



# THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages and runs tramping trips every weekend ranging from easy (no experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instruction courses and hold weekly social meetings. Membership rates per year are \$32 member, \$38 couple, \$16 junior or associate.

**EQUIPMENT HIRE:** The Club has a range of equipment (tents, ice axes, crampons, harnesses, large and small weekend pack, billies and a mountain radio) for hire to members at reasonable rates. Contact Gear Custodian, Jim Western 328 7762. Note: Club gear assigned to you to carry on a trip is your responsibility; please take care of it.

Our **CLUB HUT** in the Arthurs Pass township has the comforts of home but with the mountains at the back door. A great place for a few days away; take your usual gear and a pillowcase. **Please book** before leaving town to ensure there is a bunk available and no overcrowding. For keys and bookings phone Rex Vink 352 5327; or if he's away, John Easton 337 1941; or if they're both away, Dave Watson 981 7929 (or pager 026 252 3284). Hut fees are \$6 member, \$6 member's partner, \$12 non member, \$4 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Rex when you get back.

**SOCIAL SCENE:** We meet on Thursdays 7:30 pm at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre (Watling Lounge) Hagley Avenue (entrance variety of social the atmosphere biscuits served. If presentation or contact Alan

There are **NO CLUB NIGHTS** on  
Thursday 7 March and Thursday 28 March!  
 Our venue for meetings is totally booked out on  
 the 7<sup>th</sup>, so we're going 10 PIN BOWLING instead,  
 and the 28<sup>th</sup> is too close to Easter.

Park South, 57 Riccarton opposite the hospital). A functions are organised, informal, and tea and you can give a have ideas, please Ross 384 6425.

**TRIPS:** Unless otherwise stated, trips depart outside Shell Carlton Corner Service Station (see page 2 for details). Day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays. If you have comments or suggestions for trips, please contact the Trip Organisers: Sandi Keenan 389 6400 and Ian Dunn 343 2155.

# Notices

**DEPARTURE VENUE:** Trips depart from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station, 1 Papanui Road, between Burger King (who said Elvis was dead) and Liquor Land (opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, you will have to park on one of the nearby side streets, as you may come back to a wheel clamp, or get your car towed! If you are taking your car we would like to encourage you to refuel at Shell Carlton, as they have been kind enough to hold onto our trip lists. **LEADERS:** Please ask for the trip list box (disguised as a shiny red 'Stanley' toolbox) and post the trip list into the locked box. If anyone turns up after this, the service station has a key to open the box. Spare key holders are listed on the box.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL:** If you would like to receive your newsletter and general news by e-mail, please let Linda Lilburne know at [LilburneL@landcare.cri.nz](mailto:LilburneL@landcare.cri.nz).

**CTC STICKERS:** The club has had some Christchurch Tramping Club stickers printed for members to stick in hut books when they visit one. Contact Sandi Keenan 389 6400 if you would like some.

**ROCK CLIMBING COURSES:** Learn to climb safely and confidently with professional instructors – all abilities catered for. Private classes can be arranged. Discount to CTC members. Phone Cliff at Vertical Ventures 332 8571.

**FLATMATE WANTED:** For sleep out in Hornby, \$55/pw plus expenses. Phone Phil or Brian 344 1195 or 025 662 6171.

**MEMBERS:** Bernard Parawa's number is now 981 4931. His number in the members list is incorrect. Dave Henson's number has also changed, the new number is 942 3954.

**OPERATION NO GREEN NEEDLES:** Environment Canterbury are running two wilding pine tree days this year – Saturday 9 March and Saturday 23 March. The former is probably the more interesting one. They take you to a site in the Cragieburn Range in a Bus/Unimog, supply you with tools and feed you afterwards. You are back in town by 6pm. It's not too arduous and is very satisfying work. They would like to know numbers soon so if you are interested in going, let Linda Lilburne (366 6570) know by the weekend. I can give more details if anyone is interested.

**CLOSURE OF MUELLER HUT:** Relax – it's only temporary! Mueller Hut is to be temporarily closed to the public while a replacement hut is being built nearby. The existing hut will be closed so that the construction workers building the new hut can be safely and comfortably accommodated at the site. When is the hut to be closed? Construction will take approximately six weeks, beginning in the middle of March. As such the existing hut will be closed from mid-March till the end of April, when the new hut will be opened to the public. See [www.cmc.net.nz/mueller.htm](http://www.cmc.net.nz/mueller.htm) for more details, and the Aoraki/Mt Cook visitor centre for further updates on the timing of the hut closure.

