



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Bill, Alastair, Warwick on way to Mt Cheeseman (from Mt Cheeseman & Towards Mt Olympus trip)

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

New Members Welcome: We welcome six new members to the club this month, Delwyn Bassett, Rebecca Bryan, Adam Burke, Chloe Pinel, Elizabeth Eadon-Jones, and Kieran Jones (Junior). Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

Gear Custodian change: A reminder for everyone the club gear custodian is now Bernhard Pawera

Unpaid Subs: Any unpaid subs are now overdue and subject to the late payment charge.

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.

CTC OVERDUE TRIPS: Members/family/partners or a nominated person concerned about a trip being overdue should firstly discuss this with a Club Officer when they feel that the trip is delayed. Refer to the list of Club Officers on the back of the newsletter and on the club website. Club Officers know where to obtain copies of the Trip Lists containing the names and addresses of the party members with their vehicle registration details etc. This will greatly assist Police Search and Rescue. The Club Officer can then contact the Police directly. Concerned people should keep trying different numbers until they actually contact a Club Officer (DO NOT LEAVE MESSAGES). We recommend that concerned people start with the Club Captain, then the Gear Custodian, then the Presidents, then the Trip Organisers, then people listed under Our Club Hut - if no contact can be made then the Police. Members (particularly Trip Leaders) please discuss this arrangement with your loved ones so they are aware of this procedure.

Social: We meet on Wednesdays 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 phone Kate Taylor 980-8224 or email kate-taylor@clear.net.nz. 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.

Wednesday 30 July		Club Night
<p>Newsletter Folding Night: Come along and help ready the latest newsletter for mail out. Use this as a chance to discuss upcoming trips and plans.</p>		
Saturday 2 August		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Departure point: 8AM 'Z' Carlton Corner		
<p>Rakaia Gorge Walkway/Terrace Downs: This is a nice easy trip, mainly following the cliffs and river terraces above the gorge, giving great views of the gorge and surrounding landscape. The walkway starts in farmland, then enters areas of regenerating native bush. We will make a short detour to Terrace Downs for morning tea and rejoin the walkway at the end where there is a good viewpoint. A short loop takes us down to the Rakaia itself and we return the same way, passing the disused Snowdon Coalmine.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 31 Jul Map: BX20 Approx: \$20</p>	

Sunday 3 August Limited to five people Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Ladbrooks Hill: This hill is located at the entrance to the Ashley Gorge overlooking Lees Valley. Access from the gorge has now been restricted, so we are joining the Rangiora Tramping Club to devise a new (to the leader anyhow) route that's not across private property. This trip is limited to 1 car load (5 people) due to parking problems. Great views over the Ashley Gorge and Lees Valley Time 4 - 5 hrs. The backup alternative tramp is in the Lake Lyndon, Coleridge area.</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 31 Jul Map: BW22 Approx: \$20	
Sunday 3 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: David Sutton 03 3318064 david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz	
<p>Mt Winterslow: Mt Winterslow (1700 m) is north of Mt Somers and south west of Mt Hutt. The usual route is up from Sharplin Falls (500 m) via Dukes Knob. From the summit there are outstanding views including the distant Arrowsmith Range 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 be required. There will possibly be an early departure so please contact leader.</p>		Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 31 Jul Map: BX20 Approx: \$30	
Wednesday 6 August		Club Night	
<p>Inca Trail to Machu Picchu by Natasha Sydorenko: The Inca Trail is by far the most famous trek in South America and is rated by many to be in the top five treks in the world. If it's not on your bucket list, it should be! In just 43 km it manages to combine beautiful mountain scenery, lush cloud-forest, subtropical jungle and, of course, a stunning mix of Inca paving stones, ruins and tunnels. The final destination of the trail just cannot be beaten: Machu Picchu, the mysterious "Lost City of the Incas." I would like to show you some pictures and share my stories of the Inca Trail, and other stunning landscapes of Peru.</p>			
Saturday 9 August 10 am start Departure point: Princess Margaret Hospital		Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Port Hills (or McCormack's Bay): Enjoy a social tramp in Port Hills. The specific route Bruce hopes to use is permission-dependent, but whatever the precise route, you'll get an interesting look around our own tramping back yard. About 4-5 hours of easy walking, and all starting at the very civilised time of 10.00am. Back by 3 pm! Suitable for backpacks and kids in good weather. (The backup tramp will be McCormack's Bay.) Meet at Princess Margret Hospital on Cashmere Rd, opposite Bengal Rd.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 7 Aug Map: BX24 Approx: \$5	

