



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Cameron Hut trip, July 2010

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*.

Kaiaipo Clean Up (and an invitation for participants)

A big thanks to all of those who have taken part in the Christchurch Tramping Club work parties shovelling tons of silt at Kaiapoi, and those that baked the food to fuel us. As of the time of writing (Sunday 26th of September) another team of 18 will be slaving away in the hot nor-wester, building more giant silt sandcastles. The Kaiapoi locals really do appreciate the help. It has been very humbling to see how many have lost so much to the earthquake. At present I estimate that between 60 - 70 individuals have taken part, two of whom are now unable to live in their own homes due to extensive damage; that's what I call dedication. Thanks also to Alan Ross for hatching and organising the first work parties, and also to the friends, relatives and colleagues that chose to join up with those participating in the Christchurch Tramping Club work parties. To all those who have extensive damage to their own houses, our thoughts are with you, and speak up if you, or anyone else you know needs help.

Jim Western (Club Captain).

POSTSCRIPT: 27 September. Well done, we finished the job off on Sunday 26th September after three weekends of work. For all Christchurch Tramping Club work parties and anyone that joined us, you are all invited to come for food and drinks as part of a big thank you from the Kaiapoi Community. **Where:** Kaikanui Tavern, 67 Williams Street, Kaiapoi. **When:** Saturday October 2nd from 4pm onwards.

Tramper of the Month: Lynette Hartley

<p><i>Have you always lived in Christchurch?</i></p>	<p>I grew up in Auckland, moved to Wellington for three years to study. I've lived in Christchurch since 1982 with numerous periods away to travel and work elsewhere.</p>	<p><i>Mt Titiroa trip, 2007</i></p>
<p><i>When did you join the CTC?</i></p>	<p>I joined in 1982 when I moved to Christchurch for the tramping.</p>	
<p><i>Did you tramp before joining the CTC?</i></p>	<p>I got into tramping with the Victoria University tramping club and had done a couple of long summer trips with CTC members James MacQueen and Hugh Van Noorden (the original link in the chain) prior to moving to Christchurch. The first one was an August trip; Whataroa – Perth – Scone creek – Godley Glacier – Terra Nova Pass – St Winifred stream – Erewhon. This was when we realised there had to be a better way to tramp in winter than plugging steps in very deep snow for days on end. The next winter we had our first ski touring trip. We flew (yes flew) into the Garden of Eden, snow caved, spent a couple of days exploring, then exited via Perth Col – Frances River – Erewhon. None of us had done much skiing before so Perth Col was a bit intimidating on skis.</p>	
<p><i>What was your first weekend trip with the CTC?</i></p>	<p>I went straight into weekend trips with the club. My first was a mid winter long weekend trip into Bush Stream Creek, near Mesopotamia. It was extremely cold and there were lots of icicles. I was amazed to find the ground in the beech forest was frozen solid. I'd never seen that before.</p>	
<p><i>What's your favourite weekend (or longer) tramp?</i></p>	<p>I really like the Lewis Pass area because it's attractive and friendly. Anywhere in New Zealand is great for a longer trip. I particularly like camping out on high points above the bushline.</p>	
<p><i>What is your occupation?</i></p>	<p>I work for the Department of Conservation. I don't work in the part that looks after huts and tracks, I work with the bird scientists. I look after bird data and other information relating to our nation's biodiversity.</p>	
<p><i>Do you have any other interests?</i></p>	<p>I do have other interests. I do pottery and felting (wool craft) and in a previous life I did illustration work, I still like drawing. I also enjoy sea kayaking and ski touring and am fond of holidays on Pacific islands. It's the working that it's hard to find time for.</p>	
<p><i>Is there anything else you'd like to add?</i></p>	<p>The thing I enjoy about the CTC is that it is inclusive i.e. everyone is welcome. There are a huge variety of people from all walks of life. I like it that the club has a variety of age groups, it's more like a family.</p>	

News

New Members: We welcome three new members to the club this month: Megan Gee, Charles Afford and Sheree Hann. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

Obituaries

Barry Lee: The club was saddened to hear of the death of long-standing club member Barry Lee. Our condolences go to his family and other friends.

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.

Thursday 30 September.

