

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for October 2021

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Club night:

Tuesday 12 Oct 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Celia Wade-Brown – Wairarapa Walking Festival

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

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: Steve and Anne Maddock

December: Jennifer Pomeroy and Vicki Brooks

Trip List

2021

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness

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

ATIWHAKATU HUT 2 OCTOBER

We were amazed how full the Holdsworth carpark was when we arrived - obviously there were many people in the hills already. As we walked up the Atiwhakatu River track we could see cloud on the tops, and at times we felt misty drops, although it was sunny. The kidney fern leaves were shining and the bush looked wonderful! We had morning tea on the far side of the big one-at-a-time suspension bridge. Barry's dog Sioux was a reluctant bridge crosser, being dragged over on a lead!

During our lunch stop at the hut there were other trampers coming and going. Some who had overnighted at Jumbo said the strong winds on the tops had prevented them doing the crossing. Coming out, we gathered that the hut was fully booked for Saturday night, as we passed several families, ten teenaged boys on a Duke of Edinburgh trip, and a group of girls from Chilton St James.

Part way back we heard and saw the Westpac Rescue helicopter circling round above us, apparently searching up and down the valley. Ed checked his PLB in case it had gone off accidentally in his pack, as he wondered whether the helicopter could be searching for us! We later learned that someone had fallen seven metres on the (closed) East Holdsworth track, and that as there was no possible landing spot, a rescue party had gone in on foot and rescued the injured person.

Those on the tramp were Liz & Chris Crowe, Barry Kempton with Sioux, prospective new member Desiree Kortink, Jane Lenting, Jen Pomeroy, Ingrid Ward, Kevin Wilkinson, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (co-ordinators).