Weekend 9-10 August Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Adrian Busby 325-5001
SNOWCRAFT COURSE: The Basic Snow Craft Course is now filled. An overflow course, Basic Snow Craft II, will be held on September 6-7 and registrations are now open for this limited place course - see Warwick Dowling & 6-7 September for this one.	Grade: Training Closes: 31 Jul Map: BV20 Approx: \$40 + hut fee

Sunday 10 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com
Baldy Hill via Mt Manson: There are at least seven Baldy Hills in New Zealand. One of those seven is the northernmost summit of the Craigieburn Range. CTC trampers may not be aware of its name, but have quite possibly drooled over the glorious scree slopes on its northern face, readily seen when driving south along SH73 near Cass. The intention of this trip is to find out just how good those slopes are. We will climb the ridge south of Ribbonwood Steam, over Pt 1305 m to Mt Manson (1859 m), then circle around to Baldy Hill (1834 m) and down a suitable pile of shingle. All told, about 1500 m height gain and ca 14 km horizontal travel.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 7 Aug Map: BV21 Approx: \$20

Wednesday 13 August	Club Night
Food for Thought: I don't know about you, but I like food. Especially good, wholesome, nourishing food (a big chunk of moist, juicy carrot cake comes to mind... no wait, I was thinking about chick pea casserole!). Ditch your bag of chips and chocolate bars and come and tell us what really spins your gastronomic wheels, nurtures your soul and gives you wings on your tramping trips. I'm not sure how we'll put it together, but I'm thinking that we could make up a list of the bestest, yummiest ideas and distribute these among club members. If you don't already have a dehydrator, now might be the time to invest in one!	

Saturday 16 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Mount Mason: Mount Mason (863 m) is located in North Canterbury's Cavendish Hills between Hawarden and the Hurunui River. This bump overlooks Doctors Hills, Masons Flats, Pyramid Valley and, to the south in the distance, Mts Grey, Arden and Hilton. Mostly farm tracks or easy rolling farm country. (Rehydration at Waikari tearooms) Height gain: 480 m. Distance 10 km.	Grade: Easy Closes: 14 Aug Map: BV23 Approx: \$20

Weekend 16-17 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz
Avoca Valley via Sphinx Saddle and Jordan Saddle: The head of the Avoca is a great valley, well worth a visit. There is a great little A frame hut and plenty of scope for a round trip. The plan at the moment is to go in over Sphinx Saddle and out over Jordan Saddle but this might be altered depending on weather/snow conditions.	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 7 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$35

Sunday 17 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
Anti-Crow Hut: Starting at the Waimakariri Road Bridge, we follow the true right of the Waimak where there is a clear track. Further up, we cross Turkey Flat where the Jordan Stream comes in from the Black Range on the left. We will be at the Anti Crow Hut, opposite Mt Bealey, for lunch and return the same way. Mostly straightforward with plenty of flat tramping and about 8 km each way.	Grade: Easy Closes: 14 Aug Map: BV20 Approx:

Wednesday 20 August	Club Night
Greek Odyssey by Linda Lilburne: The mishaps weren't quite on the scale of Homer's but come and hear this epic tale of a sailing and walking adventure in the Greek Islands. One nervous sailor and three brave ones sailed a circuitous route from Kos to Paros battling heat, too much wind, too little wind, seasickness but also encountering walking trails galore, ancient ruins, iconic blue and white villages and of course countless churches.	