Club Night

Newsletter folding night. After we have folded the newsletters we can have some social time.

Saturday 2 October.

Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531
lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au

Nikau Palm Gully. This day trip is part of the Akaroa Weekend - if you just want to come for the day and sign up on time (note trip closes on Wednesday), transport etc from Christchurch will be coordinated. Nikau Palm Gully is a little gem in the Akaroa Heads scenic zone with big cliffs, seabirds, palm trees and more. The gully is acclaimed as one of the best forest remnants in the province, with an amazing collection of huge nikau palms. Approximately 10km walking with some gently rolling hills, this is one of the few peninsula tramps that gets you out close to the steep headlands and bays with a good safe track all the way.

Grade: Easy
Closes: 29 Sep
Map: N37
Approx: \$20

Weekend 2-3 October.	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Akaroa Weekend. Join us in Akaroa for one night, or two nights or just for the day on either Saturday or Sunday. On Saturday the destination is Nikau Palm gully and on Sunday we'll do an easy walk in the Hinewai Reserve. See the day-trip descriptions for more details. Accommodation is \$20 per night, shared tea on Saturday night, cafe time if the weather's bad!	Grade: Easy Closes: 23 Sep Map: N36 N37 Approx: \$20+Accom
Weekend 2-3 October.	Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz
Black Range. A trip into an area that the club does not often attempt. Travel up to Cass Saddle and from there climb up onto the Black Range to a high camp. Travel along the Black Range to Mt Misery before returning to the cars. Ice axe and crampons might be required.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 23 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$30
Sunday 3 October.	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Hinewai. This day trip is part of the Akaroa Weekend - if you just want to come for the day and sign up on time (note trip closes on Wednesday), transport etc from Christchurch will be coordinated. Hinewai is a beautiful bird and bush reserve on the eastern side of Banks Peninsula, accessed from the Summit Road above Akaroa. The reserve has a wide range of natives including some original remnant beech and the newer plantings which are really getting established now. When you sit down you can really hear the bird-song all around you.	Grade: Easy Closes: 29 Sep Map: N36 N37 Approx: \$20
Sunday 3 October.	Leader: Antony White 381-5993 phoenixantony@gmail.com
Mt Manson: Scree-sloping [POSTPONED]. This trip (which has been postponed until December due to too much snow and not enough scree) is solely for those that like caning it down scree. The leader intends to climb Mt Manson from the eastern ridge, then check out the mad-as scree on the North side, which can be seen from the road when coming back from Arthurs Pass. If it's so good once, we may do it again.	Grade: ModHard Closed: 30 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$20
Sunday 3 October.	Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
Red Hill (replaces Mt Manson). [Replaces previously advertised Mt Manson sightseeing trip due to poor snow conditions.] This is yet another attempt to show everyone how great the view is from the Red Hill range on a fine day. We'll head in from the western end of Lake Lyndon and, given suitable weather, do the horseshoe circuit over pts 1244, 1494, 1488, Red Hill (1641), 1321 and 1249.	Grade: Moderate Closed: 30 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$20

Thursday 7 October.

Club Night

The Why and How of the 2010 Canterbury Earthquake: Putting it into Context" *Gold coin entry donation*. Earthquakes such as the September 4 Canterbury event reflect New Zealand's position astride the Pacific-Australia plate boundary. Although we tend to focus on the major, highly visible fault lines such as the Alpine Fault, it is important to remember that many secondary structures can host large and damaging earthquakes. This earthquake provides evidence of the ongoing plate motions but also the manner in which plate boundary deformation is distributed. This presentation will focus on both details of the actual event, and where it fits into the bigger picture of plate tectonics in New Zealand. By Kevin Furlong Geodynamics Research Group, Penn State University. All proceeds from the gold coin entry donation will go to a earthquake fund.

Saturday 9 October.
Early start - contact leader.

Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344
richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz

Mt Catherine. Mt Catherine is a superb peak overlooking Lake Heron in the Clent Hills area. We'll access via a 4WD road and cross the flats then ascend the south west ridge - about 1000m sustained climb, some of it fairly steep, tussock at first and then rock - to get to the commanding summit of Mt Catherine (2085m). Check out the views of the Arrowsmiths in the distance and plan your next adventure! Given sufficient enthusiasm from the group and the leader we may make a loop by descending the rocky slopes to the south over 2045, 2039 etc. Mostly red sandstone, it's bare, open and starkly beautiful - a good achievement for a moderate trumper who is happy with a bit of scrambling and a 24 km day (estimated up to around 9 hours). Ice axe and crampons probably required. Early start - contact leader.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 7 Oct
Map: J35
Approx: \$25

Weekend 9-10 October.

Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006

Woolshed Creek Hut. An easy family oriented trip along a pretty good track to a big new hut, this is a good trip for those new to weekend tramping. Talk to the leader for more information .

Grade: Easy/family
Closed: 30 Sep
Map: L32
Approx: \$40

Sunday 10 October.

Leader: Jim Western 384-8950
jimwestern@xtra.co.nz

Pudding Hill Stream. Pudding Hill Stream gives us a varied loop in Mt Hutt forest, starting in Awa Awa Rata Reserve. From the Reserve we will walk up Scotts Saddle Track to the Ski-field road. This is a climb of about 600m over 5km through mixed forest and then on tussock tops with great views over the plains. From the road, we head west down through the forest on a track which may be overgrown to reach Pudding Hill Stream. We follow this downstream (untracked) for approx 6km to where a short track leads back to the reserve. Expect ye-olde-traditional-new-zealand-this-is-real-tramping wet feet on the homeward part of this round trip of approx 12 km.

Grade: EasyMod
Closes: 7 Oct
Map: K36 K35
Approx: \$20

Thursday 14 October.

Club Night

Basic first Aid session no 2. Hopefully you came to Cathy's session number 1, 2 months ago. This is a follow on from that session and will cover off what to do in specific situations, e.g. head injury. However if you missed the 1st session, don't be put off coming to this. If you already have a basic level of first aid then this will be an ideal chance to build on this knowledge. Come if you can.

Saturday 16 October.

Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
newmike@slingshot.co.nz

Wharfedale Track. The Wharfedale is a real piece of local history. It was originally a stock route and the hope was to develop it into a road route to open up Lees Valley. Work started optimistically in 1879 and over \$half-a-million in today's terms had been spent in seven years before it reverted to being one of the more expensive 19th century stock routes. Now it makes one of the network of tracks in the Oxford forest and is used by mountain bikers as well as trampers. The track is mostly low level (400 - 700m) through bush and beech forest to the Wharfedale Hut for lunch, and then returning the same way.

Grade: Easy+
Closes: 14 Oct
Map: L34
Approx: \$20

Weekend 16-17 October.

Leader: Antony White 381-5993
phoenixantony@gmail.com

3 Creeks Hut, Mt Winterslow. Starting at Sharplin Falls and following the Mt Somers track we have the option of either going up a ridge straight to Mt Winterslow, or going through to Woolshed Creek Hut, and heading up Woolshed Creek to Peache Saddle. We have an option of a hut or (preferably) tenting up on the tops since the views south would be amazing, especially in the crisp cool morning air. Sunday will see us crossing over Mt Winterslow to drop back down to the cars at Sharplin Falls, to be soon followed by ice creams at the Staveley store. Ice axe and crampons may possibly still be required if the snow hangs around. May be an early departure: please contact leader.

Grade: Moderate to ModHard
Closes: 7 Oct
Map: K36
Approx: \$25

Weekend 16-17 October.

Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000
kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz

Hope Kiwi Lodge. A large comfortable lodge at a popular destination. We'll leave the cars at the Windy Point car park and follow a good track on the true left of the Hope River for about 19km to Hope Kiwi Lodge. This could be a crossover trip if enough people sign up.

