



# THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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*Dayle, Matt and Richard on Bold Hill  
(from Torlesse Traverse)*

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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## 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](mailto: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 24 September		Club Night
<b>Newsletter Folding Night:</b> Come and have some social time while being first to see what exciting tramps and activities are coming up in next month's newsletter.		
Saturday 27 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 <a href="mailto:newmike@slingshot.co.nz">newmike@slingshot.co.nz</a>
<b>Bob's Biv:</b> 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 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 <a href="mailto:Tecbruce@gmail.com">Tecbruce@gmail.com</a>
<b>Manuka Hut, Stour River:</b> Manuka Hut, 6 bunk, located by the Stour River West in the Hakatere Conservation Park. We will tramp to Manuka Hut (3hrs) on Saturday spending the night there. On arrival a look about the area to occupy some of the day left then enjoy the excesses of a pot luck tea. Sunday its down the Stour River (tracked) to the Bridge at Barossa (500m) and home. About 5 hours of downhill easy flattish! Walking each day. Also a shorter option for the social butterflies who may wish to exit back to the cars after bagging the hut.		Grade: Easy Closes: 18 Sep Map: BX19 Approx: \$20

Sunday 28 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: David Sutton 03 3318064 david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz	
<p><b>Red Peak:</b> 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	
Wednesday 1 October		Club Night	
<p><b>Social night:</b> At this stage, we may have a speaker but this has not been confirmed in time for the Newsletter. I will send an email to club members with details if this goes ahead. If not, please come along, maybe with some photos from recent trips to share (I will bring the club laptop and projector), and we will have a social time.</p>			
Saturday 4 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p><b>Somewhere Banks Peninsula:</b> Due to lambing this tramp will be somewhere on the peninsula. All options will be a great day out with great views, with weather gods smiling this time Terrain is farmed hill country on, and off tracks. Kid suitable but contact leader first. &amp;TecBruce@Gmail.com&amp;T; Time: 4-5 hrs. Height 500m.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 2 Oct Map: BX24 BY24 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 4-5 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Thomas Matern 354-4309 matern.nz@gmail.com	
<p><b>Crow Hut:</b> 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><b>Klondyke Valley, Rahu River:</b> 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	

Sunday 5 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<b>Coastal Exploring - Pegasus Bay Walkway:</b> Another of Bruce's coastal exploring series. Pegasus Bay Walkway starting at North Beach along the coastal reserve track in the sand dunes to lunch at Spenser Park. Return is along the beach. Height gain: 10 m. Distance: 12 km. OK for kids and buggies but check with the leader first (TecBruce@gmail.com).	Grade: Easy/family Closes: 2 Oct Map: BW24 Approx: \$10

Sunday 5 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com
<b>Mt Oakden southeast ridge:</b> 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: 2 Oct Map: BW20 Approx: \$25

Wednesday 8 October	Club Night
<b>London to Cape Town:</b> Two Turkeys and a Rope - one truck, two turkeys, 10 months, 29 countries, London to Cape Town. An overland adventure of epic proportions. Vanessa Horwell will present a slide show of her overland trip in 2011 and the many climbing, tramping and other adventures along the way.	

Saturday 11 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
<b>Coastal Exploring MOUNT VULCAN::</b> Starting from the Motanau River's confluence we follow the coastal strip below the cliffs (low tide) where we enjoy morning tea before heading inland. Exploring the coastal steppes as we ascend Mount Vulcan for lunch with its surrounding views including Motanau Island, Cass Ridge et al. Return a different way. Rehydration at Amberley. Terrain: Beach, coastal flats with farm tracks and off track tramping. Kid suitable but contact leader first.&lt;TecBruce@Gmail.com&gt; Height 400m 45hrs	Grade: Easy/family Closes: 9 Oct Map: BV25 Approx: \$20

Saturday 11 October	Leader: Michael Newlove 021-168-5716
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	355-8360

