

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for February 2026

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Club night:

There will be no club night this month.

Supper duty next meeting: Jennifer Pomeroy

Trip List

2026

Date	Destination	Trip Coordinator	Phone	Fitness
8.2	Korokoro Dam	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
14.2	Dobson Smith shelter loop	Ian Montgomerie	021 0237 4092	M
21.2	Kakahi count Western Lake	John Rhodes	304 9095	E
28.2	Colonial Knob & Pataka with MTC	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
7.3	TBA	Stuart Hammond	04 526 7224	

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.

M **Moderate fitness.** Some hills, well formed tracks.

F **More fitness.** Steep hills, challenging tracks. May go off tracks.

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

Trip Reports

WAIOHINE GORGE 6 DEC

Ross Anderson and myself, John Wilson, drove to Waiohine Gorge, crossed over the swing bridge and walked for a few kilometres on the path to Totara Flats Hut.

At a pleasant viewpoint we relaxed, enjoyed the scenic view with some distant Ratas coming into bloom, ate our lunch and then began our return.

A warm, dry sunny day with few other trampers on the trail.



RAPAKI FARM WALKWAY 17 JANUARY 2026

On a perfect walking day (overcast, coolish and calm) twelve of us met up in Martinborough for a walk over the Rapaki Farm Walkway. Starting at the Shooting Butts Road end of the track we checked out the new road which crosses through the evolving lifestyle development on the farm before skirting round the dam and climbing the hill up to Ineke's memorial seat for a breather. After crossing the ridge to the edge of the escarpment and checking out the view of the vineyards in Te Muna Valley we dropped down to the sheltered 'homestead' site to have morning tea beside the olive trees. From there two members of the group opted to circle round to the start of the track while the rest of the group walked down the ridge, crossed the gully and joined the Te Muna Road at the eastern end of the walkway. A circuitous route then took us via Te Muna and Hinekura Roads, up past the Martinborough town water supply tanks, through two neighbouring olive groves and back onto the farm where we crossed two paddocks before picking up the official walkway for the last hundred metres or so of a most enjoyable three hour, eight kilometre walk.

The walkers were Ross and Jeanette Anderson, Liz and Chris Crowe with grandchildren Isobel and Henry, Jane Lenting, Marysia Depczynski, Barry Kempton, John Wilson and coordinators Pete and Ruth Graham.