Grade: Easy+
Closes: 7 Oct
Map: L32
Approx: \$35

Sunday 17 October. (Could be early start - contact leader)		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 Bryce.Williamson@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p>Mt Temple. We start on the very friendly zig-zag path up to the Temple Basin Ski area. Above ski club huts, the climb is a bit steeper, leading to the final scree up to Temple Col (1774m) and the ridge between Phipps and Blimit. From the Col we start the final rocky scramble up to Mt Temple itself (1913m, a bit over 1000m up from the highway). From the summit you can have a look at all the wonderful weekend tramping opportunities on the other side . . . If this does not get you inspired, nothing will.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Oct Map: K33 Approx: \$25	
Thursday 21 October.		Club Night	
<p>Grant Piper and Sue Napier in Tasmania. The talk will cover walking the overland track, cycling touring the East Coast, and rock climbing in different parts of the country. It will include an ascent of a sea stack in Southern Tasmania.</p>			
Saturday 23 October. (Note meeting time(s) and place(s))		Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au	
<p>Leisurely local lopes for Labour Weekend I. Start at the bottom of the Bridle Path (Heathcote) and walk up and then along the Cavendish escarpment to the Mt Pleasant Bluffs. Then down the Chalmers track, up Major Hornbrook, finally down the Bridle Path again, probably via the Sky Line cafe for afternoon tea ... Meet 10am at the Shell or 10.30 at the Bridle Path carpark in Heathcote.</p>		Grade: Easy+ Closes: 21 Oct Map: M36 Approx: \$5	
Long Weekend 23-25 October.		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz	
<p>Mt Euclid, Paparoas. We will leave at 7pm on Friday. Hope to reach Charleston or camp along the way. Hope to have 2 full days exploring the tops of the Paparoas. Mt Faraday, Euclid & anything else that looks interesting. You never know, the weather might hold out. The Publican's wife at Charleston said a chain saw would be handy to get us closer to the start of the track.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Oct Map: K30 Approx: \$40	
Long Weekend 23-25 October.		Leader: Chantal McCarthy 360 3752 chantal.mccarthy@amcor.com	
<p>Twizel Base Camp. Hard Labour Weekend! Head down to Twizel on the Friday of labour weekend for a whole variety of activities! Those who are interested can participate in the Twizel Hard Labour weekend sporting events (running, biking and kayaking - see http://www.twizelhardlabour.org.nz) - prior entry is needed. Alternatively some interesting hikes (perhaps up to Ohau Skifield or similar) can be organised, and/or a day trip down to Clyde on the Saturday for the new vintage wine tasting festival, and of course there are the Tekapo attractions of hotpools and Mt John Observatory. A long weekend with something for everyone!</p>		Grade: Easy/All/Social Closes: 14 Oct Map: H38 Approx: \$125 incl. petrol and accom	

Multi day trip 23-29 October.	Leader: Craig Beere , mob 021 395 578 381-0839 havokk@ihug.co.nz
Great Walk Week. Craig will be leading an intrepid group on one of New Zealand's Great Walks. Which one hasn't been decided yet. Possibly one of the North Island ones. Possibly one of the two Craig hasn't done (Milford and Abel Tasman). The trip will involve at least four days of walking and two days of travel, so you will need to take the short week off work. Depending on the track chosen, ice axe skills may be required. If you are interested, let the leader know soon, so planning for transport can be done early. There will be a cap on numbers. Estimated cost unknown but you should expect at least \$150.	Grade: EasyMod Closes 23 Sept Map: Approx: \$TBA

Sunday 24 October. (Note meet 10am)	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Leisurely local lopes for Labour Weekend II. Governors Bay and Hoon Hay Reserve. Meet 10am at the Shell and drive out to Governors Bay. We are intending to go up the Titoki track up to below the Sign of Bell Bird and then wander along to Hoon Hay reserve and back down via the Faulkner track. Afternoon tea at the Governors Bay pub or the She Chocolat cafe ('She' stands for Spiritual Human Evolution - powered by chocolate, of course) - enjoy!	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 21 Oct Map: M36 Approx: \$10

Monday 25 October (Note times and places for meeting up)	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531
Leisurely local lopes for Labour Weekend III. A family picnic day at Orton Bradley. Meet at the Shell at 10.30 am to car-pool from town, or out at Orton Bradley at 11.30 am if you want to make your own transport arrangements. Start with a picnic lunch (byo picnic!) and then maybe a bit of cricket, softball, etc. There are lots of nice options for short strolls around the park like the Big Rock or Rhododendron Walk. If you've never been to Orton Bradley before, you can also look around the old buildings and displays. Note entry costs for the park itself (\$3 adults, \$1 children, to a max of \$8 per car).	Grade: Easy/All/Social Closes: 21 Oct Map: M36 Approx: \$15

Thursday 28 October.	Club Night
Newsletter folding night. As well as the folding of the newsletter we will have lots of verbal trip reports from all the Labour Weekend trips. Come and find out how they went.	

