



# THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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*Girls on Top (from Chest Peak 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.

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## News

**Contact details on the CTC website:** Please ensure your contact details (phone number, address and emergency contact) are up-to-date on the CTC website. You can do this by logging on to the site and going to the 'User Details' section then 'View/edit your personal details'. This is very important - these details are crucial for Search & Rescue in case of an emergency. If you have any problems changing your details please contact Richard Lobb (see Contact Us section on the webpage).

**New Members Welcome:** We welcome five new members to the club this month, Janey Thomas, Phillipa Williams, Steve Gourdie, Carol Hogan and Miranda Charles . 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 '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 contact Silvia Horniakova 021-264-8430 or email [silwika@yahoo.com](mailto:silwika@yahoo.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.

Wednesday 23 April	Club Night
<b>Newsletter folding night:</b> After folding the newsletters we can have some social time.	
Long Weekend 25-27 April Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125
<b>ANZAC - Big Tops:</b> A moderate tramp from Aicken's Corner into the Big Top range and down to Koropuku Hut. Returning via the Otehake hot pools. Leaving 7:00am on Friday the 25th from the Z station and returning on Sunday the 27th.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 17 Apr Map: BV21 BU21 BU20 Approx: \$40

Saturday 26 April Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<b>Lake Lyndon - Lake Coleridge:</b> Alpine pasture, tussock country with some ascents and descents. Great views from Boundary Hill. This links up the Mount Georgina track.	Grade: Easy Closes: 24 Apr Map: BX20 BW21 Approx: \$20

Saturday 26 April Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Richard Kimberley 326 6158 janeandrichard@xtra.co.nz
<b>The Stones from the back:</b> This trip begins from Stony Bay Saddle (or Richards Bushblock) and runs down Stony Bay Rd before dropping into Stony Bay Stream to the 100 m contour. Then we'll climb to the Stones (518 m) and along Lisburn Track in Hinewai Reserve to Stony Bay Peak (806 m). We will return via Tama Track to Stony Bay Saddle. Good views overlooking the Pacific and some great Banks Peninsula bush.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 24 Apr Map: BY25 Approx: \$25

Wednesday 30 April	Club Night
<b>Annual General Meeting:</b> Annual General Meeting; Note doors open at 7.00 pm and the meeting starts promptly at 7.30 pm.: The 81th Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Tramping Club Inc. will be held this evening at our usual meeting place, (the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park, 57 Riccarton Avenue). Please turn up and vote on how and who runs your club. Please note that only full Christchurch Tramping Club members can vote, and they need to be present at the AGM in order to do so. Please read the agenda enclosed/attached with this newsletter. Please turn up before the 7.30 pm start of the AGM.	

Saturday 3 May Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: David Sutton 03 3318064 david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz
<b>Mt Binser:</b> Mt Binser is an impressive three-peaked block on the true left of the Waimakariri between that river and its confluences with the Hawdon and Poulter Rivers. On this trip the intention is to take the reverse of the conventional route. Starting from Poverty Flat on the Mt White Road, we'll head up a long ridge in a direct assault on the main, 1860-m peak. From there, it's another 2 km to over the middle peak to the north peak at 1753 m. Going in this direction affords an easier scree descent down to the Binser Track. This will be a longish day and requires a reasonable level of fitness. An early departure is possible. Make sure that you have contacted the leader.	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 1 May Map: BV21 Approx: \$25

Weekend 3-4 May Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Jonathan Carr 351-1574 jonathan@jonathancarr.com
<b>Puketeraki Traverse:</b> The plan is to leave chch Saturday late morning-midday head to the Lees valley and wamble up to Tarn hut. Sunday morning at dawn we will start on the traverse.. first summit is Lilburne hill... 2000m+ uphill, 27km+, no water, great views above Waimak gorge and Esk valley... a recipe for fun. Travel ultra light. If your overnight pack is over 4kg then you are very fit or on the wrong trip.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 24 Apr Map: BV22 Approx: \$20
Sunday 4 May Departure point: Sign of the Takahe	Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125 judychris@xnet.co.nz
<b>Sign of the Takahe to Sign of the Bellbird:</b> A there-and-back trip with tea and scones at the Bellbird - just like times of old. This is a great way to stretch the legs and have views of Christchurch, Lyttelton, Lincoln and the mountains across the Canterbury Plains. Because the track parallels the road people can walk as far up the hill as they like and return when it suits them. The leader is even prepared to take a car trailer load of bikes if people want to walk up and cycle back down. The trip would be a 8 am start from the Sign of the Takahe, and the return trip will be ~ 5 hrs. If you want to add the "bonus" of the Orongomai Bush Walk, it will be ~ 6 hrs return . A good chance for people to test their fitness, sun lotion or wet weather gear (depending on conditions).	Grade: Easy Closes: 1 May Map: BX24 Approx: \$0
Wednesday 7 May	Club Night
<b>Lord Howe Island - Philip Tree:</b> In May last year, Margie and Philip spent a week at Lord Howe Island. This island in the north Tasman Sea has unique flora and fauna, an extensive range of landforms in a small area, and is a fascinating place to go for a short holiday.	
Saturday 10 May Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
<b>Peak Hill:</b> Pat Barrett rates it 'unequivocally outstanding' as a viewpoint and a 'special place for mood and light' and he has surely seen a few of the best! There is good access via a well-graded track up to a small saddle from where you can see into both the Rakaia and out over beautiful Lake Coleridge. From the saddle we'll continue up through the tussocks to the broad summit at 1240 m, to give about 600 m height gain altogether. A great trip at any time of year.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 8 May Map: BW20 Approx: \$25