Saturday 23 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
Ted's Track: Ted's track is a route that some of us know about but essentially none of us have done. It links the Maori Reserve Road end of the Blowhard Track to the Bypass Track on the Mt Richardson loop. In principle, it should provide an interesting way of extending, or at least bringing variation to, walks involving the Blowhard, Mt Richardson and the Missing Link. Join Richard in exploring the possibilities, hopefully taking in Mt Richardson itself along the line. The route looks fairly straightforward on a map, but Ian Dunn says it's easy, so it quite likely isn't.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 21 Aug Map: BW23 Approx: \$15

Weekend 23-24 August Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Double Hut, Mt Taylor: Double Hut is an easy 10km walk from Lake Heron with just 200m total height gain. The hut is close to the Te Araroa Trail and at the foot of Mt Taylor. This offers different options for easy and moderate trampers - you can have a look at New Zealand's longest walk or simply climb Mt Taylor (2333m, 1400m height gain from the hut)	Grade: Moderate with easier options Closes: 14 Aug Map: BX19 Approx: \$30
Sunday 24 August 7 am departure Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: Ruth Gray 3745547 ruthterina@yahoo.co.nz
Mt Barron: The track starts near Otira and takes you up a spur and along to the Holts Creek basin. From this basin we will climb up to the ridge west of Mt Barron to get to the summit (1730 m). There are good views from Mt Barron over to the West Coast. From Mt Barron we will descend down a spur north of Goat Creek to Otira township. Ice axe and crampons will be required, along with appropriate knowledge about how to use them. Note the early departure time and western departure point.	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 21 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$35
Wednesday 27 August	Club Night
Newsletter Folding Night: Come and help the club with the monthly mail out and be first to get the latest club news hot off the press! Let's facilitate the chatter and planning by bringing something yum to share for supper - just a packet of biscuits or whatever takes your fancy will do.	
Saturday 30 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Banks Peninsula: An easy+ tramp in the Little River area overlooking Kaitorete Spit and Lakes Forsyth and Ellesmere. No uphill after lunch! Enjoy rehydration and well deserved yummys at the Blue Duck. Height gain 480 m, distance 10 km.	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 28 Aug Map: BX25 BY25 Approx: \$20
Weekend 30-31 August Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Jeff Hall 338-0922 jeff.hall2@lifetech.com
Mt Manakau: At 2608m high, its steep East face looks down on Mt Fyffe and Kaikoura. Travel into the north branch of the Hapuku Stream (at 600m) and climb to Stace Saddle. Climb to 1800m then sidle NW looking for a camp in the basins. From here it's still a good climb to the ridge and about 2.5 km along the ridge to the summit. Some scrambling but not too difficult, good fitness essential. Ice axe and crampons required.	Grade: Hard Closes: 21 Aug Map: BT27 Approx: \$40

