



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Lunch on Red Hill

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 \$45 member, \$65 couple, \$25 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 last two pages.

News

Christchurch Tramping Club Photography Competition. 2012: Entries are now being taken for the Roy Evans Memorial Trophy Photography Competition. To be eligible you need to be a paid up member of the Christchurch Tramping Club. All entries are to be in by Thursday 6th September 2012. The format is ideally to be as follows; 1024 pixels x 768pixels either in landscape or portrait form. You can bring the photos into the club and download onto the club PC via a memory stick or CD or email you entries to Malcolm Carr to the following email address; malcolmcarr@clear.net.nz Please make sure you have your name attached, along with the category you wish to photograph to be in, and any details you wish to attach to it (such as a title, where/when it was taken etc). Label each entry/email with CTC Photo Comp 2012. Categories; 1. Humour 2. Above the bush line 3. Below the bush line 4. Landscape (people can be included in this photograph) 5. Nature Judging will commence after the newsletter has been folded on Thursday 27th September And will be judged by Scott Fowler.

Tramper of the Month: Cristina Zablan

I'm originally from the Philippines but New Zealand has been my home since 2002. I was dragged here by my Kiwi fiancé. I found it way too quiet a first, but then I discovered the joy of the mountains. I work as an accountant.



When did you join the CTC? October 2010, just a month after the first earthquake. Before that I had done tramps like the Abel Tasman and the Milford Track.

How did you find out about the CTC? I found CTC online and I went along to the club meeting, so the first CTC person I really met was Jim Western at that club night.

What was your first day trip? Mt Oxford with Anthony, Alan, Jim, Lili and two other ladies.

Your first weekend trip? Mt Euclid with Bernhard, Flo, Stu, Martin, Dale, Gurt, Kees and Max. That trip almost killed me!

Your favourite hut? Mueller hut. It's an absolute gem:)

What are your favourite tramps? I love going to Coleridge area; Mt Ida, Mt Gargarus and Mt. Oakden. Peak Hill is a must if you have just joined the Club.

What future trips are you most looking forward to? I am leading a trip to Otehake hot pools on 15-16 September. There is nothing better than soaking in a hot pool after a long day tramping. Then to Brewster Glacier in Labour weekend. I am excited about the prospect of tramping around Ivory Lake in early summer and also looking forward to the Garden of Eden hopefully in February.

What is your role in the Club? I am the CTC's liaison officer to FMC. It is cool to join the CTC committee because you'll meet the people that run the club.

Who had the biggest influence on your early tramping days? Bernhard Parawa. He was a patient leader when he took me on a West Coast trip that I was completely unprepared for.

Have any mishaps/embarrassing/funny things happened to you while tramping? On one of my early tramps, I fell so many times that I ripped and destroyed two pairs of shorts.

Do you have any other interests? Photography, I love taking photos. I also enjoy playing scrabble online (www.isc.ro) and watching comedies: it cracks me up listening to different kinds of laughs. In summer, I do a little bit of kayaking and white water rafting.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO CLUB MEMBERS: Who has the second set of keys to the clubrooms? When Alan Ross went off to the Hymalayas last year his set of keys were given to a senior club member, someone in town who would be a regular attender on Thursday nights! Members of the commitee have quietly asked around as to who has the keys to no avail! The person who was given a bunch of keys surely must remember! Please search your pockets, car ashtrays, glove compartments etc. mostly probably your memories! Please note that the keys were handed over on Thursday October 13th 2011, the same night Rob Brown did a talk about the FMC, does this jog your memory? This really is no joke as rightly so the Horticultural Society are very annoyed that the security of their building is now in question. CHECK NOW.

Calendar of trips and Social Events

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, club trips depart either from 'Z' Carlton Corner Service Station (formerly Shell) 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 'Z' 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.