Weekend 10-11 May Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
<b>Lake Florence:</b> Departure 7:30pm Friday - We'll spend Friday night at the club hut. We climb up the Mt Barron track then sidle south through basins and/or along the ridge south to lake Florence. A side trip up Mt Armstrong for the keen, then tackle the notorious drop off the ridge down in to the Rolleston river which we follow back down to the cars.	Grade: Hard Closes: 1 May Map: BV20 Approx: \$30

Sunday 11 May Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Radu Popovici 027-553-2126 popovici.radustefan@gmail.com
<b>Phipps Peak one way or another:</b> Phipps Peak is a fairly jagged looking spike of 1965 m height at the north end of temple basis skifield area. We start near the skifield carpark and go up via along spur, which is on the "interesting" side of scrambly, 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. Depending on conditions and the desires and aspirations of participants, we could consider going north to Mt Stuart (1906) or south to Mt Temple (1913 m). Both options will require stamina and a head for heights. An early start is likely. Make sure you contact the leader beforehand.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 8 May Map: BV20 Approx: \$30

<b>Club Night</b>	
<b>Evening with Twin needle - Steve Haase:</b> Steve will talk to us about how to look after our gear, how to repair them and what everything can twin needle do for us. Come long if you have any gear maintenance related question and I am sure Steve would be able to put you on the right track.	

Weekend 17-18 May Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<b>Arthurs pass Basecamp:</b> Stay at the club hut for a social weekend Basecamp Styles. Venture out from the hut however you are so inclined - maybe to the cafe for coffee - maybe up a 2,000 m peak?	Grade: Basecamp Closes: 8 May Map: BV20 Approx: \$35 + hut fees

Weekend 17-18 May		Leader: Jeff Hall 338-0922
Departure point: Contact Leader		
<p><b>Mt Euclid (Paparoas):</b> It is a surprisingly doable weekend trip to climb Mt Flemming and Mt Euclid and camp at Lake Morgan. If it is not NW that is. Flemming is easy... but contagious... leading one to venture further... that's when the Paparoa virus tends to catch you out. Symptoms start with mist appearing from nowhere... then gendarmes... and before you know, your body is covered in scratches and cuts.. Euclid was a famous Greek Mathematician. Mathematicians tend not to be that successful in life. In Euclidian geometry the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Euclid obviously never went to the Paparoas where this is clearly not the case. I suspect a whole lifetime of misery could be achieved with this theory... particularly in the vicinity of singularities known as leatherwood and verticalness. The truth is that this is some of the best tramping in NZ... amazing granite tops... satisfying scrambles... navigation and problem solving... and a feeling of isolation (if you don't count goats) and wilderness that rivals Fiordland. Rutherford, Lavoisier and Einstein all offer further challenges for the future... all a short distance from the Charleston hut... if you believe Euclid. (Actually, the Greeks weren't too bad at mathemetics... but I'd steer well clear of their economists.)</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate  Closes: 8 May  Map: BS20  Approx: \$60</p>	

Sunday 18 May		Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		
<p><b>Mt Harper/Mahaanui:</b> Mt Harper (1829 m) is a great trip in the Ashburton Lakes area. We'll go in through Ashburton Gorge and along the Hakatere Potts Road to Lake Camp. In total there is about 17 km of travel and a bit over 1100 m of ascent. The ascent takes us up the moderately steep north slopes of Mt Harper. The normal return option is a lovely route down through the tussocks via Balmacaan Saddle to Balmacaan Stream, and then out along a rough track back to the cars.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate  Closes: 15 May  Map: BX19  Approx: \$30</p>

Wednesday 21 May Club Night

**Movie night - Chasing Ice:** In the spring of 2005, acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog headed to the Arctic on a tricky assignment for National Geographic: to capture images to help tell the story of the Earth's changing climate. Even with a scientific upbringing, Balog had been a skeptic about climate change. But that first trip north opened his eyes to the biggest story in human history and sparked a challenge within him that would put his career and his very well-being at risk. Chasing Ice is the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of our changing planet. Within months of that first trip to Iceland, the photographer conceived the boldest expedition of his life: The Extreme Ice Survey. With a band of young adventurers in tow, Balog began deploying revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the brutal Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers.

