

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for September 2021

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Club night:

Tuesday 14 Sep 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Celia Wade-Brown - the Wairarapa Walking Festival

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

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 & Kay Bowie

November: Liz & Chris Crowe

The subs for the South Wairarapa Tramping Club are now due.

The cost is \$55 for a family or \$45 for a single.

You can pay by direct into our bank account ANZ 010623 0044755 00

or cash to the Treasurer Bruce Lambert, 10 Danske Close Carterton, Ph 027 379 6106, email blambert@xtra.co.nz

If you are a new member could you please supply me with your name, email address, postal address and phone number. This is for mailing and contacting for trips and FMC magazines

Trip List

2021

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
28.8	Belmont Dam	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M
4.9	Mt Finis	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
11 or 12.9	Wharite Peak with Wanganui TC	Barry Kempton	304 9353	F

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.

Trip Reports

DAKINS ROAD BIKE RIDE 31 JULY

We arranged to meet Bruce Eglington and David Bowie in Greytown and then met the remaining cyclists at the Francis Line / Perry's Road corner at 9.20.

The morning was a bit cool but clear. We started on Francis Line, onto Bristol Road, heading north. There was a lot of traffic. We then turned right onto East Taratahi Rd to Dakins Road.

These long roads are easy cycling with great views of Tararuas, farmland and numerous vineyards. The electric cycles made the hills seem a little easier and all riders enjoyed a cuppa at the River End before returning to the cars. On return we passed the historic site of an old Maori boarding school, Hikurangi.

The trip was 22 kilometres and took us two hours. Bruce Lambert headed off to collect his new electric bike.

Thanks to fellow riders for company on this local ride. Peter and Ruth Graham, Mary and Bruce Lambert, Bruce Eglington, David Bowie and leaders Ian and Rosie Montgomerie.

CANNON POINT WALKWAY 14 AUGUST

We watched the forecast carefully over the days leading up to Saturday - will we? won't we? Finally, on Friday, the forecast showed that despite overnight rain, there was a window of opportunity until about 2pm.

We drove over the Rimutakas through the last of the rain, but there were patches of blue sky at Akatarawa. After parking at Harcourt Park we crossed the suspension bridge over the Hutt River and headed towards Totara Park and the track entrance at Tulsa Park. We zigzagged uphill through the Akatarawa Forest - lots of tree ferns - to the trig, a climb of 304m, with good views over the Hutt Valley on the way up and at the top.

We continued along old forestry roads, and tracks running parallel, with Pete and Chris improving the track by cutting a large gorse branch which was protruding across the track at head height: Pete using his pocket knife, and Chris finishing the job with his "chain saw", a length of sharp chain with a tiny handle at each end. Then we descended to the historic Birchville Dam. Built in 1929, it supplied water to

Upper Hutt until the Kaitoke Scheme replaced it. A sign warned us to seek higher ground if there was flooding or an earthquake, but luckily neither of those occurred.

We got back to the cars after an easy but satisfying tramp, just as a few drops of rain fell. The distance travelled was 8,10 or 11 kms, according to whose watch you believe. Juliet, who is still trying to understand her new Garmin watch, was astonished to learn that she had been up 37 and down 78 “floors”, and had earned a green tick for Intensity Minutes!

Those on the tramp were Liz & Chris Crowe, Ruth & Pete Graham, Rosie & Ian Montgomerie, Jen Pomeroy and Ed & Juliet Cooke (co-ordinators).