Thursday 30 August	Club Night
News Letter Night and Best Tramping Themed Cake: Once the newsletters have been folded and ready to be sent out, there will be a competition to see who can make the best tramping themed cake. This can take the shape of and item of tramping gear, or a place where trampers would typically go. It could even be a beach forest gateaux. Let your imagination run wild, all bribes for the winning prize considered.	

Saturday 1 September		Leader: Adrian Sullivan 03 310-0607
Departure point: Caltex Russley		
<p>Crossover Mt Thomas with Mt Richardson: This will be an early start (7am). We will start from the Glentui carpark, head up to Mt Richardson, then along the ridge east towards the Garry River. There'll be a bush-bash down into the river, and back out, ascending Mt Thomas and then heading back down the Mt Thomas track to hopefully a second car. This will be a long day, but there should be some great views on the ridgeline.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 30 Aug Map: BW22 BW23 Approx: \$15
Saturday 1 September		Leader: Richard Kimberley 326 6158
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		
<p>Mt Rolleston: When you look up 'Mt Rolleston' in Freshmap, it gives it the category 'hill', which seems a bit understated for something 2275m high. Note that this needs snow skills, appropriate experience, ice axe, crampons and helmets. We will be leaving on Friday night and staying at the club hut, unless there's sufficient interest in leaving Christchurch at 5am on the Saturday.</p>		Grade: Hard Closes: 30 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$30
Thursday 6 September		Club Night
<p>White Island/Whakaari during a Recent Eruption: White Island/Whakaari is New Zealand's most active volcano, and is situated off shore from Whakatane on the North Island's Bay of Plenty. Li Li shows slides from here recent trip to the Island when the volcano was particularly active. Please also note that this is the last day to submit you photos for the Roy Evans Memorial Trophy (Christchurch Tramping Club Photography competition)..</p>		
Saturday 8 September		Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		
<p>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).</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 6 Sep Map: BW22 Approx: \$20
Saturday 8 September		Social Event
<p>Oxfam Water for Survival Fundraiser Ceilidh: At the Scottish Society Hall, St Albans, from 7.30pm-midnight. Band starts at 8pm. BYO drinks and shared plate for supper. Tickets cost \$20 each and can be purchased by contacting Li Li 021 2363211.</p>		

Weekend 8-9 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz
Lake Mavis and beyond: Lake Mavis (above Goat Pass) in the winter! Come and visit this very accessible mountain gem when it's all covered in snow. A magical winter wonderland. Ice axe and very warm winter gear will be needed. Bernhard will guide you up the Mingha to Goat Pass and from there you will have several options, e.g. staying at the hut, camping at Lake Mavis or even crossing over to Taruahuna Pass on Sunday.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 30 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$35
Sunday 9 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Ryde Falls: 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 Closes: 6 Sep Map: BW22 Approx: \$20
Thursday 13 September	Club Night
Extreme Sports movie night, organised by James Hopkins: Enjoy a movie by the world famous ski and snowboarding filmmaker Warren Miller. "Warren Millers Journey" pushes the envelope of skiing with a bit of kayaking and wing suiting thrown in for good measure. All in exotic places with worlds top people in their respective fields.	
Saturday 15 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Orton Bradley to Gebbies Pass: We will start in Orton Bradley Park, then climb up 800m to the Mt Herbert ridgeline, before sidling along the ridge, past the Packhorse Hut and across to Gebbies Pass. Hopefully there will be enough people for a car shuffle.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 13 Sep Map: BX24 Approx: \$15