Saturday 24 May Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366  
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui bryce.williamson@canterbury.ac.nz

<p><b>Baldy Hill via Mt Manson:</b> 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.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 22 May Map: BV21 Approx: \$20</p>
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Weekend 24-25 May Leader: Li Li 039264395  
Departure point: Contact Leader

<p><b>Lake Man:</b> Lake Man is in Lake Sumner Park area. Meeting at LiLi's place (Burnside) 6am on Sat (not Z station). Starting tramp from the Doubtful Valley road end, along easy walk to Doubtful Hut (morning tea). Continue to Lake Man Biv for lunch, choice of camping by the bivy or an additional approx. 2hr climb to camp by Lake Man itself (preferable option). Sunday, Early start, aim to arrive St Jacob Hut for lunch and Hope Halfway Hut for afternoon tea. Get out of the track at Windy Point shelter by sun set. Please note -- Early start on both days, and approx. 10 hr hike per day with over night pack and tent. Would do a cross-over trip if there're enough interest, limit number to eight.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 15 May Map: BU22 BU23 Approx: \$30</p>
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Sunday 25 May Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
<b>Anti-Crow Hut:</b> 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: 22 May Map: BV20 Approx: \$25

Wednesday 28 May	Club Night
<b>Newsletter folding night:</b> After folding the newsletters we can have some social time.	

Saturday 31 May Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: David Sutton 03 3318064 david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz
<b>Sudden Valley to the Hawdon:</b> Sudden Valley Stream is a deeply gorged tributary of the Hawdon River, which it enters just before the Waimakariri River confluence. We will park at Hawdon Shelter then cross the Hawdon and head up Sudden Valley stream. After the steep walk out of the gorge we continue up the beautiful Sudden Valley to the hut half way up. From the hut we climb out of valley heading west (true left) to gain the ridge near 1595 , follow ridge to 1565, then descend to the Hawdon River valley which we will follow down to the Shelter and cars.	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 29 May Map: BV21 Approx: \$25

Long Weekend 31 May-2 June Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: LEADER WANTED!
<b>3 Passes - Harmon, Whitehorn, Browning:</b> This is a classic Canterbury Tramp over "The three Passes". Watch this space. (PS Leader wanted - if you are prepared to lead this trip please advise the overnight trip organiser).	Grade: ModHard Closes: 22 May Map: BV19 BV20 Approx: \$30

Long Weekend 31 May-2 June Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Thomas Matern 354-4309
<b>QUEENS B'Day - Cassel Flats Hut:</b> Cassel Flats Hut up the Karangarua River on the West Coast, south of the Glaciers. This trip starts at the same place as the Welcome Flat Hotpools (Copland Valley) track - but on the true left of the Karangarua. The track is mostly in the river bed, with some bush travel to the 6 bunk hut. Now since this is a Thomas trip I expected there to be a hot pool involved - but for the life of me I cannot find one on the map. Ah well - at least there will be Chocolate - aye Thomas?	Grade: Moderate Closes: 22 May Map: BX14 Approx: \$80

