



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Lake Kaurapataka, September 2009

The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages, and runs tramping trips every weekend, ranging from easy (minimal experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instructional courses and hold weekly social meetings. We have a club hut in Arthurs Pass and have gear available for hire to members. Membership rates per year are \$40 member, \$60 couple, \$23 junior or associate, with a \$5 discount for members who opt to obtain this newsletter electronically.

For more about how the club operates, see *More about the CTC*.

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Photo Contest Closing Date Extended.

Get those entries in!

See back page for details.

Tramper of the Month: Eric Saggers

<i>Place of Birth?</i>	Cambridge, UK	
<i>Date joined CTC?</i>	1962	
<i>How did you find out about the CTC?</i>	From Bob Rohleder (who still is a club member).	
<i>Your first day trip with the CTC?</i>	Ice skating at Lake Lyndon.	
<i>First weekend with CTC?</i>	Lake Kaurapataka.	
<i>Your hardest day trip?</i>	Klondyke Corner to Waimak Coll then climbed Mt Armstrong, tramped down the Rolleston River to the main road, walked back over the Otira Gorge to Arthurs Pass (all in one day!)	
<i>Longest day trip?</i>	Biked from Christchurch to Arthurs Pass, climbed Mt Rolleston via the Otira Slide; climbed the Low, Middle and High peaks of Mt Rolleston then biked back to Christchurch in one day (at the age of 53).	
<i>Hardest weekend trip?</i>	Left Christchurch on Saturday, climbed the east ridge of Mt Arrowsmith then back home on Sunday.	
<i>Family?</i>	Happily married to Ursi for 32 years.	
<i>Occupation</i>	Self employed Builder and Cabinet Maker.	
<i>Your favourite hut?</i>	Any hut with a fireplace.	
<i>Any mishaps while tramping?</i>	Cutting foot with an axe on the 1963-64 Christmas trip at the Washbourne Hut and taken out by a stretcher made from 2 Mountain Mule packs.	
<i>Do you belong to any other clubs?</i>	Yes - Canterbury Mountaineering Club, NZ Alpine Club, Swiss Alpine Club and member of the Christchurch Alpine Cliff Rescue team.	
<i>Who or what had the biggest influence on your tramping days?</i>	Noel Tweedie and numerous other senior members of CTC Club in my early days, whom I still have great respect for.	

Two old cobbers (left-to-right: Peter Mortlock, Eric Saggers) sitting on the top of Mt Bealey. Lunch for Eric during his second Longest Day Trip in February 2009. This time Eric biked to Arthurs Pass, climbed Avalanche Peak in 1 1/4 hours, took the ridge from Avalanche Peak to Mt Lyell, climbed Mt Bealey, went back down to the road and biked home to Christchurch. A Big Day Out!

News

New Members: We're pleased to welcome seven (!) new members to the club this month: Andrew Wedlake enjoyed a lovely extended tramp around Lake Angelus before he went to Australia to work. Now he is pining for our dramatic mountains and can't wait to get back into them on his trips back home. Elena Turueva has done some classic local trips like Mt Richardson and Tiromoana Bush and has been seen many times at club night. Laurance and Sarah Young join us with a big splash, attending the river crossing course and then doing the wet feet trips in Sudden Valley and Ashley Gorge. Bruce joined in on the Round Mt Somers circuit weekend trip staying in the new (full) Mt Somers hut. Doug Heuston discovered Castle Hill Peak is a long steep climb and Chris Bamford enjoyed a Binser-Andrews trip in June and then attended the club's Basic snowcraft course . Welcome aboard, everyone!

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays, from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, park on one of the nearby side streets, otherwise it may be wheel clamped or towed. If you are taking your car please refuel at Shell Carlton, as they are kind enough to hold our trip lists. Every trip gives an indication of transport costs per person. Please bring it in cash to help the leader divvy up at the end.

New or prospective members intending to go on any trip must sign up at club night or contact the trip leader in advance.

Social: We meet on Thursdays 7:30 pm at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre (Watling Lounge), Hagley Park South, 57 Riccarton Avenue (entrance opposite the hospital). A variety of social functions are organised, the atmosphere is informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384-6425 or email alan.d.ross@orica.com. Please note that formalities start at 7:50 pm sharp, and if there is a guest speaker, he/she will start at 8:10 pm sharp.

