

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2025

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Club night:

No meeting in July

For the next two meetings the roster is:

Aug: Billy Adair

Sep: Jennifer Pomeroy

Subscriptions are now due, the same as last year, \$45 for single and \$55 for family membership. Please make your remittance to our bank account - ANZ 01 0623 0044755 00.

Trip List

July 2025

Date	Destination	Trip Coordinator	Phone	Fitness
5.7	Norbert Creek loop with MTC #	Stuart Hammond	04 526 7224	F
12.7	Pigeon Bush Reserve	Barry Kempton	027 430 5935	M
19.7	Fensham Reserve	Liz & Chris Crowe	021 213 6747	E
26.7	Mangatarere	Celia Wade-Brown	021 247 8360	F
2.8	Winzenberg Hill track working party with MTC	John Rhodes	06 394 9095 or rhodesja@xtra.co.nz	F

Meet at swing bridge car park Kaitoke (follow signs to Rivendell) for a 9.30 departure. 4.5 hours. Toilets at car park. This is a circular tramp - up Norbert, down Golden Road and back alongside river to car park. First hour is steep with a few minor stream crossings, then down a four wheel drive track with one fairly wide stream crossing at the bottom. Track back alongside river is undulating. Good views over Hutt Valley from Golden Road.

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

POWELL HUT 14 JUNE

Five of us together with a four legged friend arrived at Holdsworth car park just before 9am.

It was a pleasant walking day, a cool start, dry, no wind and mainly cloudy.

We were surprised to find that The Gentle Annie Track was closed due to track maintenance.

The closure notice warned of "hazards" and we decided to continue on the track but not take any undue risk.

The path was easily passable but very muddy in parts due to the recent heavy rain and some path repairs being only partially complete.

The closure evidently put people off as we saw no other people on the track, no one at either Rocky Lookout or Mountain House and arrived at an eerily empty Powell hut. Powell remained in cloud all day so we had no view from the top.

We later met three people on our downward descent but overall an amazingly quiet day.

Back in the car park by 4:30pm

Walkers:- John Wilson (Coordinator), Barry Kempton with Sioux the dog, Ian Montgomerie, Ross Anderson, Chris Crowe.