Long Weekend 31 May-2 June Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: LEADER NEEDED!!!
<b>QUEENS B'Day - Faerie Queen/Gloriana:</b> Glorian and Faerie Queen are two peaks over 2200 m in the Spenser mountains - accessed off the St James Walkway. The approach is easy, the peaks are getting up there into the "hard" category. These two peaks have been on my bucket list for ages, so volunteer to lead me there (please :-)	Contact Weekend trip organiser if you can lead this trip...	Grade: ModHard Closes: 22 May Map: BT23 Approx: \$35
Wednesday 4 June		Club Night
<b>French Alps and beyond by Clem and Boris:</b> Clem and Boris are French, living in Christchurch and enjoying its outdoors. Before that, they experienced the French mountains and would like to share some of their pictures. From the French Southern Alps where they were living, to the Northern Alps, Pyrénées, and the overseas territory of Reunion island, they will give you their personal overview of french ranges : landscapes, fauna and flora, 'refuges' and much more!		
Weekend 7-8 June Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Thomas Matern 354-4309
<b>Otehake Hot Pools:</b> This is a classic club trip to the Otehake Hot Pools. After crossing the Otira River it is an easy stroll along the Taramakau and up to Lake Kaurapataka. The flood track along the Otehake River is a bit challenging but we might be able to follow the river if we are lucky. There is a great camp site on an island next to the pools. On Sunday it is either the same way back or we follow the Otehake all the way downstream to the Taramakau.		Grade: Easy+ Closes: 29 May Map: BU20 BU21 BV21 Approx: \$40
Weekend 14-15 June Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Silvia Horniakova 021 264 8430 silwika@yahoo.com
<b>Kirwans Hut:</b> The walk up to Kirwans Hut is one of New Zealand's classic overnight tramps. There are some historic relics to be seen on the way like: Fiery Cross Gold Mine, Just in Time Mine and Kirwans Reward Mine. The well formed (and beautiful!) track up to the hut was originally hand crafted by miners. We will drive to Reefton on Friday night and stay in the Reefton Motor Camp. Then we walk to Kirwans Hut and out the same way on Sunday (unless somebody has better idea of a loop than Waitahu valley 4WD track). There will be an optional side tramp to a mighty 1297m high Kirwans Hill with grand views over rugged Victoria range. The walk to the hut takes about 6hours (could be more with mine exploration) and there is a graduate but still 1000m height gain on the first day.		Grade: Moderate Closes: 5 Jun Map: BS21 BS22 BT22 Approx: \$70-\$80

Weekend 14-15 June Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
<b>Pinnacle Biv, Genoa Peak:</b> The last record of the CTC heading to Genoa Peak was in 2000 - 14 years ago. Seize this rare opportunity to head to this corner of the world. We head up the Kokatahi Valley to Boo Boo Hut, this track is no longer maintained by DOC, only efforts by volunteers like Permolat keep it usable. From Boo Boo it's a 600m climb up to the bivvy, this part of the route was partially re-cut in 2013. We'll camp by the Biv and see what time allows for a wander up Genoa Pk and possibly a bit further along the Toaroha range.	Grade: ModHard to Hardish depending on route Closes: 5 Jun Map: BV19 Approx: \$50
Weekend 21-22 June Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Li Li 039264395 ahhlili01@hotmail.com
<b>Mingha - Deception (incl camping at Lake Mavis):</b> The Mingha Deception route is the running part of the Coast to Coast. We will cheat by travelling from the east coast in cars, and only walk the track. For the super keen (if the conditions are right) there is a plan to ascend from Goat Pass up to Lake Mavis - which is a stunning alpine campsite. Those who prefer can stay in the Goat Pass Hut. This is a moderate walk with some river travel, wet feet are a certainty, snow is also highly probable. The hope is that there will be two cars and it will be possible to walk out through the deception river. Talk to LiLi if you want to go along.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 12 Jun Map: BV20 Approx: \$30
Weekend 28-29 June Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: James Hopkins 03 967 5003
<b>Lake Daniell - Manson-Nichols Memorial Hut:</b> There is some CTC history in this location. Come along and learn about it. This is a stunning location in the Lewis Pass - I have always wanted to go here when there is snow - hopefully the late June trip date will resolve this.	Grade: Easy Closes: 19 Jun Map: BT22 BT23 Approx: \$30
Multi day trip 1-6 July Date TBC Late June Early July Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Liz Tanner 0061 466 96404 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
<b>Winter Warmth - Brisbane:</b> Escape the winter for some warmth in Queensland..... Exact date to be confirmed - End of June or beg July...5 day walks on Scenic rim south of Brisbane...Mt Warning, Springbrook national park, Lamington National park and others. To join trip contact Liz - via email, or if you prefer talk to her on her Oz mobile - 0061 466966404	Grade: EasyMod Contact Liz via email Map: Approx: Flying to Oz!!!