**WANGANUI TRAMPING CLUB JUBILEE:** The Wanganui Tramping Club are having their 50th Jubilee celebrations Labour weekend 26 - 28 October 2002. Replies of interest to: Russell Donaldson, 6 Stratford St, Wanganui. Phone A/H 0-6-344 2275 [russelld@clear.net.nz](mailto:russelld@clear.net.nz).

# Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Weekend 2 and 3 March

Leader: Andrew Turton 332 8275

**MT ALMA - ALMA COL:** Grade: Mod/Hard. Maps: I36, J36. Cost: \$40. List closes: 21 February. This trip is in the Two Thumb Range. Talk to Andrew about this trip.

Sunday 3 March

Leader: John Henson 341 8321

**RIVER CROSSING PRACTICE/COURSE:** Grade: All. Approx cost: \$10. List closes: 28 February. This year, as in previous years, the course is held at the Waimakariri River, near where the pylons cross at MacLean's Island. The emphasis is on teaching the latest mutual support methods and there will be a barbeque lunch afterwards, so bring something for this, as well as warm clothes and a pack with some weight in it, so that the crossings are made more realistic.

Thursday 7 March

NO CLUB NIGHT

**NO CLUB NIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Our venue for meetings is totally booked out, so lets go TEN PIN BOWLING instead. We have 4 lanes booked for 1 game at a cost of \$6.50 each. With a maximum of 6 per lane, that's room for 24 people. So the first 24 get to play. Meet at 7:50 pm as we have the lanes booked for 8 pm. Always lots of fun.

Saturday 9 March

Leader: Alastair Brown 343 5111

**THE DOME:** Grade: Mod/Hard. Map: K33. Approx cost: \$30. List closes: 6 March. The plan here is to take a slightly different route on this Arthurs Pass peak. The start is from the Railway Bridge about 5km before the Bealey Hotel, and the trip ascends a stream from there. The return can be made the same way, or if you prefer, down into the East Edwards and then to the road at Greyney's flat. An interesting trip if you're running out of things to do at Arthurs Pass!

Weekend 9 and 10 March

Leader: Craig Beare 355 7313

**CASS SADDLE - LAGOON SADDLE:** Grade: Easy/Moderate. Map: K34. Cost: \$30. List closes: 28 February. A popular trip to the luxurious Hamilton hut over two saddles and out along a valley. Side trips up Mt Bruce are available for the more energetic on the trip.

Weekend 9 and 10 March

Leader: Dayle Drummond 337 1718

**WHEEL CREEK:** Grade: Mod/Hard. Wheel Creek is situated about 15km North of Springs Junction, on the Eastern side of the Victoria Range. The terrain is similar to the Paparoas. There are several options, but at this stage it is likely to be a trip from Wheel Creek to Mt Creighton (details in the book by Sven Brabyn), and returning back to Wheel Creek. There is a hut in Wheel Creek but it is likely that the group would camp on the tops by a tarn, on Saturday night. This area is very infrequently visited, so here's a chance to venture into the Victoria Range!

Sunday 10 March

Leader: TBA

**MT THOMAS:** Grade: Easy. Map: M34. Approx cost: \$15. List closes: 7 March. Mt Thomas is another popular day trip. There are a variety of ways up and down this 1050m hill, so there is plenty of scope for a round trip.

Thursday March 14

Club Night

We will be showing slides, taken by the late John Morrison, of the Greenstone Valley and the Routeburn Track near Glenorchy. Then we will go to the Heaphy and Wangapeka tracks. These are the first of some 5000 slides donated to the club by the family of John Morrison. Will be interesting to go to these well known places.

Saturday 16 March

Leader: Barbara Henson 341 8321

**TAYLORS MISTAKE - BOULDER BAY - GODLEY HEAD LOOP:** Grade: Easy. Approx cost: \$5. List closes: 14 March. An easy stroll to a popular part of the coast near Christchurch, with old

fortresses, tunnels and beaches, all only 5 minutes drive from your favourite cafe! There'll be a 9 am start for this trip, at the usual place.

Saturday 16 or Sunday 17 March

Leader: Adrian Sullivan 381 5417

**STEEPFACE HILL:** Grade: Moderate. Map: K35. Approx cost: \$20. List closes: 7 March. Steepface Hill is near Mt Hutt, overlooking the Rakaia River. This hill is about 1900m high and is well known for a long and narrow scree which speeds up the descent. Adrian is planning on scheduling the trip on Saturday or Sunday to take advantage of the weather, so contact him to see what he's up to.

Weekend 16 and 17 March

Leader: TBA

**LAKE GUYON:** Grade: Easy. Cost: \$30. List closes: 7 March. In good weather this is a lovely trip, there is fishing in the lake and plenty of nice campsites are available.