Sunday 31 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Brian Dougan srotje@yahoo.com
<p>Black Hill: We start with an interesting drive over the Lees Valley Rd and up through the Ashley Gorge. After parking cars, we will wander up the river flats of the Townsend River valley before turning right, then climbing up through the bush to the bush line and the classic 6-bunk DOC Black Hill Hut for lunch. Depending on weather and enthusiasm levels we may explore the adjacent ridges or drop back down through the bush circuit via the Wharfedale Hut. This is a 6-7 hr day with approximately 800 m height gain. Some river crossing involved, so expect to get your feet wet.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 28 Aug Map: BW22 Approx: \$20	
Wednesday 3 September		Club Night
<p>Volunteering on Codfish Island with the Kakapo Recovery Programme: Find out about life on Whenua Hou / Codfish Island in Foveaux Strait, as a Feed-out volunteer with the Kakapo Recovery Programme. Vanessa Horwell will talk about adventures on the island, the incredible wildlife and natural history, as well as few photos of a sea kayaking adventure to Port Pegasus in the south of Stewart Island.</p>		
Saturday 6 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<p>Middle Rock - Conical Hill: Enjoy afternoon tea with an easy day tramp on Rakaia River steppes. In this variation we lunch on top of Conical Hill (Dry Acheron Walkway) reached from Middle Rock Station. Easy social tramp, mostly on very well maintained farm tracks. Super views of the Alps, Black Hills, Mount Hutt Range and Lake Coleridge. Afternoon tea (\$10) provided at the Middle Rock Station by the hosts. Pampered tramping! More at www.middlerock.co.nz Time: 4 hours + tea. Height: 400 m.</p>	Grade: Easy/Social Closes: 4 Sep Map: BX20 Approx: \$20 + \$10	
Weekend 6-7 September leaving Friday night Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@gmail.com
<p>SNOWCRAFT COURSE II: This will be the second basic snow craft course of the season, as the first is booked out. We will stay Friday and Saturday night in the club hut at Arthur's Pass, foraging out both days to suitable slopes to practice the basics in the use of ice-axe and crampons. There are limited places, so book early. For club members only. Ice axes, crampons and helmets will be taken care of by the trip leader and handed out/adjusted at the club hut.</p>	Grade: Training Closes: 28 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$40 + hut fee	

Weekend 6-7 September Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
Waimak Falls, Carrington Peak: Carrington Peak is a 2010m icy bump about 1.5km west of the Waimak Falls Hut. It is the last peak on the south ridge of Mt Armstrong and should have great views of the Waimak to the south, Mt Rolleston and Armstrong and even a glimpse of the Taipo River. It is a long walk from the road, it is quite likely that Steve will walk into Carrington Hut Friday night.	Grade: Hard Closes: 28 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$40

Sunday 7 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com
Mt Oakden southeast ridge: Mt Oakden is the impressively isolated 1633-m peak at the north end of Lake Coleridge. It's a fairly regular CTC target, usually accessed via the northern ridge, but occasionally via the somewhat trickier southern ridge. This time though, we'll be aiming for something different. On the east side of the stream running to the south of the broad saddle between the summit of Mt Oakden and Pt 1590 m is another somewhat gnarly looking ridge over Pt 1134 m and then through a stand of beech before climbing more steeply to Pt 1590 m. If the route turns out to be doable, there will be the reward of some of the best views in the areas, followed by a long bum-slide and/or scree run down the deep fault slot in the north face of the mountain. Ice axes and crampons will probably be required.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 4 Sep Map: BW20 Approx: \$25

Wednesday 10 September	Club Night
The Canterbury Waterway Rehabilitation Experiment (CAREX): Canterbury's waterways play important roles in allowing productive use of land as well as being home to many native freshwater species. Often these values are conflicting: high-intensity farming can increase sediment and nutrient inputs to waterways, reducing the ability for freshwater fauna to thrive and degrading overall ecosystem "health." CAREX scientists are investigating whether well-managed agricultural waterways with effective riparian management and stream rehabilitation have the potential to provide both water resources and a healthy environment for freshwater life. Come and hear Professor Angus McIntosh and post-doctoral research fellow Catherine Febria from the Freshwater Ecology Research Group (FERG, University of Canterbury) talk to us about their findings on this topical and important subject.	

Saturday 13 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Boundary Hill: From Lake Lyndon, we tramp across Boundary Hill to Lake Coleridge flats.	Grade: Easy Closes: 11 Sep Map: BW20 Approx: \$20

Saturday 13 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
Tarn Basin Ski Tour: There was no snow in July so this is another go at the same trip. We'll only aim to get to Tarn Basin and back so advanced skiers can zoom ahead and get a couple of laps in and newer skiers can do some big zigzags down into the basin. Usual touring kit (beacon, probe, shovel) and also ice axe and crampons. I'll be ordering fresh powder but the Craigieburns commonly get some extensive areas of wind ice so be prepared for that. If conditions are good we might go along to Mt Cheeseman and do a run down into the Ryton.	Grade: Ski Closes: 11 Sep Map: BW20 Approx: \$30 + tow cost if you want a lift up the field

