



# THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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*Mt Cook reflected in Sealey Tarn, March 2011*

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 the back page.

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## News

**Annual General Meeting:** The 79th Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Tramping Club Inc. will be held at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park, 57 Riccarton Avenue on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 7.30 pm, with doors open at 7.00 pm.

**New Committee Members:** Would you be interested in getting more involved in the running of the CTC? The Committee is elected at the AGM in April and volunteers are always welcome. In particular, the Club is looking for a new Day Trip Organiser, Club Captain and Hut Convenor. A new Access Officer is also being sought. If you would be interested in **any** position on the Committee please contact the current incumbent to discuss.

**Canterbury Community Trust Grant:** The Canterbury Community Trust has generously granted the Club \$5,027 towards the cost of relining the exterior west wall of the Club hut, incorporating the installation of a double glazed PVC window. Many thanks to David Henson for submitting another successful grant application, and to Dave Watson for ably assisting with figures and quotes.

**Birth notice:** Alastair, Lynette and Philip Brown are very pleased to announce that Ruth Teresa Brown has arrived, at 0920 Tuesday 22 March, at home as planned, weighing in at 3.42kg, after a 4 hour labour. Praise the Lord! It was somewhat fortunate that it was at home, because the closest two primary birthing units were closed by the earthquake. Mother, child, and rest of family cleaned up, resting and doing well.

**New Members Welcome:** We welcome three new members to the club this month: Gort Stephen, Jan Hadfield and Maryellen Ernst. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

## Calendar of trips and Social Events

**Trips:** Unless otherwise stated, club trips depart either from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street) or from Caltex Russley on the corner of Russley Road and Yaldhurst Rd. If the departure point is not specified in the trip schedule, you may assume it's Shell Carlton. Day trips usually depart at 8am on Saturday or Sunday. Weekend trips may leave on either Friday evening or Saturday morning.

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.

31/03/11	Club Night
<b>Newsletter Folding Night:</b> After we have dealt to the newsletter folding we will have some social time.	
Saturday 2 April Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Bruce James 332-3473 Bruce.James@ihug.co.nz
<b>Mt Hamilton to Mt Wall:</b> Why stop at Hamilton Peak? A bit of a variation on the classic Craigieburn ascent, this tramp will climb via Camp Saddle to Hamilton Peak (1822m) above the Broken River ski field and then carry on with a scrambly traverse of the rocky ridge-top to Mt Wall (1874m). Descending from Mt Wall, we'll use one of the best shingle slides in the area to come right down almost to the ski field road close to the cars again. A more adventurous moderate trip with the usual impressive Craigieburn scenery and views.	Grade: Moderate+ Closed: 31 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$30

Weekend 2-3 April		Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p><b>Lilburne Hill, Youngman Stream Hut:</b> Ken is going to lead a trip into the Youngman Stream Hut via the Ashley river. There will be options for the return on the Sunday with some going out over Lilburne Hill and Tarn Hut and some returning down the river. This is a good trip for people wanting to step up to a weekend trip. Talk to Ken for details.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 24 Mar Map: L34 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 2-3 April		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz	
<p><b>Casey Hut:</b> Follow Andrews Stream to Hallelujah Flat or take the track if you prefer dry feet. Carry on over the very gentle Casey Saddle and drop into Casey Stream or stick to the track again. We will stay at the comfortable Casey Hut and return via Casey Saddle instead of completing the loop via Binser Saddle. The river option is available in low flows only. This is a good trip if you want to step up to weekend trips.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 24 Mar Map: L33 Approx: \$30	
Sunday 3 April		Leader: Joy Schroeder 351-4655	
Departure point: Shell Papanui			
<p><b>Birdlings Flat and the Southern Bays:</b> Refresh your spirits with some salt air and sea breezes. Birdlings Flat is an amazing spit of land forming the southern edge of Lake Ellesmere. Agates and other interesting stones have often been found on the pebbly beach. This trip will explore the Southern Bays on the coastline to the east of Birdlings Flat: Oashore Bay, Tokoroa Bay, Hikuraki Bay. There are options for the return depending on the group's inclinations. Remember, clocks go back today.</p>		Grade: Easy+ Closed: 31 Mar Map: M36 M37 Approx: \$15	
Thursday 7 April		Club Night	
<p><b>Survival Adventure in Ladakh!</b> In July and August last year, Philip and Margie joined an FMC travel club trip to Ladakh, in the Indian Himalaya. As with most FMC trips, it had an itinerary with dates and places to visit. However, Huey intervened, and the trip became a survival adventure.</p>			
Weekend 9-10 April		Leader: Jim Western 384-8950 jimwestern@xtra.co.nz	
<p><b>Temple Col:</b> Temple Col is about 900m up from the highway, partly along the very friendly zig-zag path up to the Temple Basin Ski area - perfectly placed for morning tea. Above ski club huts, the last part of the climb is a bit steeper, and then we are on the ridge between Phipps and Blimit, trying to see our route down to Goat Pass Hut. Lake Mavis is an option for the Sunday morning before travelling out down the Mingha River.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 31 Mar Map: K33 Approx: \$35	