Saturday 30 October. Leader: Chantal McCarthy 360 3752
chantal.mccarthy@amcor.com

Ashley Hill. Ashley Hill (1018m) is a nice little loop trip on the eastern side of the Lees Valley. Starting from the Lees Valley road we plan to ascend the curving spur leading eventually to Ashley Hill from the south, and then on a little bit higher to pt 1036 (options of a side trip to the trig at 1085m). To make a loop, we'll aim to descend to the north and sort out the short stretch of intervening road with a car shuffle. The Lees Valley is named after the Lees brothers, run holders in the second half of the nineteenth century (eventually bought out by Richardson - who has the hill named after him).

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 28 Oct
Map: L34
Approx: \$20

Weekend 30-31 October. Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686
atromans@gmail.com

Mt Haast. Mt Haast is the big skyline pyramid that catches your eye as you approach Springs Junction from Lewis Pass. We'll camp high by some tarns on Saturday, returning via the ridge above Rahu River Left Branch on Sunday.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 21 Oct
Map: L31
Approx: \$40

Weekend 30-31 October. Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz

Otehake Hot Pools. This is a classic club trip to some natural hot pools. Walk up via Lake Kaurapataka which is a lovely spot for lunch. Have a great soak in the pools with dinner by an open fire. Next day a leisurely walk out via the rivers or the same way back.

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 21 Oct
Map: K33
Approx: \$30

Sunday 31 October. Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344
richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz

Norma. A nice 1000m-odd climb to Norma, 1722m, in the Opera Range (Lewis Pass), with a surprisingly good track (not on the map) through most of the bush, then open tussock leading to a rocky ridge. If there is still snow around then ice axe and crampons (and the ability to use them) may well be required. Be one of the relatively few people to discover what a lovely tramp this is. We may do an early start - make sure your name's on the list or you have contacted the leader.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 28 Oct
Map: M31 N32
Approx: \$30

Thursday 4 November. Club Night

Auction night. The one we had a year or so ago went well so let's try again. Do you have any surplus gear that you no longer use and you would like to turn into cash? If you are a newer or perspective member this could be the chance to buy some gear on the cheap! If you do come along be sure to bring some cash so transactions can be finalised on the night. BRING IN THAT SURPLUS GEAR.

Saturday 6 November. (Note meeting time and place)	Leader: David Henson 942-3954 david-henson@paradise.net.nz
Lyttelton to Cashmere via Whakaraupo Track and Crater Rim Walkway. Meet at 9 am at platform D2, Colombo Street opposite Ballantynes to catch the 9.12 am no. 28 bus to Lyttelton. From Lyttelton we ascend through the bluffs above the town on the Whakaraupo Track to meet the Crater Rim Walk. We follow along the summit of the Port Hills for some distance and aim for an early afternoon stop at the new Sign of the Kiwi and then walk down through Victoria Park to the Sign of the Takahe, where buses depart back to the city every half an hour (routes 10 and 14). All this for only the cost of a return bus fare (free if you have a senior gold card!).	Grade: Easy Closes: 4 Nov Map: M36 Approx: \$5
Weekend 6-7 November.	Leader: Chantal McCarthy 360 3752 chantal.mccarthy@amcor.com
Wilberforce - Fanghill Hut. It's an easy stroll along a 4WD track up the Wilberforce to Fanghill Hut. Explore the area or just enjoy the scenery from the hut.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 28 Oct Map: K34 Approx: \$40
Sunday 7 November.	Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz
Ben More Horseshoe. One for tussock fans - Ben More is found in the southern section of the Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park conservation area - New Zealand's first tussock grasslands conservation park. There is a nice circuit from the Lake Lyndon road, across the Acheron, and up onto a horseshoe of undulating tops (1327, 1660, 1665, Benmore itself at 1655, 1624, 1510, 1555, 1465 - or vice versa). There is a bit over 1000m of climbing altogether, and about 17km of tramping through the beautiful golden tussock landscape.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 4 Nov Map: K35 Approx: \$20
Saturday 13 November.	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Mt Karetu. Mt Keretu (about 970m) is nice social tramp over open tops east from Okuku Pass to a tussock covered summit with views of the plains, Okuku headwaters and North Canterbury. There will be about 600-700m height gain but rumour has it that this is going to be a bit of a family outing, taking one of our newest additions to the tramping fraternity on her first tramp, so there will be a sensible relaxed pace and time to enjoy the day making it easier than your average Easy-Mod trip.	Grade: Easy/Mod- Closes: 11 Nov Map: M34 Approx: \$20