Saturday 15 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045
Winterslow: 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. Ice axe and crampons may still be required if the snow hangs around. There will probably be an early departure: please contact leader.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 13 Sep Map: BX20 Approx: \$30	
Weekend 15-16 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Cristina Zablan 03 374 6354
Otehake: 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 Taramakau River or the same way back.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 6 Sep Map: BU20 BU21 BV21 Approx: \$40	
Sunday 16 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Andrea Zahn
The Gap: The Gap is the big notch in the Torlesse range visible for miles around and a winter trip there is a real classic. We'll probably go up from Porters Pass (942m) to Castle Hill Peak (1998m) and follow the narrow ridge through to the Gap (1700m). Ice-axe, crampons, and snow skills and experience will be needed. The ridge past Castle Hill Peak has quite steep drop offs both sides. The final section into the Gap, approached by dropping down to the north-west from the bluffs above it, can be anything from easy-peasy to quite tricky depending on the snow conditions. If you have got the skills though, this is surely one of the must-do winter trips.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 13 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$25	
Thursday 20 September		Club Night
Andrew Turton Nepal; Silver Hut anniversary Trek to Ama Dablam Base Camp: Last November a trek was held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the silver Hut expedition (Which included the first climbing of Ama Dablam). Norman Hardie 86 and Jim Millage 81 who were on the original expedition were invited along. Andrews extended family, Sarah (Norman's Daughter) David 11 (Norman's grandson) and Henry (Norman's other grandson) went along too. We will view slides of the main trekking route from Lukla up thru Namche Bazaar, Khumjung and Thyangboche and the climb to the Ama Dablam base camp. Andrew is very knowledgeable and a great enthusiast of early New Zealand climbing history, so this will be a night you do not want to miss.		

Saturday 22 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
Cold Stream Hut: Starting from the Lake Sumner Road we cross the Hurunui River on a bridge. We then tramp up the Jollie Brook River branching off to Cold stream and continuing upstream to the Cold stream Hut (620m) for lunch. Easy river travel in bush country guaranteeing wet feet AND no hills to climb (120m total height gain). River crossing skills not needed.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 20 Sep Map: BU23 Approx: \$30

Weekend 22-23 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com
Mt Williams: An out of the way and seldom visited peak in the Rolleston Range. This mountain is significantly taller than the surrounding peaks so the views of the alps should be truly stunning. Friday night departure and a high camp on Saturday night. Ice axe and crampons required.	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 13 Sep Map: BW19 Approx: \$35

Sunday 23 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
Maukuratawhai: Maukuratawhai (sometimes irreverently called Mt Muckaroundawhile to help you remember the name) is an interesting 1615m peak just across the Clarence River from where you descend from Jacks Pass. We will climb up the long SW ridge (about 800m height gain) and if time and conditions permit we will traverse around to pt 1575 and descend its south ridge to circle back to the starting point. Snow skills, crampons and ice axe probably required. The trip starts with a cold ford of the Clarence so if you bring some spare sneakers you'll be able to change into dry boots on the other side. Early start - check with the leader.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 20 Sep Map: BT24 Approx: \$40

Thursday 27 September	Club Night
Christchurch Tramping Club Photographic Competition: After we have put the newsletter into the envelopes, Scott Fowler will judge and announce the results of this year's winner of the Christchurch Tramping Club photographic competition. The over all winner will be awarded the Roy Evans Memorial Trophy. You can read about Roy Evans in last month's newsletter. Please note that entries close on Thursday September 6th, see the notices section for more information.	