Sunday 10 April Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<b>Virginia Peak:</b> This trip to Virginia Peak continues our exploration of the area to the south of Lake Sumner (Mt Noble, etc etc). Here we park at Virginia and ascend to Virginia Peak (986m, about 400m height gain). Some of it is reasonably steep but we should have plenty of time... From the Peak we head north-west along the ridge towards The Monument (954m) and then descend back to the cars on the convenient farm track.	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 7 Apr Map: M33 Approx: \$20

Sunday 10 April (Early start - contact leader.) Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: David Sutton 348 5998 davidsutton@clear.net.nz
<b>Phipps Peak to Mt Stuart:</b> We start near the Temple Basin skifield carpark and go up via the long spur to Phipps Peak (1965m, a bit over 1000m from the road). This ridge is on the 'interesting' side of scrambley - narrow in places, with lots of the usual high-quality Arthurs Pass weetbix, and some reasonable steps and exposed sections. Great fun if you like that kind of thing. From Phipps we trot over pt. 1820 to Mt Stuart (1906) and then descend - again encountering interesting scrambley sections. Opinions differ about the best way to deal with the Pegleg Flat area (a misnomer) at the bottom of the spur, but they all involve a scrub-bash.	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 7 Apr Map: K33 Approx: \$30

Thursday 14 April	Club Night
<b>Annual General Meeting:</b> All members should come along to vote on matters vital to the functioning of the club. The Agenda is on the back page of the March newsletter.	

Saturday 16 April Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<b>Ryde Falls:</b> This trip in the lovely Mt Oxford Forest is suitable for families and everyone looking for a relaxing social tramp. We'll follow the well-benched track from the car park through the beech forest, looking out for the scattered rimu and the splashes of colour from the red and yellow-leaved horopito. There's plenty of bird life as well, from the ubiquitous robins and fan-tails to the sound of the bell-birds and maybe even a rifleman. The falls themselves - three cascades - are above a beautiful deep pool. Plenty of time to look around, explore and socialise.	Grade: Easy/family Closes: 14 Apr Map: L34 Approx: \$20

Weekend 16-17 April		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz	
<p><b>Mt St Patrick/San Jago:</b> A good advert for Freshmap: this trip is on the corner of 3 or 4 of the standard sheets - much better to print off the section you need. 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.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 7 Apr Map: M31 M32 N31 Approx: \$30</p>	
Sunday 17 April (Early start - contact leader.) Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p><b>Winterslow:</b> Mt Winterslow (1700m) is north of Mt Somers and south west of Mt Hutt. The usual route is up from Sharplin Falls (500m) via Dukes Knob. From the summit there are outstanding views including the distant Arrowsmiths and the Southern Alps. Mt Cook and Mt Tasman may also be visible on a clear day. There are a few alternative routes we could take down depending on the energy level and spirit of adventure prevailing in the group. There will probably be an early departure: please contact leader.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Apr Map: K36 Approx: \$25</p>	
Thursday 21 April		Club Night	
<p><b>Northern India/Sikkim and Himalaya by our own Jenny Harlow:</b> A description of a trek a few years ago to the Singalila Ridge (India) and Sikkim. Singalila Ridge is renowned for the lovely rhododendron forests and superb views - we did not have great weather but it was still a lovely trek, and provided a good acclimatisation for the more arduous trek deeper into the Himalaya to the Goecha La pass (4,900m/16,000ft).</p>			
Long Weekend 22-25 April		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz	
<p><b>Mount Arthur Tableland:</b> Leaving town on Thursday afternoon and camp at the carpark on Flora Saddle. Spend the next 4 days exploring the Mount Arthur Tableland and return on Monday afternoon. The route will depend on the weather and the party. Talk to Bernhard about details closer to Easter.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Apr Map: M27 Approx: \$45</p>	
Friday 22 April		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p><b>Ben Lomond:</b> Ben Lomond (480m) overlooks the Hurunui in the Culverdon and Scargill area. This new trip will be an easy day of exploration in rolling country, mostly on farm tracks. Easter bunny suits optional.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 21 Apr Map: N33 Approx: \$20</p>	