Saturday 26 September. Early start - contact leader.	Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@clear.net.nz
Mons Sex Millia. Mons Sex Millia is 6000 ft high (hence the name - 'the 6000 bump' translates - roughly - to 'mons sex millia' in Latin) but for those of you used to this new-fangled metric system you get a rather-less-readily-translatable 1840m. We will approach and return via Carlyle Stream on the south side of the main ridge. Long day tramping (8-10 hours), much bush-bashing, and around 1400m height gain. Bring ice-axe. Note map N32 not M32 as originally specified. Should be great! Early start.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 24 Sep Map: N32 Approx: \$25

Saturday 26 September.		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014	
<p>Mt Noble. Mount Noble is yet another new trip for the club, just off the Lake Sumner Road in the Waikari area. The tramping is mostly untracked and there is about 800m of height gain to the top, steep and first and then easing off, so this is a trip at the more demanding end of the easy-moderate range. At the top you'll be rewarded with great views out over the Hurunui country. There are some options for the return trip, depending on the stamina and bush-bashing enthusiasm of the group. [The leader assures us that the bush bash is a "NICE" one with no blood hungry nasties.]</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod Closed: 24 Sep Map: M33 Approx: \$25	
Weekend 26-27 September.		Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com	
<p>Princess Bath. Perched high on the side of Mt Princess, hidden until you pop up through the bluffs is the surprisingly large "princess bath". (At 1750m it may still be the princess ice-skating rink.) From the carpark at Lake Tennyson there is a couple of k's wander along the lakeside to warm up then a 500m puff to the top of Mt McCabe for a rest break with a fine view up the Clarence and down the Waiau. More puffing and maybe a scramble or two then drop down to the camp. Climb to the top of Mt Princess Sat afternoon or Sun morning then hurry back to Hanmer for a quick hot pool before heading home.</p>		Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 17 Sep Map: M30 M31 Approx: \$35	
Thursday 1 October.		Club Night	
<p>Tramping on the Central Plateau of the North Island. Our guides Gareth and Lisa will take us on a winter 3-day tramp in and around Tongariro including some of the crossing and the Northern Circuit. This will be interesting as we seldom get to go here.</p>			
Saturday 3 October.		Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p>Hallelujah Flat. Hallelujah Flat is about 9k up the Andrews Track from Andrews Shelter, on the way to the Casey Hut. Given suitable weather, we'll offer anyone who's interested the option of going up the streambed rather than the track. Either way, it's about 300m height gain altogether, through red beech forest, and then you'll come out Hallelujah flat itself, dotted with hebes - the perfect place for lunch. Then back to the cars via the track and Springfield for coffee, milkshake, icecream, etc.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 1 Oct Map: L33 Approx: \$25	

Weekend 3-4 October.	Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz
Hope Kiwi Lodge. This trip will be starting from either Windy Point, Sisters Swingbridge or Loch Katrine. (We have ruled out a start from the West Coast via Hope Pass). Further options to ponder over include subverting the trip to become Three Mile Stream and Mac's Knob. Whatever the fine detail evolves to be, it will be in lovely tramping country, beautiful red and mountain beech forest and grassy open flats. History fact for the trip: Early drovers cut the track over Kiwi Saddle to enable stock to be taken through to Harper Pass and on to the West Coast to feed hungry goldminers. Maori Gully (so named because early European explorers found woven flax ladders that Maori used to traverse the gorge) prevented stock being driven up the Hurunui River.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 24 Sep Map: L32 Approx: \$30

Weekend 3-4 October.	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
Ski Mountaineering - Mt Sibald from the Godley. Well, the trip title is plan #1. But as we know, the combination of snow, skis, mountains and weather forecasts has the potential to turn trip destination discussions into deeper debate than anything yet heard in Parliament Chambers. The last trip I led to the Godley, only 4 of the trip participants came with me - the other 10 went to the Hanmer Hot Pools - no doubt they are still regretting not skiing Captains Peak in perfect weather and snow. Fri night road end camp, late start up the hill by the time we drive in on Sat morning so extra torch batteries for the descent. Sleep in Sunday, big breakfast to make up for the dinner you missed last night, then mooch off home.	Grade: Hard Closes: 24 Sep Map: I36 Approx: \$40