Saturday 29 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Easy Erik Norder 0221637756
Narnialand Magic: The club is again lucky to have been given permission to go into Flock Hill to explore the amazing rocky escarpment where the first of the Chronicles of Narnia was filmed. We'll start from Cave Stream and walk up to the escarpment. If there is still snow it will be just like the frozen Narnia winter wonderland. Come along and enjoy a great social trip. Approx 300m height gain overall, 10km, tussocky terrain.	Grade: Easy Closes: 27 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 29-30 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Andrea Zahn 382 1044 andi.zahn@gmx.de
Crow Hut: An easy weekend trip to the beautiful Crow Valley. The trip will go and return via the Waimakariri River. We will stay in the newish Crow Hut under the imposing face of Mt Rolleston. Only 13km each way and 350m height gain, although there is some untracked river bed and some easy river crossing involved. One hut ticket or an annual hut pass is required for this trip.	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 20 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$35	
Sunday 30 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Stoney Bay Peak: We'll start in Akaroa in the Rue Balguerie and walk up the Mt Vernon road and then up the steep shingle road past a farm and out onto the ridge crest. From the saddle, we go up to Stony Bay Peak (806m) for superb views of Otanerito Bay and Akaroa Harbour.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 27 Sep Map: BY25 Approx: \$20	
Thursday 4 October		Club Night
Liz Tanner takes us Bush Walking in Australia: Liz Tanner talking on bush walking in Australia and shows slides, mainly of the Grampians in Victoria. This will be a great opportunity to see the unique flora and fauna of the south-eastern region of the great southern land. Next year Liz is running a trip in April for 8 days including spectacular Great Ocean Rd. A great night to be introduced to the opportunities that exist for those of you tempted to explore what's on offer on the next time you venture across the Tasman Sea.		
Weekend 6-7 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
Paske Hut: Paske Hut sits in the headwater of the Rainbow River. The plan for Saturday is to walk up the Clarence River past Lake Tennyson and over Paske Saddle into the hut. Bernhard will find a different route on Sunday. Ice axe and crampons might be required. Early start 7am. Paske Hut is a standard hut, one hut ticket or an annual hut pass is required to stay at this hut.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 27 Sep Map: BT24 BS24 Approx: \$35	

Sunday 7 October Leader: James Hopkins Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	
<p>Sudden Valley: Sudden Valley is the home of a lovely little river, Sudden Valley Stream, which provides a very good summer water-and-rock-hopping trip. After crossing the Hawdon River we start up the Stream itself - multiple crossings back and forth, scrambling round a few easy bouldery sections, passing lovely pools and splashing rapids, a few diversions into the bush . . . There is a short steep climb of a couple of hundred metres to negotiate the Barrier Falls gorge and then we descend again and soon afterwards emerge into the more open river flats and stunning scenery of upper valley with Mts Wilson and Scott above us. We head to the new Sudden Valley Biv for lunch and then travel back the same way.</p>	Grade: Easy+ (water trip) Closes: 4 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$25

Saturday 13 October Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	
<p>Hallelujah Flat: Hallelujah Flat is about 9k up the Andrews from Andrews Shelter, on the way to the Casey Hut. We are aiming to go up the stream, which is an interesting alternative to the track: for much of the way there is a route along one side of the stream or the other, but linking them up involves crossing the stream back and forth, and there are a few sections scrambling over the rocks and boulders on the banks of the stream itself. It is lovely route to the equally lovely Hallelujah Flat. Return probably down the track, through the red beech forest, and back to the cars. Make sure you bring enough warm layers (polypro), and of course hat and gloves, so that you can keep cosy while in the stream and also get changed into something dry once you reach the Flat.</p>	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 11 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$25

Weekend 13-14 October Leader: William King 03 3578922 Departure point: Contact Leader Bill.King@enable.net.nz	
<p>Potts Hut - Big Hill Range: Travel down to Lake Clearwater on Friday night to stay in tents at the lake. A nice spot for camping with good scenery. Saturday: head up the Potts River to Potts Hut. With afternoon excursions as desired or a book to read. Sunday: either an early start to climb Big Hill with axe/crampons or a sleep in and some more reading. Then back out to the cars via Dog Range. Potts Hut is about 12+kms and a 900m height gain from the bridge. Ice axes to be taken, along with crampons for Big Hill. No hut tickets required.</p>	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 4 Oct Map: BW18 BX18 Approx: \$35

Sunday 14 October Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	
<p>Hinewai/Otanerito Bay: 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. There are plenty of loop options of varying terrain and distance depending on the group so we can get right down to Otanerito Bay and back up to the car park again or do a shorter trip and find more of the waterfalls hidden in the bush . . .</p>	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 11 Oct Map: BX24 Approx: \$20