Weekend 13-14 September Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Andrea Zahn 382 1044 andi.zahn@gmx.de
Rocky Creek - Griffin Creek: An old favourite this one: an interesting West Coast trip with a mixture of bush, riverbed, and track. The trip heads along some rough tracks and riverbed in the Rocky Creek then over a bush saddle to the well-situated Griffin Creek Hut. This hut has an outdoor bath, a wonderful outlook and blue ducks in the river. Sunday sees a climb to the bush line to a great view point before dropping back to the road.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 4 Sep Map: BU19 BU20 BV20 Approx: \$45

Sunday 14 September	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz
Pt 1709 m opposite Mt Binser: This trip is a bit of a variation on the Binser theme - we go up to Binser Saddle on the track but then instead of going for Binser itself we head north, up onto Pt 1532 m and a lovely horseshoe ridge framing the Lower Farm Stream catchment. The high-point of our section of the ridge is Pt 1709 m and there is a bit of up and down in between, so call it around 1400m height gain. From the other side of the horseshoe we'll descend a bush-clad ridge down into the Andrews Stream to pick up the track and out to the Andrews Shelter (about 16 km altogether). If there is snow you will need to have snow skills and appropriate equipment for this trip. It will probably be an early start - contact leader.	Grade: Moderate (requires snowskills) Closes: 11 Sep Map: BV21 Approx: \$25

Wednesday 17 September	Club Night
Moa Gear: And you thought moas were extinct. Roger Cowell, managing director of the kiwi-owned outdoor clothing company, Moa Gear, will show us a range of the more technical outdoor clothing the company has developed with trampers and climbers in mind. Come and see what this locally owned company has to offer in the highly competitive outdoor clothing market.	

Weekend 20-21 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@gmail.com
Edwards Hut, Mt Scott: The Edwards Hut, sleeps 14, has a wood stove and is about 4 hours in from the road. The plan, assuming good weather on Sunday, is to ascend Mt Scott (2009m) from the river valley north of Edwards Hut entailing about 1000m height gain. Walk out that day. But if the weather forecast is poor for Sunday, we may ascend Mt Scott on Saturday which could well mean leaving CHCH at 7pm on Friday night, staying at the club hut on Friday night, for a prompt start on Sat morning from Arthurs Pass. Ice axe, crampons, helmet required.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 11 Sep Map: BV20 BV21 Approx: \$40 + hut fee

Saturday 27 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
Bob's Biv: Bob's Biv is a little hunting hut in the Mt Thomas Forest. We will access it by going up the Wooded Gully Track to the open ridge west of Mt Thomas itself (about 600 m height gain). From there we follow the crest of the ridge north-west over points 1043, 953 and 1046 m (about 300 m more accumulated 'up') to a bush saddle and the biv itself - officially called 'Bob's Camp Bivouac' by DOC. Return will be the same way and then down the Ridge Track back to the picnic area. Expect a reasonably long day, about 9 km in each direction.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 25 Sep Map: BW23 Approx: \$20

Weekend 27-28 September	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
Top Hut, Pito Peak: Pito Peak (2401m) is the highest point in the Big Hill Range, close to Mt Arrowsmith. It easily overlooks the Potts Range and most mountains on the other side of the Lawrence River - great views are guaranteed, weather permitting. The most direct route follows the Cameron River and over a low saddle into Top Hut for the night. From the hut it is 'only' 1300m height gain to the peak which does not look straight forward from any angle. I don't think that the club has been there before but I suspect that Steve is going to find a way to drive half way up this mountain.	Grade: Hard Closes: 18 Sep Map: BW18 Approx: \$45