Sunday 4 October.	Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
Ben More. Thomas is having another go at Ben More since he was unable to do the trip in August. There are a couple of options, approaching Ben More either from the north or the south. The ascent from Ben More Homestead through Thirteen Mile Bush is longer and about 1200m height gain, but there is a track on the ground even though it's not on the map, and you can have morning tea at the cute little Benmore Hut. Alternatively, we can do the more open-tussock-travel version, starting from the Lake Lyndon road and climbing up onto a horseshoe of undulating tops (1327, 1660, 1665, . . .) culminating with Ben More, 1655m (about 1000m of climbing altogether, and about 17km of tramping).	Grade: Moderate Closes: 1 Oct Map: K35 Approx: \$20

Wednesday 7 October. 6:00 pm	Leader: Susan Pearson 337-4914
Get fit for Tramping. Yes it's that time of year again. Just turn up in Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm. Come with Susan for an hour's vigorous exercise. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve climbing towards the summit road. Guaranteed to boost your fitness for the coming summer tramps.	Grade: Moderate Just turn up Map: Approx: None

Thursday 8 October.	Club Night
How to pack light for a weekend tramp. Why is Martin Brown's pack always 4-5kg lighter than mine on an overnight trip? How can he possibly fit all he needs in a 52L pack? Come along and learn how he does it. I will bring my list and try to find out if I believe he is missing something.	

Saturday 10 October (Meet at Clock Tower, Sumner, 9am)	Leader: Joy Schroeder 351-4655
Godley Head via Captain Thomas track. The Captain Thomas track takes us up from Sumner towards Evans Pass and the Scarborough Hill reserve. Once on the top we can have a great tramp out to Godley Head. The old gun emplacements make it a fascinating place to explore, as well as getting you right out onto the end of the headland, sea cliffs below you and sea (almost) all around ... Note: meet at Clock Tower, Sumner, 9am.	Grade: Easy Closes: 8 Oct Map: N36 Approx: \$5

October's floating hard trip. Date is weather dependent.	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
Mt Davie. "Floating Date". Depends on weather, snow, leaders motivation and numerous other factors that differentiate disorganised climbing trips from real tramping. Rumour has it that it's a bit steep near the top. Contact the leader if you're interested.	Grade: Hard Closes: 1 Oct Map: K33 Approx: \$35

Weekend 10-11 October.	Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
Williams Saddle. Williams Saddle is between the Mingha and Edwards valleys. On Saturday we follow the Edwards track to the comfortable Edwards hut, attractively sited in open tussock-and-tarn flats. Williams saddle (1327m) is reached via an unmarked route up a steep stream bed behind the hut. There are good views from the top. We then travel south for a km before dropping down in a long sidling bush-bash to the Mingha river and back to the cars.	Grade: EasyMod+ Closes: 1 Oct Map: K33 Approx: \$30