Long Weekend 22-24 April (could be Sat-Mon) Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507  
thomas\_matern@yahoo.co.nz

**Hawdon - Edwards:** Experience a great back country trip at an easy pace. Day one is easy river travel up the Hawdon and a short climb to a tarn just below Walker Pass (12km distance, 500m vertical). On the second day we will head down into the west branch of the Otehake River and then climb up an unnamed creek to Tarn Col. We will either camp at Tarn Col or descend into the Edwards valley (3-6km distance, 400m vertical). The last day we will follow the track down the Edwards to the road (10km). We will run this on an easy pace, but you will have to carry part of a tent, food for 3 days and cold weather gear, and you will get wet feet each day as there are dozens of easy river crossings each day. This trip might move to Saturday if the weather looks better or to a different location if the rivers are in flood.

Grade: Easy+  
Closes: 14 Apr  
Map: K33  
Approx: \$40

Saturday 23 April Leader: Easy Erik Norder 980-8022  
Departure point: Caltex Russley erik@tba.co.nz

**Redcliffe Hill:** Redcliffe Hill (940m) overlooks the mighty Rakaia river and is easily accessed using a 4WD track from the farm with a climb of 540m. It's all easy-tramper territory but note that there is a total of about 20km walking. In 1971 a team from Canterbury Museum found bits of moa eggshell in a rockshelter up there - carbon dated to the 18th century, was it evidence of a very early Easter bunny?

Grade: EasyMod  
Closes: 21 Apr  
Map: K35  
Approx: \$25

Sunday 24 April Leader: Ruth Gray 374-4276  
Departure point: Shell Papanui ruthterina@yahoo.co.nz

**Faust:** Faust is a 1710m peak on the southern end of the Libretto Range, in Lewis Pass. Why the Libretto Range? Most of the peaks are named after operas: brush up on your selling-your-soul-to-the-devil bartering skills for this one. We'll start from the Boyle carpark (about 600m) and follow the track up through the bush to the open ridge leading to Faust itself. Options for the return include descending Faust through some pretty tarn basins to join the St James Walkway back to the cars.

Grade: Moderate  
Closes: 21 Apr  
Map: M32  
Approx: \$30

Thursday 28 April Club Night

**Newsletter folding night:** After we have dealt to the newsletter folding we will have some social time and verbal trip reports.

Weekend 30 April-1 May Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686  
atromans@gmail.com

<p><b>Princess Bath:</b> Perched high on the side of Mt Princess, hidden until you pop up through the bluffs is the surprisingly large 'Princess Bath'. 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>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 21 Apr Map: M30 M31 Approx: \$35</p>
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Saturday 30 April Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014  
(Contact leader for departure point.)

<p><b>Surrey Hills:</b> Another new trip for the club ... Surrey Hills is easy rolling country down south of Mt Somers, and an interesting area geologically. The tops are about 600m so there is about 300m height gain from the road. I see that there is a microwave station at 640m just north of the Surrey Hills range - does that mean we can take few soups and hot chocolates to heat up on the top?</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 28 Apr Map: K36 Approx: \$25</p>
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Sunday 1 May Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366  
Departure point: Shell Papanui Bryce.Williamson@canterbury.ac.nz

<p><b>Missing link returns:</b> A few years ago Susan and her intrepid band of explorers mounted an ambitious reconnaissance mission to link up Mt Richardson and Mt Thomas by finding a way through the beech woods, gullies and streams between the two. After an entirely accidental two-pronged attack and some imaginative navigation, they emerged bruised but triumphant. Other members of the club assisted in subsequent recutting of the new trail blazed metaphorically by the first group. Clearly it is now our regular duty to put some boot-prints on the ground and make sure the route stays open.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 28 Apr Map: L34 M34 Approx: \$20</p>
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Thursday 5 May Club Night

**Tramping in Spain by Kieran and Denise:** Spanish Pyrenees. In June 2010 Kieran and Denise set off to walk 800 km along the GR11 trail from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Come along and see how they got on.