Sunday 28 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: David Sutton 03 3318064 david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz	
<p>Red Peak: Red Peak (not to be confused with Red Hill) is a significant summit (1853 m) on the Torlesse Range, just north-east of The Gap. It gets its name from the up-tilted layer of red, ultramafic rock that stains its flanks. Red Peak is slightly isolated by the fact that it lies on the hard side of The Gap and orthogonal to the Mt Torlesse-Junction-Back-Otarama Peak axis. On this trip we'll tackle it by ascending Mt Torlesse (1961 m) and then circling around in an anticlockwise direction, over Junction Peak (1882 m) to Red Peak and down the steep southern ridge into the upper reaches of the Kowai River. About 22.4 km travel and ~1600 m height gain. Ice axes and crampons will be required.</p>		Grade: ModHard Closes: 25 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 4-5 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Thomas Matern 354-4309 matern.nz@gmail.com	
<p>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.</p>		Grade: Easy+ Closes: 25 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$35	
Weekend 4-5 October Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Brian Dougan srotje@yahoo.com	
<p>Klondyke Valley, Rahu River: The Klondyke Valley track starts at Rahu Saddle, west of Springs Junction. Plan for Saturday is to set up a high camp at a larger tarn below Pt1531. There should be great views over the Maruia River and the Inangahua River from that peak. Sunday you'll try to return to the road via Pt1541, Pt1401 and the Klondyke Spur Track.</p>		Grade: ModHard Closes: 25 Sep Map: BT22 Approx: \$45	
Weekend 11-12 October Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Angela Lowery 03 3529914 lowery_ang@hotmail.com	
<p>Arthur's Pass Base Camp: Winter is over, time for another trip to our lovely warm club hut in Arthur's Pass. There is a great variety of tracks in the area, from a few minutes to full day walks - there is something for everyone and having the Wobbly Kea as a dinner option sounds so much better than the usual dehydrated food.</p>		Grade: All Closes: 2 Oct Map: BV20 Approx: \$40 + hut fee	

Weekend 18-19 October	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196
Departure point: Contact Leader	steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz

<p>Canyon Ck - Mt Barth: This is a four trips in one deal. We will leave town Saturday morning, drive down to the Ahuriri Valley, then tramp up Canyon Creek to camp in the head of the valley at or near the rock bivy. It's a moderate 5km with about 700m climb, mostly untracked. There is a short sharp little up then down track at the start to warm up on (and get you past a small gorge). Canyon Ck is very attractive alpine amphitheatre with spectacular scenery in an easily accessed valley. On Sunday the options include: - Climbing Mt Barth (2456m, G2+) - mostly a steep snow route, likely to be a couple of rope pitches. - Climbing Mt Helm - a "tramper" peak with great views into the Hunter valley and across to Mt Brewster. - Tramping out of Canyon Ck via the Cullers route over the ridge and dropping straight down to the Ahuriri. - Sleep in and wander back down the valley with the climbers when they stagger back to camp. I will be focusing on doing Mt Barth. Mt Helm and the Cullers route options will depend on someone suitable to lead them being on the trip. Sleeping and wandering option available to all.</p>	<p>Grade: Hard with easier options</p> <p>Closes: 9 Oct</p> <p>Map: BZ14</p> <p>Approx: \$65</p>
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Long Weekend 25-27 October Labour Weekend	Leader: Craig Beere 381-0839
Departure point: Contact Leader	havokk@ihug.co.nz

<p>Welcome Flat Hot Pools: Enjoy a long weekend at/in the best hot pools the South Island has on offer. We will possibly leave on Friday afternoon and camp somewhere near Fox. After having a good breakfast in Fox the next morning we will follow a great track to the pools. On Sunday there are options to venture up the valley or to relax in the pools. On Monday we will walk back to the cars and return to Christchurch, hopefully before midnight. The hut and the camp site nearby need to be booked. This is your own responsibility and you better do this early - this is a busy spot on long weekends.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod</p> <p>Closes: 16 Oct</p> <p>Map: BX14 BX15</p> <p>Approx: \$80-\$100 + Hut Fees.</p>
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Trip Reports

6 July 2014

Ohinetahe Reserve to Governors Bay for lunch and back.