Sunday 11 October.		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931	
<p>Mt Harper. Mt Harper (1829m) is a great trip in the Rangitata area. We'll go in via the Lake Clearwater road, walking past the tranquil Lake Emma and then work our way up the moderately steep side of Mt Harper. In total it's a bit over 1100m of ascent and a reasonably long-moderate day. Return options include a lovely route down through the tussocks to Balmacaan Saddle and then down Balmacaan stream to pick up a rough track and back out. Mt Harper could be named after Leonard Harper, who gave his name to Harpers Pass after making the first European crossing to the West Coast from Canterbury via that route in 1857, or after Leonard's father (the first Anglican bishop of Christchurch and the man who caused the cathedral to be built).</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 8 Oct Map: J36 Approx: \$25	
Wednesday 14 October. 6:00pm		Leader: Susan Pearson 337-4914	
<p>Get Fit for Tramping. Yes it's that time of year again. Just turn up in Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm. Come with Susan for an hour's vigorous exercise. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve climbing towards the Summit road. Guaranteed to boost your fitness for the coming summer tramps.</p>		Grade: Moderate Just turn up Map: Approx: None	
Thursday 15 October.		Club Night	
<p>Let's go up Mt Kilimonjaro. Our guide Jeff Rogers will take us up to 5,681m then off to the spice island of Zanzibar. Knowing Jeff his narration will be just as entertaining as his photos.</p>			
Saturday 17 October.		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Mt Vulcan. A lovely 4-5 hour easy trip with about 200m of height gain, mighty Mt Vulcan overlooks the sea on the east coast, north of Christchurch and 10 km south-west. of Motunau. It's a couple of years since we have done this trip but once again here is a chance to visit Vulcan, close to Mt Venus. Mythology trivia: Vulcan is the Roman god of fire, rather rockily married to Venus the goddess of beauty and love. There are plenty of farm tracks to follow or, depending on the group, we may take an untracked route along the ridge up to Vulcan. Total round trip about 10km.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 15 Oct Map: N34 Approx: \$15	
Weekend 17-18 October.		Leader: Liz Tanner 420-1148	
<p>Hanmer Base Camp Everyone had so much fun on the last Hanmer base camp that as soon as they got home they rushed out and booked a house in Hanmer for a return visit. Close to town, no more having to drive to the coffee shop and hot pool for these hardened socialites. Sleeps 20, so the more the merrier. First name on the list gets the double king bed, next is the queen, and so on right down to the broom cupboard, and unlucky last sleeps in the woodshed. Potluck tea Saturday night or eat out if you want. Accommodation costs (approx): \$25pp.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 8 Oct Map: N31 N32 M32 Approx: \$25	

Weekend 17-18 October.	Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
<p>Mt St Patrick/San Jago. [Or perhaps Mingha/Deception?!] Mt St Patrick is the peak above the Amuri Ski Field (Hanmer) and there is an interesting 14km ridge route from St James Station to Cow Stream passing Mt St Patrick and San Jago with about 1200m cumulative height gain. At Cow Stream is a nice camp site and a large but not very warm Hot Pool. Easy walk out on Sunday via a farm track. Ice axe might be required. BUT if there's insufficient interest in that trip the leader will also consider the Mingha/Deception. Talk to him!</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 8 Oct Map: M31 N31 M32 Approx: \$30</p>

Sunday 18 October.	Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000
<p>Mt Somers South Face Traverse. So we have been to Woolshed Creek Hut, and Pinnacles Hut ... but what about that track across the south face of Mt Somers? Most of this is through a sub-alpine tussock, flax and hebe environment and should look superb in the spring. There are some beech bush sections as well, just for variety, and of course you'll see the famous 'bus stop'. We hope to be able to do a cross-over (or just a car shuffle) but walked in either direction there is about 900m of height gain, some of it reasonably steep, as you climb over a couple of local high points on your way across, and about 12k of walking. The route is tracked but it is a little rougher than the path to Woolshed Creek Hut.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 15 Oct Map: K36 Approx: \$20</p>

Wednesday 21 October. 6:00 pm	Leader: Susan Pearson 337-4914
<p>Get Fit for Tramping. Yes it's that time of year again. Just turn up in Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm. Come with Susan for an hour's vigorous exercise. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve climbing towards the Summit road. Guaranteed to boost your fitness for the coming summer tramps.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Just turn up Map: Approx: None</p>

Thursday 22 October.	Club Night
<p>Gear Night - Buffalo Clothing range. Tonight Ian Watts, importer of "Buffalo' high performance outdoor clothing from the UK, will tell us about the product range. The clothing has been tested by such groups as the UK Mountain Rescue, RAF Mountain Rescue, the UK Police and the New Zealand Police. Ian says: "Buffalo clothing is intended to be a one layer system; the densely woven capillary fabric absorbs and disperses moisture along its fibres and over the surface area, where it evaporates. It is windproof, breathable and keeps the user warm, whilst wicking moisture away from the body and repelling external moisture. The result ensures that you are comfortable in cold and wet conditions." Discount on the product will be given to all members.</p>	