Long Weekend 13-15 November.

Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz

Harper Pass. Retrace the pounamu gatherers and gold miners footsteps across the island. Thanks to the gold miners of 1864 / 65 there is a benched track over the pass, with easy river valley travel either side but it is still 20-25km each day. (The more direct Arthur's Pass route linked up in 1865) Hot pools as well. We'll leave town on Friday night and there will be another destination if we don't have enough starters for a cross over trip.

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 4 Nov
Map: L32 L33 K33
Approx: \$45

Trip Reports

28 - 29 August 2010

Celestial Tekapo Contingent

The better-looking trampers

The most important time – eating

Well for most of us the trip started with such a lovely day...leaving Christchurch just after 1pm and arriving in time to go to the Info centre and see spectacular views of the mountains.

Then the detective work began....8 and 12 Greig St were a bit hard to find...and we invaded some property that was not right and one house that was so nice we thought we must be wrong!!!!...so heaters on and instructions sent to those arriving after dark we settled in to our VERY cosy place...slightly smaller than we expected but with spectacular views of the lake...lots of heaters and fireplace and lovely wooden interior that creaked and groaned as we warmed the interior.

The next morning started great...deteriorated...so we were joined by the skiers who reneged on skiing. Setting off via the church and lakeside we went up Mt St John in time for an exposition on the telescope by someone with a lot of knowledge and nearly lost a member there who was so interested in it. After the lovely view from the top we started down when Alix reminded the leader that we were one member short!!!! ooh ooh...great to have people with initiative...Lindsay was still at the telescope.

On the descent the showers settled in again...and then the sun came out for some of the afternoon...Ice Hockey championships were on and some went to watch those before we all joined up again for a great feast -- at a NIWA house as it had most plates and space..well it did until we all got there.

Unfortunately the next day the weather was worse so Jonathan kindly took all the international people up to Mt Cook for a look...which I think they had 10 minutes of sun where they saw the mountain before the rain set in.

The two oldies left behind set off to Roundhill but it was so wet and the drive boring that we just came home...so from a tramping point of view...not a huge success but from an enjoyable weekend point of view it was great...company-wise ..house-wise...food-wise...and being-there-wise!!!!

The tramping group was: Liz tanner (leader and scribe), Elena Tereva (Russia), Molly (visitor, Massachusetts), Aliz Allard (visitor, France), Lindsay (visitor, Scotland), Caroline Salazzo (France) and Geoff (kiwi).

4-5 September 2010

Hurunui Hotpools Mountainbike Trip:

Car crushed by earthquake

Day 1: Fine but cold

The alarm clock went off at 4:33am on Saturday 4th September – a day that everyone in Christchurch will remember for the rest of their lives.

I turned up at the Shell garage along with a multitude of other people trying to get petrol, oblivious to the fact that 4 CTC people had turned up for 2 different trips and wondering if there should be a trip at all this weekend! Our original intention was to do the Oteake Hot Pools this weekend, with 10 people being selected on a first come – first served basis. However, this was whittled down to 5 when the trip was changed to a mountain biking trip to Hurunui due to forecasted high river levels. This smaller group was further reduced to 2 due to an earthquake. Funnily enough, of the 4 people who turned up for the two scheduled CTC trips, one didn't have tramping boots, another had no food, the third had no bike and the fourth arrived late, so we had a discussion of what sort of trip we all could do taking into account everyone's limitations...

While discussing this, the trip leader had been informed that power had been restored to his house, so that he could extract his mountainbike from the garage. Two of us then decided to stick to the original plan and embarked from a city in disarray and headed north to Lake Taylor.