<p><b>Woolshed Hill:</b> Woolshed Hill (1429 m) stands above the Hawdon River, off the Mt White Road. Why is it called Woolshed? Good question with no obvious answer. There will be about 820 m of ascent, mostly through beech, following a good track up the crest of a ridge and then about a kilometre of tussocky tops. The first 300 m or so up is reasonably steep. There are great views from the top down into the Waimakariri/Hawdon confluence and the upper Sudden Valley (bring your maps and count off the names of polar explorers as you identify the bumps on the Polar Range); and, on the other side, Andrews Stream.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 9 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$25</p>
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Weekend 11-12 October	Leader: Angela Lowery 0220889370
Departure point: Contact Leader	lowery_ang@hotmail.com

<p><b>Arthur's Pass Base Camp:</b> Come and enjoy a weekend at our amazing club hut! If conditions permit, I'd like to do the Avalanche-Bealey crossover on Saturday and a shorter meander somewhere close to the village on Sunday (Chris is keen to tackle Aitken on Sunday). There are plenty of walk options for all levels and varying distances around the area so something for everyone. Saturday night will be pot-luck style at the club hut (I'll be bringing cake to celebrate being a year older on the 7th!). Due to the number of beds at the hut this trip is limited to 13 spots so get your name in quick! Departing Friday afternoon after work, returning Sunday.</p>	<p>Grade: All Closes: 2 Oct Map: BV20 Approx: \$40 + hut fee</p>
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Sunday 12 October	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p><b>Coleridge Pass:</b> Coleridge Pass is the low pass that separates the Rakaia and Waimakariri catchments just south of Porter Heights and at the head of the Porter River. Check with the leader for details. The trip is subject to getting permission during lambing season.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 9 Oct Map: BW20 Approx: \$20</p>
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Wednesday 15 October	Club Night
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<p><b>Social Night:</b> Let's share an easy supper. Bring along a packet of biscuits or whatever takes your fancy to share, and we'll share yarns too. Please bring along your photos (on a memory stick or other transportable means) and I will bring the Club projector so we can have a look.</p>	
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Long Weekend 17-19 October	Leader: Angela Lowery [coordinator] 0220889370 lowery_ang@hotmail.com
<p><b>Intermediate Alpine Skills Course:</b> We are organising an Intermediate Alpine Skills Course for the weekend of 17th-19th October. The course will cover more advanced skills than ice axe and crampons (i.e. glacier travel, rope work and anchors) so you will need to be experienced with the basics. An instructor from Adventure Logistics is coming on board to give professional training so the course will cost approximately \$260. The price includes Friday night at the CTC Club Hut in Arthurs Pass, Saturday night up at Temple Basin (catered) and the 2 days of instruction. At this stage the course is limited to 6 people (if they find another instructor we may have room for more). I will get a list together, as well as a waiting list in case there are room for more. We will require a deposit upon confirmation. Contact the trip leader ASAP if you would like to attend.</p>	<p>Grade: Training Closes: 9 Oct Map: Approx: \$260</p>

Weekend 18-19 October Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
<p><b>Canyon Ck - Mt Barth:</b> 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 Closes: 9 Oct Map: BZ14 Approx: \$65</p>

Sunday 19 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 021-168-5716 355-8360
<p><b>Hogs Back:</b> From the access road just west of Castle Hill Village, a track follows the Long Spur ridgeline, then through beech forest, crossing Long Creek and Waterfall Creek. We then go up Hogs Back itself (1,032 m), traversing the ridge before crossing Hogs Back Creek. Up to Long Spur and pick up the track back to the cars. A mix of on and off track tramping. Round trip around 15 km and 400 m height gain.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Mod Closes: 16 Oct Map: BW21 Approx: \$20</p>

Sunday 19 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
<b>Port Hills Gibraltar Rock &amp; Omahu Reserve:</b> Continuing on from the previous Ahuriri tramp an easy day tramp exploring the Port Hills. Great views of the plains and Mountains. Some farm track, off track and reserve bench tracks. Kid suitable but contact leader first. &lt;TecBruce@Gmail.com&gt;Height: 450m. Time: 4-5hrs	Grade: Easy Closes: 16 Oct Map: BX24 Approx: \$10

Wednesday 22 October	Club Night
<b>Scandinavia to the Red Sea:</b> It is exciting and challenging enough to embark on an overland journey from Scandinavia to the Red Sea. It is even more interesting when you take your son and his scooter. Come and join Jovan Andric to hear about his and his son's adventures.	

