

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for May 2022

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Club night:

Tuesday 9 May 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Glenys Robertson – The Tararuas, life on the tops

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Ed & Juliet Cooke

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:

June: Bruce Eglinton

July: Barry Kempton

Trip List

2022

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
30.4	Winzenberg Track re-opening	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
7.5	TBA	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	
14.5	TBA	Rosie & Ian Montgomerie	021 189 3892	

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 essential.** 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

CHIMNEY SPUR 9 APRIL

We met in Greytown at SWWM carpark at 8.30, a gathering of ten eager walkers, and drove to meet the Crowes from Martinborough at the Twin Bridges at Abbot's Creek. There is plenty of parking that leads to the start of the Pylon Track. This is a steep start, but it didn't seem to slow the speed of the group. We had a welcome early cuppa at the pylon, with great views over Featherston and beyond, a little lost in the haze. Also a good view of the Rimutaka Hill Road.

From here it is an unmarked entrance onto the Chimney Spur Track, initially through bush and then more alpine species. There are plenty of views nearing the top of the ridge. We reached the rock of Chimney Spur by 11.15. Most of the group tramped onwards to the ridge top that forks left and right to Frith/Finis, or up to the Main Pylon Track. The group came back down to enjoy a super lunch spot at The Rock. Stunning views and no wind, an unbelievably lovely day.

We all managed the down hill back to the cars by 1.30, with Jen's wee slip with grazed arm the only casualty.

As Barry commented, SWTC aims to give people an enjoyable walk and a safe return.

Trampers were Barry, Billy, Desiree, Dianne, Jen, Juliet, Lesley, Liz and Chris, Tony, Ian (leader) and Rosie.

ATIWHAKATU HUT 23 APRIL

It was a beautiful day for the walk. The bush was stunning with the filtered sunlight and we had no wind. Three of us departed Greytown at 8.30am and met three more at Holdsworth car park. Sadly two people had had to drop out at the last minute. We had morning tea on the track beyond the swing bridge where the sun could filter through and it was a little warmer. Lunch was enjoyed on the outside table at the hut. There were six young people in the hut lunching before heading up to Jumbo for the night. They were enjoying themselves and good fun.

The return trip was uneventful and we met a number of people walking in, including several with young children. Always good to see.

Keeping me company were Chris and Liz Crowe, Alison Herbert, Diane Gates and Robyn Ward. Leader Jennifer Pomeroy.