An easy social trip of about 11km with 400m of height gain.

11 of us met up on the Summit Road at the car park at the top of the Kennedies Bush Track at 8:30. We had a good mix of new-to-club trampers and long time members which made for a pleasant mix. We headed off carefully down through the reserve on the Bivy track, new people watching their footing to the noisy chattering of old friends catching up on each other's news.

At the bottom of Bivy track we headed off along O'Farrels track towards Living Springs. This track is easier going and allowed us to make the most of the view over the harbour. Then, after a short break during which our small crowd discussed the meaning of oxymoron, we walked through the Living Springs farm to the scenic coastal pathway to Governors Bay pier. But before we got there we met Richard coming the other way to meet us. Unable to do the whole tramp he had elected to join us for lunch and walk back with us.



View over Lyttelton Harbour

After some photos at the pier, we wandered up to the hotel. The staff had laid us a table for 12 and we variously hoed into seafood chowder, soup of the day, fish of the day, lamb ribs, thai salad, burger, or all day breakfast. Accompanied by good kiwi beer or soft drinks this was a satisfying lunch.



Sathya and John on Governors Bay Pier

Then we just had to walk back to the cars! The gps said 413m of uphill. This was initially on Faulkner's track then Southern Boundary and finally on Watlings track.

Our full tummies slowed us down but even so, we were back out at the cars by 15:00 and having coffee at Coffee Culture on Colombo St by 15:30.

Thanks to the following trampers who joined me (Susan Pearson) on this pleasant social trip: Ron Keeble, Bernhard Parawa, Scott Fowler, Kerrie

Maynard, Richard Lobb (part timer), Sarah Chauvin, Anthony Clark, Sathya and John Kumaralingam, Linda Kroening, Andrea Kofort.

5 July 2014

Mt Cheeseman & Towards Mt Olympus

Early start saw Bill steering us out of Z & heading to the Craigeburns. Beautiful morning in CHCH, but weather report from Metservice warned of horrendous winds about the Craigeburn tops. But we had faith that the wind would be a great deal less, especially by the time we reached said tops. Bill was confident that the wind forecasting web site that he uses is much better than most others, so we decided to be optimistic. And was our faith rewarded! Stunning blue skies, very cool but light breezes, & modest but often firm snow.



Traversing summit ridge to Mt Cheeseman

On the return leg, we crossed the hilly plain to the low saddle to the South of Cheeseman and descended the snowy bowls and gullies, gradually heading left to return to the ridge we ascended. Spying a decent scree, we enjoyed a rapid descent and variety.

Stats: 7 hrs 40 mins return to the car, 1370m height gain, max height 2037m (Mt Cheeseman), 14.5km.

Party: Alastair Brown (leader), Mani Singh (phone camera man), Warwick Dowling (scribbler), & Bill Johnson (GPS logger, driver, & phone camera man, on his first ever trip with the club).

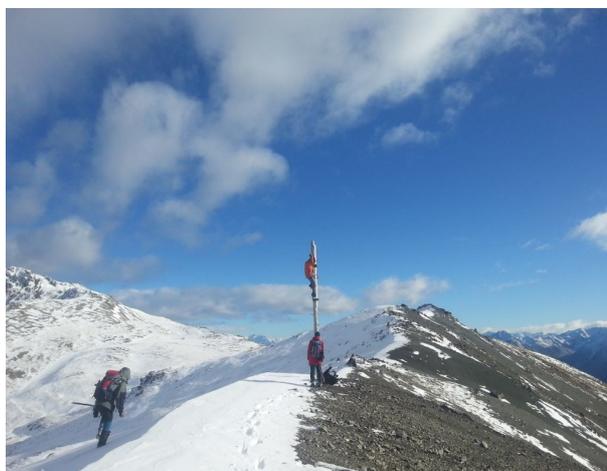
Thanks to Alastair for leading the trip when not feeling great, to Bill for the safe driving, and to Mani for the smiles and photos.

