

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for April 2019

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Club night:

Tuesday 9 April 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

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

Speaker: Gareth Winter, Ko Ruamahanga te Awa

Trip List

2019

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
6.4	Mt Finis working bee	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
13.4	Mikimiki to Kiriwhakapapa	Ian and Rosie	304 9252	M
20.4	farm walk at Woodside	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
27.4	Mt Barton, Akatarawa Forest Area	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
4.5	Mt Reeves	leader required		
11.5	TBA	Lou Gallagher & Liz Halliday		
18.5	Rimutaka Incline	Jennifer Pomeroy	304 8011	M
25.5	Mt Finnis from Boar Bush Gully	Ian Montgomerie	304 9252	

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:

May: Warren Harland and Fay Mangin

June: Barry Kempton

Trip Reports

MASTERTON WALK 16 MARCH

We met at the SWWC at 8.30 and exchanged our extreme sadness following the horrific shootings at two Christchurch Mosques, where one man killed 50 people and injured at least 40 others, sharing our disbelief that this could occur in NZ and sympathy for all those in Christchurch.

We began the walk through the Millennium Reserve on Hillcrest Street. It is a very well maintained walkway, with the added bonus of a lake and plenty of ducks. We then walked southwest along Ranfurly Street to the showgrounds and had morning tea under a very old tree next to the grandstand, which was built around 1911. We went back to the cars and drove to Henley Lake, first stopping at Garland Reserve on McKenna Street, a lovely little reserve with enormous kahikiteas and podocarp. Only Juliet knew of this reserve where she holidayed as a young child, in the house next to the walkway. Great memories Juliet.

Henley Lake is a wonderful asset to Masterton and is a credit to those who plant and maintain this area. A few too many muscovy ducks, but some lovely white swans. We finished our walk around midday and headed home. An easy walk enjoyed by Barry and Lynne, Faye, Juliet, Rosie and Ian.

PLIMMERTON COAST 24 MARCH

Six SWTC trampers met on Moana Road outside the Plimmerton boating club .

It was great to have Margaret and Wayne who moved from Greytown to Waikanae some years ago join us.

Our intended trip was to walk around the coast, Plimmerton to Pukerua Bay but as the tides were against us we set our sights somewhat lower.

Soon after leaving our cars we joined Hongoeka Road that leads past a marae then the road peters out as it has been washed away in places. We passed an old quarry site and for several kilometres we were back on the old road again, at times passing old huts or shelters probably used by local fishers.

Smoko by the sea in a pleasant sheltered spot then on again.

The road soon deteriorated into a beach scramble, very steep shingle and rocks between high and low tide marks, lots of drift wood in places. We tramped until lunch time , had a relaxing time on an almost deserted stretch of NZ coast then made our way back to the vehicles, about four hours total.

Just as we were packing gear into cars someone got a text to say the Rimutaka road was closed due to a fire, fortunately the two cars travelling back to Greytown didn't experience any hold up.

Trampers were Rosie, Mary, Margaret and Wayne, Lynne and Barry (leader).