Saturday started fine with hardly a cloud to be seen, however, it gradually got overcast and there was a headwind the whole way up to the hotpools. We tested out the swing-bridge with our mountain bikes, and concluded that even trying to ford it the next day was worth doing after the epic it took to push a mountain bike over a bridge swinging in the wind. There was no one at the hotpool, so we bivvied at the pool after soaking in it for 4 hours. A candle was lit, the stars presented themselves amongst the heavens, but alas, there were no females for the two guys to share the moment with! ¶The next day, the nor-wester rain started coming in, and we had a tailwind all the way back to the car, which only took 2.25 hours on the bikes.

Nature has its way of destroying in seconds what takes years for humans to design and build, but, there were no affects of the earthquake on the natural hotpools.

Leader: Thomas Matern, Writer: Antony White

25 - 26 September 2010

penguin, pennyfarthing, boulders and bush

In other words the Oamaru weekend.

Boulders on the beach

Is it cake or soap?

Four of us left Lincoln at about 5.30...and after a brief stop at Timaru....noting that most of Timaru seemed to be at KFC...we made Oamaru by 2030hours and went straight to the Harbour front where we found several little blue penguins still making tracks up to their burrows...chattering away to each other...so cute!!!! [Evidently they talk to each other for 2-3 hours...rest for 5-6 minutes and talk again...was I a penguin once????]

Next day I went to check out the morning life around Oamaru at 6am and don't have much to report...and some 3 hours later the others were at some stage of awakesness so we had a late start. Christian was from Bolivia...so oceans and beaches are great fun to him so we went straight to Moeraki....and we walked from the pier along the beach...returning some 4 hours

later!!!!

A group decision was made not to go to Trotters gorge as we all wanted to see the yellow eyed penguins coming ashore at Bushy beach at 4pm so we went out to the Lighthouse at Moeraki and did a circuit walk there. As I was going along there was distinctive penguin calls from the nesting area so we got some amazing close pictures of the yellow-eyed penguins quite unexpectedly....followed by a lovely show of aquatic agility from the seals. Then back to bushy bay where we tried to encourage this little penguin to get out of the breakers from the viewing platform there...but the silly little fellow kept going back into the water...it was worse than birthing a baby...so we headed home for food...and two of us for another night penguin spotting.

The next day the leader decided we had better actually do some tramping so we left in good time to do a 4-5 hours walk in the Herbert forest...returning to Oamaru where we were all so fascinated with the old buildings and the penny farthings and the old costumes...as Christian said...This Place is history....

A Great weekend weather wise...wildlife wise..people wise...

Leader Liz, Christian Aranibar...visitor, Caroline Salazzo, Tania Stevens

September 2010

Kaiapoi working bees

During September the Club organised a total of six working bees out at Kaiapoi, over three successive weekends, helping to shift silt from properties affected by the earthquake liquefaction. For each one, around 20 club members turned out and shovelled and wheelbarrowed silt for most of the day. With that number of people prepared to work hard, we have been able to make a real difference to the properties we have tackled, but of course there are many many more ... It feels really good to be able to do something, and of course there is the usual CTC irreverent good humour (ask Alan about his Very Special Wheelbarrow) and camaraderie. Some people loved it so much they just kept going back for more. Alan and Jim Western have been the prime movers of the initiative and have both done more than their share of the heavy work as well as taking the responsibility for liaising with the authorities and organising the other CTC volunteers. Many others have worked incredibly hard alongside Alan and Jim, but the laurels must go to Bayne Hunter who worked seven straight days out there and still had the energy to more than keep pace with people half his age. Anyone who has done it knows what just one day feels like so Bayne's contribution is incredible.

Classifieds

Classified Ads: Are available to CTC members at no charge.

Caravan for sale: 1966 Catalina 13 ft 6 ins, Four Berth, Original interior Retro style, Clean and Very Tidy. New WOF and rego until end Oct. Electrical Certificate, New unused Porta Potty, Awning, full length but requires some slight repair work. Fire Extinguisher, Rewired road lights. \$5,500, can send photos. e-mail jeff.chris@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 313 8432 (Rangiora) for more information.

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 Jim Western 384-8950. 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

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