Sunday 14 October Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	
<p>Red Hill (or Mt Bruce): Red Hill, just beyond Porters Pass on the Lyndon-Coleridge Rd, is a popular emergency destination in a raging nor-wester. But it's hard to appreciate the nice rolling ridges and the great views over Lake Coleridge when just poking your head over the top is liable to cost you your hat, glasses, toupee and possibly entire head. So ... a radical thought ... why not go there deliberately on a lovely fine day, when we can soak up the views and the sunshine, and spend more than the bare minimum time on the ridge tops? We'll park near the end of Lake Lyndon, cross the small saddle into the upper Acheron catchment and then (weather permitting) traverse the whole horseshoe ridge taking in Pts 1244, 1494, 1488, unlabelled 1520+, Red Hill (1641), 1321 and 1249 before dropping back to the river basin and returning via the same low saddle. Untracked but straightforward ridge-top travel the whole way.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 11 Oct Map: BW20 Approx: \$20

<p>Long Weekend 20-22 October Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Cristina Zablan 03 374 6354 cristimo28@gmail.com</p>
<p>Brewster Hut - Haast Pass: The track to the hut starts from Fantail Falls, few km from Haast Pass and it is a steep 3 - 4 hr (2.5km) climb through beech forest above bushline. The 12-bunk Brewster Hut (no heating) is a serviced alpine hut (\$15.30 per night), hut tickets are not valid there, fees to be paid at Mt Aspiring NP Visitor Centre. We will be leaving Christchurch on Friday 19th evening, stay a night in Arthurs Pass club hut, then drive to the Fantail Falls in the morning and climb to the hut. Saturday is optional for people to climb Mt Armstrong, Mt Brewster or Brewster Glacier. This is a glacier and mountaineering terrain, so to climb the above: snow skills, glacier travel skills and equipment is a must. (this will be discussed closer with potential trip members) Otherwise people can choose easier walks around the hut. The location being in the heart of West coast, this trip will not run in a bad weather.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate with Climbing Options Closes: 11 Oct Map: BZ13 Approx: \$100 + accom</p>
<p>Long Weekend 20-22 October Early start - 7am Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>	<p>Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531</p>
<p>Ngakawau Base Camp: Ngakawau is about 25km north of Westport and a great place for a base camp. Saturday afternoon we will explore the Charming Creek Walkway, Sunday we can have a look at the Denniston Plateau or the Mokihinui Gorge. Accommodation for both nights is in a backpackers (\$30 per night) but tenting is an option too.</p>	<p>Grade: All / Family Closes: 11 Oct Map: BR21 Approx: \$50+Accom</p>
<p>Multi day trip 1-8 March Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au</p>
<p>Great Ocean Road (Oz!): 2013 Trip to Great Ocean Rd. Tentative itinerary: 3 days in Grampians then back to Melbourne for 2 nights to visit Port Nepean and Phillip Island. Cost: about \$700 + air fare (includes vehicle hire, backpacker accommodation, food allowance of \$30 per day). Dates in March or May as school holidays in April. Local walks: http://www.grampiansnationalpark.com/grampians/national/park/walks.asp Contact Liz by email if interested. Spaces left for two at this time. Discuss final details in October-ish</p>	<p>Grade: All Closes: 21 Feb Map: N/A Approx: \$TBA</p>

Trip Reports

18 August 2012

Almost Bealey Spur Hut

I'm tired and hungry and I'm not sure where I am. Hang on I hear someone. I know I'll quietly sneak up, and join the rest of the pack. Hello, actually I've changed my mind; I'm off to hide again. Then again I'm pretty lonely and the old stomach is rumbling.