Saturday 7 May Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<b>John Browns Tomb:</b> This is a another in our Canterbury Coastline series, up near Nape Nape. John Browns Tomb (note, no apostrophe on the map) is an intriguingly-named collection of rocks on the Eastern slopes of the Blythe Valley. This will be a nice easy tramp, with some off-track travel but in easy terrain, about 300m height gain.	Grade: Easy Closes: 5 May Map: N33 Approx: \$20

Sunday 8 May Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Jim Western 384-8950 jimwestern@xtra.co.nz
<b>Woolshed Creek Hut, BusStop and Rhyolite Ridge:</b> This tramp follows the Mt Somers Walkway from the Woolshed Creek carpark up through bush and then more open subalpine scrub to the new Mount Somers hut (350m of ascent). On the way we will take a look at the old coalmine workings - coal was discovered there in 1856 and mining continued until 1954. (Also in the area, but less likely to be spotted, is the rare Mt Somers weta - pretty distinctive with black and bright orange legs, white joints and antennae 12.5cm long.) From the Hut we'll go up to the Bus Stop Overhang (500m ascent from the Hut) and then down the Rhyolite Ridge Track back to the car park.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 5 May Map: K36 Approx: \$25

Saturday 14 May (Departure point - contact leader)	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<b>Nikau Palm Gully:</b> 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: 12 May Map: N37 Approx: \$25

Sunday 15 May (Contact leader for departure time.) Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Antony White 381-5993 phoenixantony@gmail.com
<b>Steepface Hill:</b> Steepface (1876m) involves a - you guessed it - steep ascent of about 1500m from the Rakaia so you need to be fit and fast for this trip. The club last did a trip here in February 2009, and on that day, we did the steep-face, but couldn't find the scree slope that leads back to the cars. Therefore, I'm on a mission to find that scree slope.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 12 May Map: K35 Approx: \$25

Sunday 15 May (Early start.) Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
<p><b>Mt Aicken:</b> 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. Early start - contact leader.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 12 May Map: K33 Approx: \$30	
Weekend 21-22 May		Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com
<p><b>Pfeifer Tops, Pfeifer Biv:</b> A trip close to the road but with a real back-country feel. You start at the Deception swing bridge on the Highway 73, follow Paratu stream up to Waharoa Saddle before climbing to the tops on a recently cut route. Then easy tussock tops are followed to the brand new Biv which has good camping beside it. Day 2 is a little harder, up and around Mt Pfeifer before descending the long spur to Lake Kaurapataka. Some bush bashing required. The track is then followed back to the road. A good trip with lots of variety and great views.</p>	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 12 May Map: K33 Approx: \$45	
Saturday 21 May Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006 andrewwrapson@yahoo.co.nz
<p><b>Mt Richardson:</b> Mount Richardson is a lovely 12km loop in the Canterbury foothills. The track starts at the Glentui Bush picnic area and goes through some superb native beech forest - some steepish sections, about 700m height gain - to Mt Richardson itself (1047m) and a great panorama over the Canterbury plains. We will return via the Blowhard track which gives us the opportunity to walk along the undulating open tops before descending back into the bush again - there are some stands of rimu in places - and back to the cars.</p>	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 19 May Map: L34 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 21 May (Could be early start.) Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: Bruce James 332-3473 Bruce.James@ihug.co.nz
<p><b>Torlesse:</b> After a stroll up the pretty little Kowai river to the huts we start the real thing - up the long southwest spur of Torlesse to the summit (1961m). There is about 1300m total height gain, which makes it a bit more strenuous than some moderate trips (and harder if there is early snow of course). Charles Torlesse, a surveyor for the Canterbury provincial government, was the first European to climb the slopes of the range around 1849. The first track over Porters Pass was made by a few keen men with picks and shovels 1858-9. Could be early start - contact leader.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 19 May Map: L34 Approx: \$25	

Sunday 22 May  
Departure point: Shell Papanui

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

**Gabriel Hut:** The cute little Gabriel Hut is reached from a track starts from the road that leads to Lake Sumner via Lake Taylor. There isn't much height gain, so it's an easy walk into the hut (in the middle of the bush), and then an easy walk to the lake. There is the option of swimming, but the trip leader won't make you swim the length of the lake!

Grade: Easy  
Closes: 19 May  
Map: M32  
Approx: \$25

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## Trip Reports

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19-20 March 2011

### Mueller Hut (3rd time lucky)



*Mueller Hut*



*Mueller Throneroom*

Five o'clock in the morning – it's dark and there's no one around except for the paper delivery man, throwing papers out of his car window. My still-sleepy body feels the sharpness of the early morning cold. This is my first trip with the CTC and I am looking forward to it. I am waiting outside my house for a lift from Antony, a lift that in fact does not come. A few phone calls later – unanswered by Antony – I return to bed puzzled as to what is going on. Have I got the wrong day? Has something happened to Antz? I do not even have contact details for the other trampers due to come on this trip to try and find out if they know anything that I don't. A few hours later, my phone rings. It's Antony: "Sorry, I overslept. Are you still keen to go?"