Long Weekend 24-26 October. Labour weekend plus one or 2 days	Leader: Jeff Hall 338-0922
Mt Cook Area - Probably Tasman Glacier. Options currently being talked up include a traverse - Armadillo Saddle, Tasman Saddle, Graham saddle or a ski / climb trip maybe De La Beche Hut based, climbing the Minarets ...	Grade: Ski Tour / Climbing Closes: 15 Oct Map: H36 H35 I36 Approx: Check with leader
Long Weekend 24-26 October.	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
Styx -R - L Browning - Mt Axis - Campbell Biv. West coast circuit visiting one of the most remote (least visited anyway) huts in the area. Good tracks through to Lake Browning, then untracked tops and bush travel over Mt Axis, visit Campbell Biv and descend to the Arahura. Back on good tracks again, possibly out via the Arahura or else back down the Styx.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 15 Oct Map: K33 J33 Approx: Check with leader
Long Weekend 24-26 October.	Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045
Waimak Falls Hut. One day to walk in, a day to enjoy the alpine environment (or rush headlong up the nearest steep snowy thing you can see) and a day to cruise back out. 18 km each way and about 700m height gain. Carrington Peak and Mt Armstrong are commonly climbed, Lancelot and Mt Rolleston are other possibilities. Going out via the Rolleston River or over Jellicoe Ridge are further (harder) options. A good chance for moderate trampers to get in to this alpine setting.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 15 Oct Map: K33 Approx: \$30
Sunday 25 October.	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
Mt Aicken. Mt Aicken (1858m) is a commanding peak right behind Arthurs Pass township. There is a good but steep track through the bush and then a lovely section up through alpine scrub and rocks. Well above the bushline there is a more exposed section between pt 1863 and Aicken where you need to be happy with a little gentle scrambling. There are various options for the return, including a descent over Mt O'Malley or off the back of Aicken down to the Mingha.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 22 Oct Map: K33 Approx: \$25
Wednesday 28 October. 6:00 pm	Leader: Susan Pearson 337-4914
Get Fit for Tramping. Come with Susan for an hour's vigorous exercise in Mt Vernon Park. Just turn up in the car park at 6:00pm. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve climbing towards the summit road. Guaranteed to boost your fitness for the coming summer tramps.	Grade: Moderate Just turn up Map: Approx: None
Thursday 29 October.	Club Night
Newsletter Folding Night. We will fold the newsletter and then have some social time afterwards.	

Saturday 31 October.		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360	
<p>Og Gog Magog. 'Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle . . . ' (Revelations 20:7-8). Og turns up in Numbers 21:33 but not with nearly such stirring rhetoric. Our Og (825m), Gog (924m), Magog (930m) are mostly hidden from view from the highway by the hills to the east of Lake Grasmere and this is a good trip with at least 750m of height gain as you go over the bumps and the dips between them.</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod	Closes: 29 Oct
		Map: L34	Approx: \$20
Weekend 31 October-1 November.		Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006	
<p>Cass Lagoon. The Cass-Lagoon is a good standard Canterbury tramping trip, well marked and with a big warm hut for Saturday night. Come along and join Andrew on what is often one of the club's best moderate weekend trips.</p>		Grade: Moderate	Closes: 22 Oct
		Map: K34	Approx:
Sunday 1 November.		Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p>Gargarus. Go to classical Greece for only \$20! The original Gargarus - as mentioned in Homer's 'The Iliad' - is the topmost peak of Mt Ida (also known as Kaz Dađý) in the environs of ancient Troy in what is now Turkey. Our Gargarus (1855m) - note opposite to Mt Ida! - is a very satisfying peak close to Lake Coleridge. There is about 1300m total height gain and it is reasonably steep, straight up the tussock and a bit stonier at the top. From the top you can look out over the lake, the Harper, eye up the Spurs and Mt Ida for another day . . .</p>		Grade: Moderate	Closes: 29 Oct
		Map: K34	Approx: \$20
Wednesday 4 November. 6:00 pm		Leader: Susan Pearson 337-4914	
<p>Get Fit for Tramping. Come with Susan for an hour's vigorous exercise in Mt Vernon Park. Just turn up in the car park at 6:00pm. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve climbing towards the summit road. Guaranteed to boost your fitness for the coming summer tramps.</p>		Grade: Moderate	Just turn up
		Map:	Approx: None
Thursday 5 November.		Club Night	
<p>Zanskar in North India. Our own Eric Saggars is going to take us on 2 trips to this area South of Kashmir. The 1st trip is a winter ski traverse and the 2nd one is a tramping trip. These were done at high altitude with 6,000m peaks all around. This is a mostly Buddhist area with many displaced Tebitans. Will be very interesting as we have never been here before.</p>			

Saturday 7 November.