Weekend 12-13 July		Leader: Andrea Zahn 382 1044	
Departure point: Contact Leader		andi.zahn@gmx.de	
<p><b>Carrington Hut Ghost Busting:</b> So some say Carrington Hut is haunted. Come along and find out for yourself. Bring your best ghost story. The trip is generally easy, but this is mid winter and there may be snow about so don't take the easy bit too much for granted!</p>		<p>Grade: Easy+</p> <p>Closes: 3 Jul</p> <p>Map: BV20</p> <p>Approx: \$30</p>	
Weekend 9-10 August		Leader: Adrian Busby 325-5001	
Departure point: Contact Leader			
<p><b>SNOWCRAFT COURSE:</b> The Annual Snowcraft course has been announced. Come to a club meeting and get your name on that list. Numbers strictly limited and this course always fills up fast!!!</p>		<p>Grade: Training</p> <p>Closes: 31 Jul</p> <p>Map: BV20</p> <p>Approx: \$40 + hut fee</p>	

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# Trip Reports

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30 March 2014

## Chest Peak

I've decided that 7:00 starts are just not worth it. Last week I went on Bernhard's trip and the extra hour was wasted and now this trip the same thing happened. Maybe at that time of the morning we are just not as alert and responsible as we should be. And I am not talking just about the leader, us experienced trampers signing up to go with the leader ought to have been prepared, alert and helpful instead of oblivious and dependant.

So on Sunday we got to the start of the track at 10:00am after at least one adventure and 2 trampers down. Richard bravely took responsibility for our lateness and got down on his knees and asked pardon with toffee pops. Naturally this smoothed discontent and he was forgiven. Looking up valley to Chest Peak it seemed an awful long way off and we know we had a full on day ahead if we were to summit.

Richard had been here before several times, even featuring on an old youtube clip (with rather fuzzy photos) of the tramp. His plan was to take a 'shortcut' up the Whistler River to the junction with Mannering stream where we would bash up to the old track and take the reasonably straightforward if relatively strenuous ridge to the top.

The day was warm with some light cloud cover keeping the fierce sun away. We cut across the terraces above the true right of the river for the first kms and after that it was river travel for the best part of 2 hours. The river was mostly ankle to shin deep which was good because we had to cross, cross, cross, cross and cross.... again and again... but the boulders were all nice and grippy and we got gradually closer to the Peak.



*Boys on Top*

Once at the junction we had a rapid first lunch and filled up with water. We wandered up Mannering stream until we thought we could see a reasonable way up that avoided bluffs. This bush bash up approx 300m was not too hard and we were soon on the old overgrown track heading for pt 1225. We stopped here for 2nd lunch at 1:30 and contemplated how long it would take us to climb the last 800m to the top. I thought it would take 2 hours but Richard believed we'd be there by 3:00pm. To be fair the ridge was pretty easy travel, apart from the odd sneaky spaniard, tricky tussock, and further up - slippery scree. Patches of uprooted Spaniards probably meant our relatively easy bush travel further down had been aided by porky passages.

The last 300m were a slog and by that time a keen wind had picked up, but Richard the motivator kept those of us that were flagging moving on up and we all made the top by 3:00pm. It was too cool up there to hang about and we were all keen to get back to the cars before dark so we happily set off down again. Luckily at least one of us had woken up by now and noticed that we had started heading down the wrong ridge (Thanks Cameron).

We were soon pushing through the dracophyllum, and manuka regrowth heading for a slightly different bush descent to the river. Several of us spent more time bum sliding here than we would have liked, but luckily it was soft and not dangerous so that was okay. Not so lucky was a recently dead chamois we found at the bottom in a small rockslide.

The walk back along the river was uneventful (well apart from me sitting in it) but we did follow it further back than we needed. For the record, it would have been more efficient to get out of the river where we entered it on the way up. We got back to the cars at 7:30 after tramping 25km and climbing 1550m.

Three cheers for our leader, effective motivator, humble apologist, dispenser of toffee pops, excellent route planner and timekeeper extraordinaire. 'Twas a good day out with good company.

Trampers: Susan Pearson (scribe), Laurayne Robb, Nadeine Dommissie, Angela Lowery, Richard Kimberley (leader) Kees de Jager, Cameron McAlpine.



*On the way down*

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# Classifieds

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

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## More about the CTC

### Club Officers

<i>President:</i>	Andrea Zahn	382 1044	<i>New Members Rep:</i>	David Cockeram	337-0948
<i>Senior Vice President:</i>	Alan Ross	384-6425	<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Bryce Williamson	351-6366
<i>Junior Vice President:</i>	Steve Bruerton	322-6196	<i>Weekend Trip Organiser:</i>	James Hopkins	03 967 5003
<i>Secretary:</i>	Angela Lowery	03 3529914	<i>Social Convenor:</i>	Silvia Horniakova	021 264 8430
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Cristina Zablan	03 374 6354	<i>Gear Custodian:</i>	Thomas Matern	354-4309
<i>Club Captain:</i>	Adrian Busby	325-5001	<i>Editor:</i>	Sam Cook	342-3735
<i>New Members Rep:</i>	Liz Van Ekeris	337-0948	<i>Hut Convenor:</i>	Steve Bruerton	322-6196

**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, 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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