As it turns out we are all still very much keen to go ahead with our weekend trip to Mueller hut and we finally set off at around 8.30 a.m. But Antony oversleeping is not the only setback we come across. We arrive in Mt Cook village at around 1 p.m., too late to secure accommodation at the hut for that night. Danny (who had set off at 5 a.m. in his own car and has been patiently waiting for us) did try and get us bunk tickets but was categorically told that no, he could not buy more than one ticket if he was the only person in our party present at that point. So this calls for another change of plan. Antony, a dynamic leader by nature, quickly thinks of several options for us and we agree on a plan C (or maybe even

D or E, I've lost count!). We will make the return trip to Mueller hut today with one pack between us rather than with our overnight packs and sleep at the NZAC hut tonight.

The weather is glorious and we could not have asked for a more perfect day to make our way up the side of the Sealy Range. It is a steep tramp up to Mueller hut and I become acutely aware of how unfit I have become recently. Arno, who is clearly a lot fitter than I am, also has the advantage of having long legs and so makes the climb up the steep steps in the first part look like a walk in the (National) park. Nonetheless it feels good to be doing a bit of exercise and the views are fantastically rewarding. We reach the hut in good time and after taking a nice long relaxing break we head back down to reach the valley and the NZAC hut just before dark. We light up the wood stove, chill out and exchange travel stories until late into the night.

The following day a low layer of cloud obscures the view of Mt Cook. We are glad that we decided to hike up to Mueller hut the previous day. We take it easy, choosing to explore the tracks around to the Tasman Glacier viewpoint. The so-called 'Blue Lakes' are in fact a deep green colour today and their surface softly reflects the mountains and clouds beyond. The mood is relaxed as we sit and admire the glacier, its lake and massive bergs. We are all thinking that we could easily spend the day lazing in this peaceful spot, yet it is soon time to make our return journey back to Christchurch.

For a weekend that nearly did not happen, it has been a worthwhile trip to gaze upon majestic Mt Cook. Sometimes the best trips are the ones that don't go to plan.

Trampers: Antony White (Leader), Pauline Groussaud (Writer), Danny Fraser and Arno Grueber.

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17 March 2011

## Gargarus



*Scenic Knob*



*Lake Lillian*

And she marched them up to the top of the hill and she marched them down again... We started up from Glenthorne with some low cloud still hanging around but confident it would clear (it always does when Penny is the leader). After a long slog up the scrub and scree-covered slopes, we finally gained the top in time for a late lunch and the usual stunning views out over Lake Coleridge, the Harper, the Avoca, the Wilberforce ... We had already decided not to try to do the full loop via Lake Lillian, but still trotted along over pt 1611 to look down the steep descent and get a view of the little lake nestled picturesquely in the scrub. Then we wandered back towards our ascent route, looking for some nice scree to

descend on. That was not exactly a successful search but most of us managed to find a not-too-horrible route down. Well, except Naomi who left the group she was with, no doubt thinking 'there has to be a better way'. There probably was, but it certainly was not the one Naomi took. The rest of us settled on a little hillock in the Gargarus Saddle swamp and spent an entertaining time watching her peregrinations through the matagouri on the slope opposite. She was slightly bloodied but unfazed and as good humoured as ever when she eventually emerged.

Thanks to Penny for a great day. Trampers Penny Coffey (leader and good weather goddess), Richard Lobb, Richard Kimberley, Naomi Wells, Fiona Green, Kees De Jager, Christina Zablan, Warwick Dowling, Jenny Harlow

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## More about the CTC

### Club Officers

<i>President:</i>	Warwick Dowling	981-2045	<i>New Members Rep:</i>	Janet Spittlehouse	981-1944
<i>Senior Vice President:</i>	Rex Vink	352-5329	<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Jenny Harlow	349-2280
<i>Junior Vice President:</i>	Malcolm Carr	960-5281	<i>Weekend Trip Organiser:</i>	Thomas Matern	385-3507
<i>Secretary:</i>	Cathy Harlow	349-2280	<i>Social Convenor:</i>	Alan Ross	384-6425
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Antony White	381-5993	<i>Editor:</i>	Richard Lobb	351-2344
<i>Club Captain:</i>	Jim Western	384-8950	<i>Hut Convenor:</i>	Lynda Watson	981-7929

**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.

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Please have stuff for the next newsletter to the editor (editor@ctc.org.nz) by 24 March 2011 – Thanks.