

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2019

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Club night:

Tuesday 12 July 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Ian and Dianne Bardsley

Speaker: Celia Wade-Brown – walking the Te Araroa trail

Trip List

June July August 2019

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
29.6	Mt Finis	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	M
6.7	Cannon Point	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M
13.7	Kaipaitangata – Mt Dick loop with Mast. TC	John Rhodes	304 9095	F
20.7	Te Ahumairangi / Tinakori Hill	Rosie & Ian Montgomerie	304 9252	M
27.7	Finis track work	John Rhodes	304 9095	
3.8	Te Marua / Silverstream	Jennifer Pomeroy	304 8011	M

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: David and Kay Bowie

September: Steve and Anne Maddock

Trip Reports

PAUATAHANUI AND CAMBORNE WALKWAYS 15 JUNE

After meeting at SWWC at 8.30 and then picking up others in Featherston it took us just an hour to get to the village at Pauatahanui. Barry knew of a convenient carpark next to Taylor Stace Cottage, and from there we meandered along the tracks that lead to great views of the native salt marshes and wetland habitat. We found several hides from which we had clear views of the inlet. Trapping for pests has been successful, according to a volunteer we met who has never found anything in the many traps he checks. This area of approximately 50 ha contains the most significant salt marsh in the Lower North Island. We saw one pied stilt and a few ducks but maybe our chatter or the time of year scared the others away.

We returned to our cars and drove further along Gray's Road to the start of the Camborne Walkway. We meet a large group of people from the Oodle and Spoodle club with heaps of dogs! We thought we were going to get wet, as the mist was beginning to close in a bit, and there was a little southerly change. We walked past the boat sheds in their colourful splendour, and to the underpass which led to Ngatitoa Domain where we had lunch in the softball pitch team box. Great shelter. Graham had left his lunch in the car, but as luck would have it a pie cart at the far end of the field catered for his lunch needs.

Over the railway line and back along the walkway to the cars before getting wet. We decided not to attempt the Whitby walkway and headed home.

This was an easy walk and enjoyed by Graham, Janet, Juliet, Barry and Lynne, Sarah, Helen on her first walk with us and Ian and Rosie leaders.





KEITH GEORGE MEMORIAL PARK 22 JUNE

Five of us drove down to Silverstream, parked in County Road, crossed the bridge over the river, and then took the subway/culvert under SH2, into a totally different environment! We have all driven along River Road hundreds of times, past the under-utilised Keith George Memorial Park and haven't realised that tracks existed hidden in the bush. We took the Keith George Loop Track, marked with orange triangles, up a rather steep hillside: gradually the unpleasant highway sounds were replaced by bird song. An open area with hundreds of very tiny beech seedlings provided an ideal morning tea spot, though we may have unintentionally smothered some seedlings by sitting on them!

The route led on upwards, then disconcertingly downwards, but eventually up and out into a grassy area with a pylon and views out over the Hutt Valley. From there we took a gravel road downwards - further downwards than our leader had anticipated, but just as she had expected that we would reach Haywards Sub-station, on the wrong road, it turned out that we were indeed on the right road, there was our lunch spot at a log-edged bridge, and our side trip to Haywards Falls.

The waterfall is signposted in the bush maybe 300m from the main track, so most passing walkers or cyclists won't have realised they have missed out on crossing the stream 20 times on a return visit to a rather attractive waterfall!

Back on the gravel road, just beyond the bridge, the track ducks back secretly into the bush, and then continues around the hillside. Markings are few, but we followed a sign to Pine Tops, passed through a grove of pine trees, both live and dead, and many in fact topless, before taking the downwards options back to the bottom track, the subway, the bridge, and our cars.

We haven't found a proper map showing all tracks, so if anyone wants further details contact Juliet on 304 9497. Thanks to the Forest & Bird Tramping Club for alerting us to this track.

Those on the trip were Lesley Callaghan, Rosie Montgomerie, Linda Pugh, John Rhodes, and Juliet Cooke our "leader", who got us around the circuit with a few misgivings, unnecessary scenic side explorations, and group consultations!

