

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for November 2022

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Club night:

Tuesday 8 Nov 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Max Stevens and Joe Howells talking about access to the Haurangi Ranges

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Billy Adair

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:
December: Steve and Anne Maddock

Trip List

2022

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
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

EASTBOURNE 1 OCTOBER

Despite rain and mist, but a fine forecast for Eastbourne and confirmed by Ross who kindly rang his daughter, we set off 8.30 arriving at the Wahine memorial near the Bus Barn at 9.45. Ross lead us up the steep track and steps on the track to Butterfly Creek. The day was perfectly calm though overcast, with beautiful harbour views from all angles. The recently gravelled surface made for easy walking. The bush was lush and a few tuis flew by. We carried on to have early lunch at Butterfly Creek.

On the return we took the Mackenzie Road Track to Muritai Road, past houses to the sea front and a walk to the cars at 2 pm, total walk four hours.

The team of five thoroughly enjoyed a fine walk, great company and chats, on an overcast day. Lucky for us the drizzle started on our way home and the next day, the Rimutaka Hill Road was closed for short periods to remove slips.

Trampers were Ruth and Peter Graham, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie and leader Ross Armstrong.

WINZENBERG HILL TRACK WORK 9 OCTOBER

In good weather, Ross Anderson, Ed Cooke, Juliet Cooke, Ian Montgomerie and John Rhodes cut our new Winzenberg track from 400 to 465 m in altitude. The total height gained so far is 135 m, a third of the total. We shall nibble at the rest in easy stages.

HUTT RIVER 15 OCTOBER

Seven of us set off from Te Marua for an easy Hutt River walk. To our surprise and disappointment, there were no welcoming alpacas / llamas, just an empty paddock!

We had morning tea at Akatarawa Road, then crossed the river and continued along Bridge Road and down above the river, some canoeists providing spots of colour in the water. We crossed back over the suspension bridge and continued down river, with our "local guide", Desiree, who used to live in the area, pointing out places of interest.

We lunched at the duck pond, resisting the crowd of waiting ducks, geese and chooks. Luckily for them, other people had come prepared with food to share.

After lunch we walked back up the river to the cars.

Those on the walk were Ross & Jeanette Anderson, Barry Kempton, Desiree Kortinck, Kevin Wilkinson, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (co-ordinators).



BUCKS ROAD 29 OCTOBER

Due to forecast rain in Wellington we decided against the Te Ahumarangi walk. We gathered at SWWM as usual at 8.30, travelling in two cars, met Ross in Featherston, and went on down Underhill Road to the camping area at the end of Bucks Road. It was light drizzle at the start of our walk. We took the far left track from the carpark.

The track is a little steep to start and we stopped to catch our breath and to take in the view of the river winding its way below.

We soon reached a cleared area that Barry told us was original farm land and site of farm buildings. The track then heads down through overhanging trees to a stony creek bed. The track gave a few challenges, some of the creek beds have substantial erosion, but we soon came to the big steps down to river where we had morning tea, sheltering from drizzle and wind. The river was obviously too cold for Sioux, Barry's dog, and she sat quietly on the sandy bank.

We had just started our return climb when Juliet took a tumble off the side of the steps, fortunately no broken bones but a grazed elbow. Ian's first aid kit was handy.

The return walk was easy enough and despite a bit more drizzle we arrived back at the cars in exactly three hours. Juliet recorded 5.75 kms and we had climbed 468 m.

Lovely to have Billy back with us and the company of Juliet, Desiree, Ross and Barry.

Leaders Ian and Rosie

