

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for August 2024

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Club night:

Tuesday 13 August 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Rebecca Kempton. Rebecca, a multi award winning photographer, is part of an adventurous group of top NZ professional photographers called In Pursuit of Giants. Their adventures so far have involved exploring the remote Canterbury highlands in search of the infamous Canterbury panther, adventure and cage diving with the Great White sharks in Bluff and attempting three mountain summits in three days – Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu.

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Mary & Bruce Lambert
Supper box is kept in the store cupboard at Studio 73

For the next two meetings the roster is:

Sep: David & Kay Bowie

Oct: Billy Adair

Trip List

August 2024

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
27.7				
3.8	Rimutaka Incline from both ends with car key swap	Hilary and Jeff Ryan	027 446 9044	M
10.8	Two short walks near Lake Ferry.	Jane Lenting	021 0257 8799	E
17.8	Rimutaka ridge track from the road summit	Stefan van Trigt	021 293 6632	M
24.8	Holdsworth Lodge to Whakatūrākau (Atiwhakatu) Hut	Liz & Chris Crowe	021 152 6240 021 213 6747	M
31.8	Martinborough to Te Muna	Ruth & Peter Graham	06 306 8822	M
7.9	Bucks Road to Finis track	Neil Johnstone	06 379 5420 021 073 6162	F
14.9	Rewanui Forest Park	Lesley Callaghan	021 033 5338	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.

SWTC subs are now due for the following year. Single member \$45 family member \$55

Could you please pay into our bank account ANZ 01-0623-0044755-00

These subs include membership to FMC

Trip Reports

BUTTERFLY CREEK 13 JULY

A group of six trampers left the SWWMC around 8.00 in pouring rain and linked up with the Days Bay cohort of one in Eastbourne around 9.00 am.

We set off douth along the shared path under bright Wellington sunshine, our walking poles clicking like a bunch of moving crabs on the tarmac. The harbour looked beautiful, with very pretty clouds in the south obscuring the Kaikouras. As we headed to the Wahine memorial at the end of Rona Bay, we stopped to admire the various memorials and historical pictorial plaques, penguin nesting boxes and banded dotterel breeding area.

Morning tea was under the Wahine mast at 10.00 am, and then we wound up through the predominantly beech forest to the intersection of the Kowhai Street track and Butterfly Creek track. Along the way various members encountered old acquaintances and a remnant of the TTC who asked fondly after one John Rhodes. Not a wilderness walk, this!

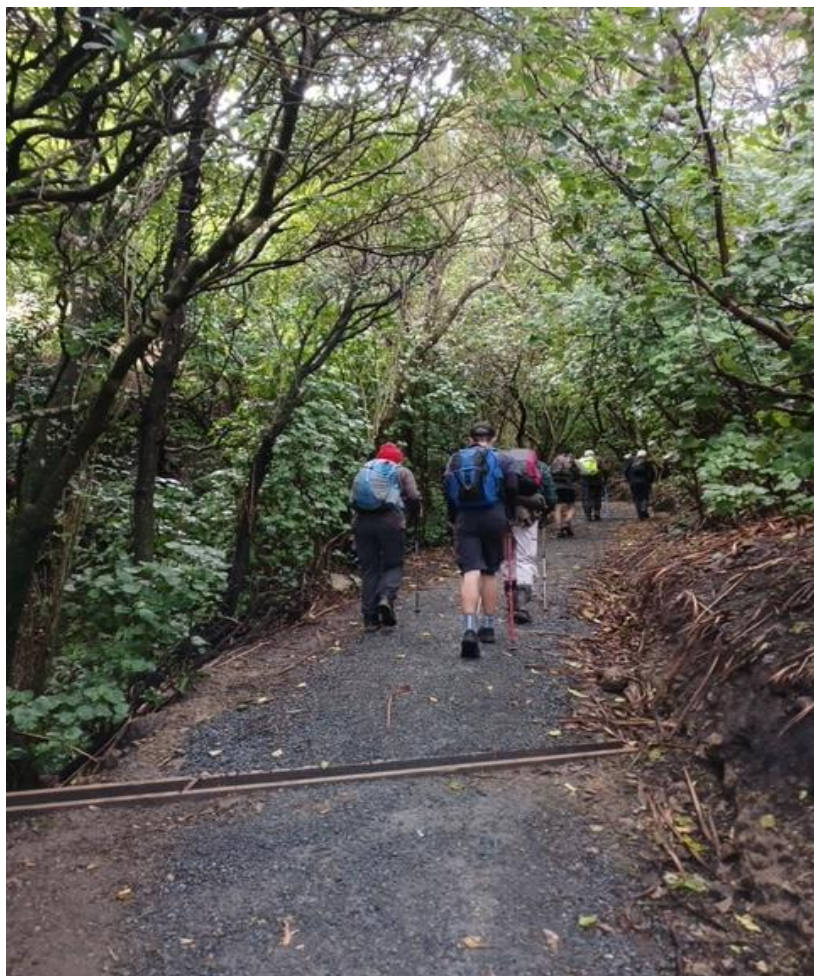
We descended to the picnic area near the confluence of Butterfly Creek and Gollans Stream for lunch. No one knows exactly how Butterfly Creek got its name, but it's thought there was a light green tree once shaped just like a butterfly when viewed from above. The area once housed a log cabin tearoom set up in the 1930s. There were a couple of families with children, it being school holiday time. Unfortunately by lunch time the blue sky had given way to sour grey and short light rain meant we didn't dally. It was quite cold.

Leaving the picnic area about 12.15, Ian noticed a very big fat eel swimming lazily in the deeper pond under the bridge, but mean Liz H wouldn't give up her uneaten hard boiled egg and Ian had to give up on his dream of a smoked eel dinner.

We returned along the spur track and then turned right onto the valley track and walked through lovely and varied bush beside a very clean Butterfly Creek back towards the seaward ridge. Lots of kamahi, rimu, tree fern, pigeon wood, astelia, rushes, sedges and grasses, along with ferns of all kinds and colours, shared the beech forest. It's a lovely, well maintained and gently graded track, with many well built bridges and seats along the way that helped us climb back to the ridge in dignified fashion. We had to make a raincoat stop but we were more or less dried off by the time we'd finished meandering down the Mackenzie track through the regenerating manuka, astelia, rengarenga and gorse. No harm done except a bit of a twisted knee, and we were back at the car park, well satisfied, by 2.00pm. About 12km under our belts.

Thanks to Barry, Rosie and Ian, and Chris and Liz Crowe with patient grandson Matthew, and Liz H.





CANNON POINT WALKWAY WITH MASTERTON TRAMPING CLUB 28 JULY

Rain on the Rimutaka hill and at the car park near the Brown Owl made abandonment probable. However, the rain stopped as we began walking and held off for the next four hours. Cannon Point (where we lunched) is named for a fallen dead tree that was once visible from Upper Hutt and gave the impression of a cannon.

Photos are at <http://swtc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024.07-MTC-SWTC-Cannon-Point.pdf>