Here I go again, quietly sneaking up; no I've changed my mind yet again and it's off to the woods! Hang on is that food I smell? What's this? Is that all you can give me, a broken piece of muesli bar, and after all I've been through? Hang on here comes another piece and another... Prussic chord, for Bealey Spur? You've got to be joking; there isn't even any snow around. Hang on what's going on; you treacherous, tethering trickster, you've just tied me up to the prussic cord, I never agreed to that. Hey what's with the going up hill thing, I'm trying to go down, not so fast, I've been on the go for ages, can't you see I'm worn out?

Oh no, more people. No I'm not going any further, I don't like the look of all those people; Ok I'll take that, yum half a corned beef roll. What no horse radish sauce, have you no standards? I'll just quickly gulp it down. Oh yum, a piece of fruit cake, but if you think I'm going up hill again then you can forget it!

Ah that's the story, you've finally got the idea, and I've been trying to tell you all the time, yes that's right, down hill is where I want to go. It looks like we've split away from the main pack. It's just me and stingy muesli bar man again, but at least we are heading in the right direction.

That's right. Now you keep out of my way, we can't both be on the board walk at the same time. It's no good looking at me like that, I'm the one with bare feet, and so if you think I'm going to walk through the mud, while you trot along on the walkway with your poncey appendages attached to your feet, you can think again! That's better; you keep in the mud and the scrub while you let me slickly saunter in style. I have standards you know. Now hang on a moment, I just want to check this out. Hey what's the rush? Will you stop pulling on that cord? Hey I said stop it. I'm still attached to it. Oh alright have it your way, I'm sure there's a dead possum around here somewhere, don't start moaning that we never found it. Alright you win, let's get going again. Ah that's a nice looking house let's go up the drive and have a closer look, there might be a nice warm fire going where I can curl up and have a sleep by. No we're off again to the car park. Hey don't tie me up to the tow bar; do I look like a trailer to you?

Now how do you think I am going to sit on the seat if you have just removed everything from the luggage compartment and put it all over the seats? Hang on you don't expect me to sit in the luggage compartment? Now just hang on a minute, you just can't expect me to... "Thud"... Ok perhaps you can, now I'm stuck here sitting in the back of this rather old and un-cool station wagon. In that case I'm going to hide. What's that rumbling noise, whoa steady on, I'm trying to keep my balance here, and I still haven't found the seat belt. I wonder what would happen if I quietly sneak up to the front and sink my teeth into that funny looking ear? Maybe I will wait until I've had a little sleep? Oh no I've just missed my chance, we've stopped again, but at least I'm not in that vintage car, I can't say how embarrassed I was, that car had absolutely no street cred.

Ah we are going into another building. I think it's a human vet's, as it says DOC office? I'm not surprised, as mean muesli man's nose doesn't look particularly damp and shiny like it should. I hope there is a nice warm fire. Hey, what's with the monster rope? Will you two stop it, how would you like it if I shoved that around your neck? Oh will you make your mind up; we've only just got in and now you want me out again. Hang on, I know I ridiculed your car, but please don't leave me please

.....To be continued at the local dog pound...

Participants; Ralph Barker (scribe) and 15 others.

26 August 2012

Red Hill

There's nothing like a few weekends of appalling tramping weather to make 14 people blithely ignore a forecast of 100k nor'west winds and turn out for a trip anyway... Even at Springfield Alan still made strenuous efforts to convince everyone that it was also worth ignoring the predicted rain spilling over the divide and heading for the originally-advertised destination of Mt Bruce. Richard, however, stuck resolutely to plan B - Red Hill, via his all-new extra-flavoursome stream route. By mid-morning therefore we were all doggedly trying to keep up with our enthusiastic leader as he bounded up the aforementioned stream - as promised, well flavoured with windfall and rotten snow bridges. Who knows what William, on his first CTC tramp, was making of the whole thing, but he kept up gamely. In fact we felt for all the relative newbies - William, Melinda and Thomas - who not only had to contend with Alan's own particular brand of repartee but also Pete Crowe's inimitable northern-brit-reborn-as-kiwi-joker style of humour. Perhaps because the choicer bon-mots of each were principally directed toward each other, both of these gentlemen miraculously managed to survive the entire trip without a single attempt to embed an ice-axe in the back of either cranium: the rest of us could, in the most part, simply stand back and be entertained by the heavy-weight combat of wits thudding back and forth whenever a slight pause in the pace gave either gladiator enough breath to resume the battle.

