

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for October 2022

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Club night:

Tuesday 11 Oct 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

Speaker: John Beijen son of the SWDC mayor) speaking about his time in China.

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 – Billy Adair

December – Steve and Anne Maddock

Trip List

2022

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
1.10	Eastbourne Hills	Rosie & Ian Montgomerie	021 189 3862	M
8.10	Working Bee Frith or Winzenberg	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
15.10	King George Park loop(version 2)	Juliet & Ed Cooke	304 9497	M
22.10				
29.10	Te Ahumairangi (Tinakori)	Rosie & Ian Montgomerie	021 189 3862	M
5.11	Whakapapa with MTC	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
12.11	Mt Waiohine Nigel Boniface	?		
19.11	Winzenberg part of walking festival	John Rhodes	304 9095	M

If you wish to go on a trip, please let the organiser know by the Thursday prior.

Trip Gradings

The letters are an indication of how tough it will be.

E **Easy.** Completely flat, no hills, 2 – 3 hours.

M **Moderate fitness.** Some hills, well formed tracks. 4-6 hours walk per day.

F More fitness. Steep hills, challenging tracks. May go off tracks. 6 – 8 hours walk per day.

Leaders: Please remember if you are unable to lead your trip it is your responsibility to find a replacement leader / trip.

Trip Reports

KAITOKE WATERWORKS 27 SEP

Plan A was abandoned when we reached Via Dolorosa on the Rimutaka Hill - 6 degrees, heavy cloud, rain and strong winds! We drove on for Plan B, Kaitoke Waterworks, where we would be walking in more sheltered conditions.

After parking at the Forks car park, in a much warmer 9 degrees, a slight mist in the air but no wind, we wandered through the "Rivendell" area, as Andrea hadn't been there before. Then we headed up the ridge track, the shorter and older members of our party especially finding some of the steps upwards far too high for their liking! The track wasn't bad, muddy in places, but the clay areas had us wondering how they might be on the way down. However the trees were lovely, and the kidney fern looked particularly happy about all the rain we have had.

The weather improved enough to give us views of hills as we climbed on up the ridge. At the viewpoint with the seat we decided we had come far enough as the descent could be hazardous.

When we stopped for lunch further down, Ed, who had been walking at the back, discovered that his pack cover and parka must have dropped off somewhere. Ian took off at a very impressive run back up the hill, and eventually found the bundle, almost as far up as the seat. Ed, who had followed Ian up the hill at a slower pace, was extremely grateful!

Everyone made it safely back down the hill, glad to have had a good leg stretch even if we hadn't done our planned tramp.

Those on the tramp were Ross Anderson, Chris Leather, Ian Montgomerie, Jen Pomeroy, new member Andrea Shepherd, and Ed and Juliet Cooke (co-ordinators).