Thursday March 21

Club Night

Slide show of a very wet Christmas trip of mice and men going with the Flo from Lewis Pass to Nelson Lakes. Some of the stories will be better than the slide show itself! Also it's time to be thinking of getting involved in helping in the running of your club, in other words, the AGM is coming up. This will be an opportunity for any committee members who wish to stand down to tell what their job entails and what is so rewarding about it. So have a think about which position you might be interested in and come along.

Weekend 23 and 24 March

Leader: Andrew Wrapson 381 5417

**CASEY- BINSER TRACK:** Grade: Easy/Moderate. Maps L33, L34. Cost: \$30. List closes: 14 March. The only completely round trip in the Arthurs Pass National Park. Walk up the Andrews River to Casey hut. Stay Saturday night in the Casey hut and come out Sunday over the Binsler Saddle.

Saturday 23 March

Leader: TBA

**LAKE RUBICON:** Grade: Easy. Map: L35. Approx cost: \$15. List closes: 21 March. Lake Rubicon is in a small valley, on the Eastern side of the Torlesse Range, and is approached from the Kowhai river near Springfield. Easy walking leads to the lake but once again there's options for a round trip or a slightly harder option.

Sunday 24 March

Leader: Andrew Turton 332 8275

**MT WINTERSLOW:** Grade: Moderate. Map: K36 Methven. Approx cost: \$25. List closes: 21 March. A route which is an interesting variation on a very popular trip. Starting from the Sharplin Falls car park, there is a track up to the top of Mt Winterslow. From here Mt Cook and many of the other big peaks of the Southern Alps are visible. There is a choice of descent routes, so see Andrew to find out what he's planning. Always a popular place!

Tuesday 26 March

Social Event

Meal out at a Vietnamese Restaurant called Little Saigon. Mains are from \$14 and its BYO. Meet at 7:30 at 507 Colombo St, opposite Smiths City. As usual, put your name on the list or phone Alan on 384 6425 or email alanross@biolab.co.nz before 23 March, as I have to give them numbers.

Thursday 28 March

NO CLUB NIGHT

NO CLUB NIGHT as it's the beginning of Easter and those of you who can get a pass will be in transit to your Easter trips.

Sunday 31 March

Leader: TBA

**HELICOPTER HILL:** Grade: Easy. Map: K34. Approx cost: \$20. List closes: 28 March. Helicopter Hill is on the Eastern side of the Cragieburn Range, and is accessed from the skifield roads. This trip is planning to go further up the Cragieburn Valley from Helicopter Hill. A pleasant trip in the beech forest of the Cragieburn Range.

Easter Weekend Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April.

Leader: John Henzell 328 9596

**THREE PASSES or SIMILAR CROSSOVER TRIP:** Grade: Moderate. Maps: J33, K33. List closes: 21 March. Cost: \$40-50 - ask John. This will be a moderate trip of a crossover style, talk to John about the exact destination.

Easter Weekend Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April

Leader: Alastair Brown 343 5111

**MT WHITCOMBE:** Grade: Hard. Maps: I34, J34. List closes: 24 March. Leaving Thursday 5 pm, Alastair would like to have a go at Mt Whitcombe at Easter, from the west. All the routes from the east are less than straight forward, but there is a feasible route, albeit long, in from the West Coast. After a bit of consultation, it's been decided to make this a five day jobbie and will only run with ideal weather. In the case of non-ideal weather we'll probably do Bijleveld Col or grovel our way into John Henzell's trip.

Easter Weekend Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April

Leader: Sandi Keenan 389 6400

**HUMPRIDGE TRACK:** Grade: Moderate. List closes: 21 March. Cost: \$250 or more. This trip will be dependant on a booking being available. Will probably entail taking an extra day off work, as it is a long way to travel.

Easter Weekend Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April

Leader: Ruha Goodwill 981 2256

**REEFTON BASE CAMP:** Six families are now confirmed to go to Reefton for Easter. There may still be some accommodation available so contact Ruha by Monday 4 March. Reefton is to the west of Maruia Valley in Victoria Forest Park. Easy and harder options are available in this old mining and ghost town area.

Thursday 4 April

Club Night

Newsletter folding AND We have Chris Weiss coming all the way from Germany to do a presentation of Glacier N.P. in Montana USA. Chris has worked the last 12 summers as a ranger/naturalist in this national park! He will tell us about the animals, botany, geology, ecology (and politics) of the park – should be good!

Weekend 6 and 7 April

Leader: TBA

**BARKER HUT:** Grade: Mod/Hard. List closes: 28 March. Maps: K33, K34. Cost: \$30. Barker hut is situated high in the mountains and is a popular climbing base from which Mts Murchison or Harper may be climbed. Follow the Waimakariri to Carrington Hut then the White River and up a ravine to Barker Hut.