Leader: Joy Schroeder 351-4655

Packhorse Hut & Mt Bradley. We'll go up to the Packhorse Hut from the pretty Kaituna Valley, just before Little River. It is about 600m height gain to the Hut on a good track. The Hut itself is a lovely old building of Halswell stone dating from 1914. It is formally called the Sign of the Packhorse and - like the Sign of Takehe, Sign of the Kiwi, etc - was originally built as a rest house for Harry Ell's proposed summit route from Christchurch to Akaroa. From the Hut, those that want to can go up Mt Bradley (855m). We may also be able to visit the Remarkable Dykes area and take a different ridge back down towards the cars.

Grade: Easy or EasyMod
Closes: 5 Nov
Map: M36
Approx: \$10

Sunday 8 November.

Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045
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Sudden Valley track clearing. The CTC has adopted the Sudden Valley track, and has agreed with DOC to clear it. The section of interest to us lies between where the track leaves the gorge (wet feet up to gorge of course) and climbs up and skirts the waterfalls through the forest, to where it reaches the open Sudden Valley. The distance is not great, and the scenery is marvellous, so the work part won't take long with a group of us going at it. Bring your own hand tools only (no power tools). Protect all sharps with blade covers. Bring your own normal tramping gear and food, plus work gloves and tools. Suggested tools are saws, loppers, small axes, and maybe one grubber between us.

Grade: Easy/Mod + Work
Closes: 5 Nov
Map: K33
Approx: \$25

Friday 13 November. (meet Bus Exchange, 8 am)

Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
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Mt Herbert by ferry. Leave your car keys at home and take the ferry instead. Meet us at the Bus Exchange, platform C, in time to catch the number 35 bus at 8.13 am (or contact the leader in advance to arrange to find your own way to Lyttelton). The ferry leaves Lyttelton at 9.00 am and drops us off at the start of our track just 10 minutes later. Starting at sea level it is 919m total height gain and 8km distance to the top of Mt Herbert where we'll have good views over Banks Peninsula, Lyttelton and Christchurch. After having a late lunch at the top we'll walk the same way back and stop for a decent ice cream in Diamond Harbour before catching the ferry home. Remember to bring sun screen, and plenty of water (there is no drinkable water along the track). You'll also need cash/MetroCard for the bus and cash for the ferry (\$10 return, MetroCard discount).

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 12 Nov
Map: M36
Approx: \$15

Long Weekend 13-15 November.		Leader: Susan Pearson 337-4914	
<p>Lake Guyon Outdoor Toy Symposium. Show weekend - Come one and all. Bring out the toys, we're off to Lake Guyon. Lie by the lake and read a book, MTB the newly opened tracks of the St James Station, head over the valley and climb Mt Una (2300m and it's not the height gain that will be the problem, it's the projaginous rock. Refer Grant Wheaton, circa late '80's on an ascent of Una, combined "problematic, jagged, and heinous" to describe the situation. I think the real problem was that he was standing on his own fingers in a particularly complex rock climbing move he invented). An inner tube race down the lake (judges decision on best cheating method will be final), fishing for those who do, throwing stones into the lake to annoy the fish for those who don't. Kayaks, rafts or river bugs can take to the Waiiau River. Horse trekking if you can beat the DOC catfood hunters to catch one. There might even be some who want to go tramping!!</p>		Grade: All	Closes: 5 Nov
		Map: M31	Approx: \$40
Weekend 21-22 November.		Leader: Required. Check website.	
<p>Lewis Tops - Brass Monkey Biv - Mt Technical. Great tops travel area. Potential to gallop all over the place and possibly take in The Grand Duchess as well. Options to drop off into the Nina valley.</p>		Grade: Hard	Closes: 12 Nov
		Map: M31	Approx:
Weekend 21-22 November.		Leader Required. Check website.	
<p>Mt Fyfe. Leave town Sat morning. Coffee at Kaikoura then the work starts. It's a 900m climb to the hut but that puts you in a great spot to start pre-dawn and be at the top to watch the sun rise up out of the ocean at dawn. Either return the same way or for a little more effort continue over the top, down to Kowhai Saddle and out via the interesting bush of the Hapuku river.</p>		Grade: Easy+	Closes: 12 Nov
		Map: O31	Approx: \$40
Saturday 28 November.		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>North Canterbury Coastline - first half. See the North Canterbury Coastline weekend trip - there is the option of just doing day 1 of this scenic coastal wander. Contact the leader for options.</p>		Grade: Easy	Closes: 26 Nov
		Map: N34 N33	Approx: \$20
Weekend 28-29 November.		Leader: Required.	
<p>Temple Col - Lake Mavis - Edwards. Alpine wandering at Arthurs pass.</p>		Grade: ModHard	Closes: 19 Nov
		Map: K33	Approx:

Weekend 28-29 November.

Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014

North Canterbury Coastline. Napenape to Amberley Beach. Scenic coastline wandering along cliffs, beaches and farm country, there are a few gullies, streams and hills to scramble up, down and around as you go. Mostly limestone/mudstone geology so plenty of opportunity to fossick for fossils (no, not the trip participants, the rocky sort!!). Approx 25km each day, it may be possible to do each day with a day trip pack if a car shuttle driver can be arranged to drop off the overnight gear. If you are keen to do just one day please indicate "Sat or Sun only" on the trip list to help work out car shuffles. A large number of farms need to be contacted for permission so there may be an alternative trip.

Grade: Easy
Closes: 19 Nov
Map: N34 N33
Approx: \$30

Sunday 29 November.

Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
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North Canterbury Coastline - second half. See the North Canterbury Coastline weekend trip - there is the option of just doing day 2 of this scenic coastal wander. Contact the leader for options.

Grade: Easy
Closes: 26 Nov
Map: N34 N33
Approx: \$20

Trip Reports

5 - 6 September 2009

Moonlight, Bacon and Eggs



Preparing breakfast



Approaching the ridge top

There's something special about tramping at night – I've certainly always enjoyed it !! So there was an air of excitement as we gathered at Richard's on Saturday night after dinner. We pulled up at the road end just after 8.30pm and right on cue the moon came out from behind a cloud and bathed us in light. We walked the hour and a half up valley to Kowai hut without a single torch being turned on, in fact we had the moon shining right in our faces – gorgeous. It was a beautifully still night and although we started with several layers we were soon able to strip off

hat and gloves. <p> We enjoyed a lovely cuppa upon arrival at the empty hut and chased it down with the first course of our breakfast banquet – chocolate croissants or pain au chocolat for the cultured. Before going to bed we emptied our combined breakfast makings across the table and went to sleep content in the knowledge that Café Kowai was going to deliver a legendary spread the next morning.

It was a leisurely start befitting our multi course breakfast and thanks to Richard the first thing on offer was probably the healthiest; blackcurrant filled mini wheats with real milk. To follow was a round of pancakes enjoyed with bacon, golden syrup and on my suggestion, cheese. Then we cranked up all four of our stoves to masterfully coordinate scrambled eggs, bacon, fried mushrooms and plunger coffee. We took our chairs outside into glorious sunshine and were finishing this off when Doug and Sue arrived on route to Torlesse. They shared our spot in the sun while they took a breather and then before we knew it they were off again and we had our final course of toast with various spreads as we lazily contemplated some tramping.

It was after 11am by the time we stirred our bodies into action and I think we all found the hill behind the hut a little brutal on our bellies full of bacon and in the heat of the day. Still, we gained the ridge an hour later and found ourselves looking almost straight down on the hut roof, taking some satisfaction in the steepness of our climb. From there we had a lovely mellow walk along the ridge, over Bob's Knob and took a couple of lovely breaks in the sun soaking up some super views. Richard picked a great ridge for our descent and it had us easily back at the car by 4pm. We had the obligatory ice cream stop at Springfield, after all, we'd earned it (not) and it provided a fitting end to a very relaxed and decadent trip.

Richard Lobb (leader), Susan Pearson, Gareth Gilbert & Lisa Glading (scribe.)

