bay. We were lucky to get parks close enough to the start of the Southern Walkway. Lynne was on Barry's electric bike and rode to pop up at various stops.

The initial climb up from the bay had us puffing a bit, but as always we were rewarded with great views, and a morning tea stop at Mt Victoria lookout. We set off down the hill through the town belt. The council have provided fun exercise areas for children, and we enjoyed the slide! We crossed Constable Street and on above Kilbirnie to Truby King house and gardens, a lovely lunch spot with flowering cherries and rhododendrons, sheltered and with views towards Watts Peninsula and Miramar. Lynne arrived on the bike after shopping in Kilbirnie and Rongotai. We continued on to Mt Albert Park, behind the gibbon enclosure of the zoo to Melrose and on to Houghton Bay, meeting Lynne again. A brisk walk from Houghton Bay to the waiting bus at Island Bay, what service, and Lynne's bike went on the front of the

bus for the journey back to Courtenay Place. We walked to our cars at the far end of Oriental Bay in a northerly breeze. We had walked eleven kilometres in just over four hours, a great day out with Barry, Mary, Janet, Graham, AJ and Sandra, Lynne on her bike and leaders Rosie and Ian.