Saturday 6 April

Leader: TBA

**MT BRADLEY:** Grade: Easy. Maps: M36, M37. Approx cost: \$5. List closes: 4 April. The Ridge facing Diamond Harbour will be the one taken on this trip to summit of Mt Bradley, passing through the "eye of the needle" just prior to reaching the summit. This trip starts in Orton Bradley park, so there is an 800m height gain. The trip can be made as hard or as easy as people want, by varying the route taken up the ridge! A pleasant option for those wanting to do something slightly harder would be to stay right on the ridge all the way up (there's some short, exposed sections), and scramble down through the bluffs on the way back down.

Sunday 7 April

Leader: Bruce James 332 3473

**RIBBONWOOD STREAM:** Grade: Mod / Mod/Hard. Map: K34. Approx cost: \$25. List closes: 4 April. Ribbonwood Stream is located at the very end of the Cragieburn Range, and is the stream which has formed the large gravel fan which separates Lake Grassmere from Lake Pearson. Initially there is a short gorge before the stream opens out into a basin, from which the tops of the Cragieburn Range are accessible. There'll be some travel in the river, so come prepared for that. From the top of the stream there are many ways out onto the tops and back down. Either Mt Manson or Baldy Hill are possible descent routes.

Thursday 12 April

Club Night

This is the night to hear all the verbal trip reports from the Easter trips. Who went where and what happened on the trip you would have liked to go on. It will be a very social night.

Weekend 13 and 14 April

Leader: Sandi Keenan 389 6400

**ARTHUR'S PASS BASE CAMP:** Grade: Easy/Mod, with other options if wanted. Map: K33. Cost: \$30. List closes: 4 April. This will be a chance to climb up Avalanche peak without all the fanatical runners around. Other options to be discussed. We will be staying in the luxurious comfort of the club hut, with a gourmet meal on Saturday night.

Saturday 20 April

Leader: Andrew Wrapson 381 5417

**WOOLSHED HILL:** (Arthurs Pass) Grade: Moderate. Maps: K33, L33. Approx cost: \$25. List closes: 18 April. Woolshed Hill is approached from Hawdon Corner, and offers views up the Hawdon River. Because it is at the end of the Savannah Range, there is the possibility of traversing further along the range before descending through the open beech forest down to the Hawdon River.

Weekend 20 and 21 April

Leader: TBA

**MOA RIVER - UNKNOWN STREAM:** Grade: Moderate. Maps: J34, K34. Cost: \$40. List closes: 11 April. This trip is in the Wilberforce area. Some river crossing and boulder hopping will be involved in this trip but there are also some attractive tussock basins and at least part of the route is straight forward.

Thursday 25 April to Sunday 28 April

Leader: Linda Lilburne 366 6570

**AHURIRI - DINGLEBURN:** Grade: Mod Hard. Map: G38. Approx cost: \$40. List closes: 21 March. A circuit in the Ahuriri - Dingleburn area. This will include Canyon Creek (a spectacular gorge) and climbing Mt Barth. Ice axe/crampons required. Limited numbers.

Weekend 27 and 28 April

Leader: Les Hayes 365 9424

**MT FRANKLIN:** Grade: Hard. Map: K33. Cost: \$30. List closes: 18 April. Mt Franklin is one of the more difficult mountains in the Arthurs Pass to climb and is notorious for loose rock. The Upper Deception and Lake Anna are visited on this trip.

Saturday April 27 to Friday 3 May

Leader: Sandi Keenan 389 6400

**MILFORD TRACK OUT OF SEASON:** The plan is to drive down to Te Anau on Saturday 27 April and start the walk on Sunday. The season closes on 25 April. This will be done at a Sandi pace (slow and easy) even though it is a moderate trip. The trip is full, so if you are interested, talk to Sandi about wait-listing.

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Alastair Brown (Freddie) is the ~~Minister of Truth~~ editor.  
Please send articles for the April newsletter to him by Wednesday 27 March.  
Email: [alastairgbrown@yahoo.com.au](mailto:alastairgbrown@yahoo.com.au) or Telephone 343 5111.



# Nomination form for election to committee

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*The nominee, proposer and seconder must all be full financial members of the Christchurch Tramping Club.*

Position nominee is seeking election to:

President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Convenor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Captain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gear Custodian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hut Convenor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekend Trip Organiser	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day Trip Organiser	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please indicate which position you wish to be considered for, in order of preference. A person may hold two elected positions on committee.*

*If you wish more information on the responsibilities of any position, please ask one of the committee members or check out the descriptions in the Rules and Regulations.*

*Please hand nomination form to any committee member or bring to the AGM or post to:- The Secretary, Christchurch Tramping Club, PO Box 527, Christchurch by 8 April.*