We climbed out of the stream at around 1300m and struggled labouriously upwards through large patches of soft snow, taking a thankful break for an early lunch, and then carrying on - very grateful to Ian and Clive who took the brunt of plugging the steps through the deepest sections.

By the time we reached the summit it was very clear that Richard had made a Wise Choice in his decision to head for Red Hill rather than Mt Bruce. The wind was strong and cold and although the sun was out and the views over Lake Coleridge, the Rakaia and Wilberforce were spectacular, nobody wanted to linger on the top for too long. There was, however, still some misguided enthusiasm amongst the troops for carrying on in an attempt to do a loop over Mt Lyndon: "it looks fairly benign" agreed the equally optimistic leader, and thus convinced we set off down the eastern ridge. By the time we had reached the first small saddle point we had all realised that that particular adjective was highly inappropriate. The snow might not be as soft, but we were now exposed to the full blast of the wind. Put it this way - it's the first time I have ever bumslid uphill ... With a degree of unanimity almost unprecedented on a CTC trip the advance guard voted decisively with their feet (or possibly were simply blown by the cross-blast from the wind) and headed westward into a gully leading down from the saddle.

From there we crossed a couple of other ridges to end up below the snowline on a nice spur leading back towards our approach route. With a couple of stops for snacks and

more wilding-pine killing (Paul had already dispatched one on the way up) with the help of Alan's trusty fold-up pruning saw, we were back at the cars around 5pm. It only needed tea and a touch of continental sophistication (florentines - apparently aka cornflakes & chocolate but they certainly looked like the kind of biscuits that Chanel would have made when in domestic-goddess mode) to round off a superb trip. Many thanks to Richard for leading and everyone else for coming along.

Participants: Richard Lobb, Warwick Dowling, Melinda Lin, David Selway, Paul Titus, Peter Crowe, William Godsoe, Clive Marsh, Bob Nye, Ian Dunn, Alan Ross, Thomas McCann, Cathy Harlow, Jenny Harlow.



Approaching Red Hill

Classifieds

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

IMPORTANT NOTE TO CLUB MEMBERS: Who has the second set of keys to the clubrooms? When Alan Ross went off to the Hymalayas last year his set of keys were given to a senior club member, someone in town who would be a regular attender on Thursday nights! Members of the commitee have quietly asked around as to who has the keys to no avail! The person who was given a bunch of keys surely must remember! Please search your pockets, car ashtrays, glove compartments etc. mostly probably your memories! Please note that the keys were handed over on Thursday October 13th 2011, the same night Rob Brown did a talk about the FMC, does this jog your memory? This really is no joke as rightly so the Horticultural Society are very annoyed that the security of their building is now in question. CHECK NOW.

External Events

Unwin Arts Workshops: These workshops include Mountain Painting and Mountain Photography run by Christchurch artist Jane Zusters and photographer Colin Monteath. We have run two workshops this year and they have proved hugely popular. We would like to open them up to other clubs and would like to invite Christchurch Tramping Club members who are keen on painting or mountain photography to take part in the next course from November 2-5 (with travel on the afternoon of the 1st) Details for the courses, costs and a registration form can be found at: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/unwin/arts-workshops> Fees include instruction, accommodation, transport, an evening meal and for NZAC non-members, a year's membership.

More about the CTC

Club Officers

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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 Bernhard Parawa 981 4931; 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 the hut convenor, Steve Bruerton, ph 322 6196.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Thomas Matern, ph. 354-4309. 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	Free
Personal locator beacons	Free

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