5-6 September 2009

Otehake Hot Pools



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Otehake River below the gorge

Two vehicles and eight people left Christchurch at 8am and met Stephen at the Aickens Corner in the Taramakau Valley at 10:20. From there we crossed the Otira River and continued to a track intersection which was well spotted by our leader. Making our way through beech forest we searched for a lunch spot. Finally, a delightful location presented itself in the open beside Lake Kaurapataka.

The track became less well marked and at one point a trail of markers led in an unlikely direction straight down a bank! With some trepidation a sub-group of three advanced down to a

river bed, and eventually the rest followed on a different descent with some saying to the effect "I don't want to have to do that again". Unfortunately, this prospect eventuated after some discussion which finished with Thomas showing in clear detail on his GPS that we were off the marked flood track. Three apologies were later made. The option of taking the river bed route was avoided as too much of an unknown. It was with some relief when steam was spied rising for a stream of the river and we crossed the Otehake River (there must have been Maori travellers through there at some stage with the place names), with a variety of techniques being practised. A very relaxing session was then experienced in the two main hot pools, dug out with a snow shovel by the ever-well equipped leader.

At 7:30am the next morning an unusual sound of stones being moved woke some sleepers which turned out to be the enthusiastic pool-dweller Antony. Another soak was undertaken before the sun warmed the area and we left at 10:20am. Further discussion ensued at the point where the flood track climbed from the river. Eventually a compromise of sorts was hammered out and three continued back the way we travelled the previous day and six continued down the Otehake River to the Taramakau. The river at this stage passes through a gorge that takes about ½ hr travel time down to the swing bridge. About 6 river crossings are necessary, with the worse being at the top of the gorge in terms of fast flowing water and depth. However, the crossings get better further downstream.

At the end of the tramp some of the new members had become better known and fine weather had been enjoyed by all.

Participants; Thomas Matern (leader), Antony White, Naomi Wells, Ray Brown, Jonathan Brown, Valentin Marteau, David Hughes, Stuart Douce and Stephen Hoare-Vance (scribe)

More about the CTC

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Our Club Hut: In the Arthur's Pass township, with all the comforts of home including real showers and inside flushing loos (BYO toilet paper!), 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. For keys and bookings, phone Dave Watson 981-7929; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352-5329; or if they're both away, Andrew Wrapson 980-6006. Hut fees are \$10 member, \$10 member's partner, \$20 non-member, \$5 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Dave.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Ken Brown 359-2000. Note: club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it. Please make sure you put tents inside your pack. Tents attached to the outside of your pack can be easily punctured when bush bashing or even lost. This may result in serious damage to your bank account! Please air and dry tents after taking them on a trip even if they are not used, and report any damage to the gear custodian.

Rates for Gear Hire:

Tent	\$3/person/night
Ice axes, crampons	\$4 per weekend
Harnesses, snow shovel	\$4 per weekend
Large/small weekend packs	\$2 per weekend
Helmets	\$2 per day
Personal locator beacons	Free

The CTC Photo Competition

Closing date extended

Entry categories

- Landscape
- Humor
- Flora & Fauna in the mountains.

Rules

- Max of 2 entries per person per category
- All entries must be in digital form. Photos and slides will need to be scanned.
- Images must be no bigger than 800 KB
- Each image must have a title which includes the entry category and your membership number (not your name) and your caption eg *Fred in front of Mt Cook*. The reason for the membership number is so that the judge does not know who took the photo. Your membership number is on your membership card. If you have lost this then please request it from Malcolm – malcolmcarr@clear.net.nz
- All entries must be from NZ and have a tramping aspect.

Send your images prepared as above to susan@toniq.co.nz who will collate them and pass them to the judge.

Entries close on **Thursday 15 October, 2009**. We will then show the best from each category and our esteemed judge will evaluate them at a club night and choose an overall winner.

We are most fortunate to have a well qualified judge and their decision on any matter will be final.

So go search those databases and send in your entries and picture yourself (pun intended) up the front proudly holding the trophy!

Please have stuff for the next newsletter to the editor (editor@ctc.org.nz) by Sunday, 25 October 2009 – Thanks.