Bill's weather web site:<http://predictwind.com/>

We left the car at the base of Hogs Back hill, and took the poled route up.

Alastair generally led the way up without crampons (testing our nerve and skill when we reached the steeper snow slopes), and we followers put off putting on crampons until we reached the summit ridge. That made some of the ascent perhaps less safe than it could have been, although the runout was mostly good. I for one was much happier with crampons finally on.

We lunched at noon before the summit. At Cheeseman, we revised plans and decided that to reach Mt Olympus and return in the remaining time would mean a walk partly by torchlight which we elected to avoid (although we had torches). So, we went part way - to the wooden pole.



Alastair climbs the wooden pole part way to Mt Olympus

Ghost Busting at Carrington

Thirteen keen trappers headed off on Saturday morning to find out if there are any Ghost's occupying Carrington Hut. The weather forecast was marginal – one service showed rain to the east of the Divide the other kept it to the west so we were hoping for the best. We decided to start from the Waimak River Bridge carpark to keep the river crossings to a minimum. To make sure everyone had the strength required for the trip, homemade Ghost Cookies were offered at the start - vanished in no time. We took off for a long slog up the true right of the Waimak with a lunch stop at Anti-Crow Hut. The sky's splashed us with some drizzle and we all got really cold after crossing the Waimak reaching up to the tops of our thighs. The arrival in the hut was most appreciated and Adam did a great job getting the fire going.

We all gathered around two tables and had a feast on our shared entrée's. As noticed by one participant the youngsters on the trip dropped one at a time and fell asleep cuddled into their sleeping bags right there around the table. A main meal was created from ingredients provided by the team. Lucky the hut provided a big pot for our 1kg bacon experience (thanks Leah!) with vegetables, sauces, pasta and rice. A true culinary experience. Delwyn made sure we had some yummy ginger bread for dessert, custard, nuts, pears and all! It all got topped by Adam creating and baking a carrot cake right there and then in his dutch oven under and on top of the hut fire. We were all too tired to wait for the cake but we had the yummiest warm breakfast carrot cake ever including icing on the top!

The next day saw us walking out into the sunshine, rainbow and all. A great social weekend away with many new members of the club. Thanks everyone for contributing to a fun weekend away.

Now is there Ghost's in Carrington Hut? Well, every one of us has got their own theory! I slept far too good to hear anything at night, some heard noises and there was a packet of crackers missing in the morning. Who knows?

The Ghost Busters:

Jonathan Carr, Bernhard Parawa, Tomyu Hu, Sarah Bryson, Adam Burke, Delwyn Bassett, Lauren Russell, Thomas Le Blevec, Elizabeth Eaden-Jones, Kieren Eaden-Jones, Jason Baker, Leah Wilten, Andrea Zahn (trip leader & scribe)

External Events

Wanted volunteers: The North Canterbury branch of Forest & Bird run a stoat trapping programme near the Boyle village. Forest & Bird have a warm, comfortable hut which is used as a base located just off the main highway. With the beech mast season upon us, we have an urgent need for more volunteers. If you have an interest in conservation, then this is an ideal opportunity to get involved in a local project. A brief description of the project can be found at www.forestandbird.org.nz/north-canterbury/stoat-trapping If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lesley Shand email: wayleggo13@xtra.co.nz Phone: 379 0316

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

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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 337 3125 or 027 212 7498; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352-5329; or if they're both away, Andrew Wrapson 980-6006. Hut fees are \$15 member, \$15 member's partner, \$20 non-member, \$5 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell the hut convenor, Adrian Radcliffe, ph 0278390450.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Bernhard Parawa, ph. 337 3125. 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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