Saturday 25 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 021-168-5716 355-8360
<b>Ryde Falls:</b> This trip in the lovely Mt Oxford Forest is suitable for families and everyone looking for a relaxing social tramp. We'll follow the well-benched track from the View Hill/Wharfedale Track 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: 23 Oct Map: BW22 Approx: \$15

Weekend 25-26 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
<b>Avoca Hut Overnight:</b> Easy 3Km walk from Avoca Railway Station along 4WD track to the old restored Avoca Homestead. Then continue along the old coach track above Waimakariri Gorge to Staircase Gully returning similar way to hut. Pot luck tea. Sunday, Black Water Lakes & Mount Rosa (private) a high peak with great views above the Waimakariri river, or investigate the old Broken River mine relics. Height: 780m 4-6hrs each day, 3rd Bagged Hut.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 16 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$30 + hut fees

<p>Long Weekend 25-27 October Labour Weekend Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Carol Exton 03 324 2202 carolxx48@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Clarence River kayaking:</b> Drive past Hamner Springs evening Fri 24 Oct, to the put in at Acheron. Camp overnight and start kayaking as early as possible Saturday morning. Three full days kayaking down the Clarence River (63km, 51km and 54km). Overnight at Seymour Hut on Saturday and Snowgrass Hut on Sunday. Pick up from SH 1 bridge Mon 27 Oct. late afternoon. We have some spare gear available, but you must have some experience.</p>	<p>Grade: Kayak Closes: 16 Oct Map: Approx: Contact Leader</p>
<p>Long Weekend 25-27 October Labour Weekend Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Alan Ross 384-6425 alan_sue@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p><b>Manakau:</b> We will stay in Kaikoura on the Friday night. Day 1: travel into the north branch of the Hapuku River and climb to Stace Saddle. Climb to 1800m then sidle NW looking for a camp in the basins. Day 2 we will ascend to the top of the range, linger then retreat to the camp. Day 3 descend and drive home. NOTE there is no camp between 300m and 1,800m so you must be able to handle this height gain. Space limited to 12</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard Closes: 16 Oct Map: BT27 Approx: \$70</p>
<p>Long Weekend 25-27 October Labour Weekend Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Craig Beere 381-0839 havokk@ihug.co.nz</p>
<p><b>Welcome Flat Hot Pools:</b> 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 Closes: 16 Oct Map: BX14 BX15 Approx: \$80-\$100 + Hut Fees.</p>

Sunday 26 October Leader: David Sutton 0211808081  
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz

<p><b>Mt Cloudsley-Mt Enys:</b> here's a chance to bag four 2,000-m peaks in a single day. From Castle Hill Village we'll climb ~1300 m along Long Spur to Mt Cloudsley (2107 m) then head south along the Craigieburn ridge, over Pt 2089 m to Mt Enys (2194 m), the highest point on the Craigieburn Range. The descent will be over Carn Brae (2090 m) and along Dead Man Spur and out through the bouldered landscape of Kura Tawhiti Reserve. If there is snow around you'll need to have done your basic snow craft or equivalent for this trip, but if you have it is a pretty good introduction to more serious alpine tramping: ice axe and crampons (and the ability to use them) will probably be required. Note - there could be an early start - contact the leader.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills)</p> <p>Closes: 23 Oct</p> <p>Map: BW20</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>
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Wednesday 29 October Club Night

**Newsletter folding night:** It's that time of month again. Be first to see what trips are in the pipeline. Catch up with your fellow trampers to plot and scheme your next tramps and climbs while helping to ready next month's newsletter for distribution.

Multi day trip 31 October-1 November Leader: Adrian Busby 325-5001  
 Departure point: Horticultural Society Hall - 7 pm adrian.busby1@gmail.com

<p><b>Basic navigation:</b> Adrian will run a two-part training course intended to give good basic all-round insight into navigation in the mountains. It covers GPS use and the more essential aspects of navigation, such as map reading and compass work. The first part will be conducted in the Horticultural Halls (normal club meeting place) at 7.00 pm SHARP on Friday night. Then we'll go out on the hills near Little River on Saturday, starting at 9.00 am. You must attend the Friday night session in order to be able to do the field work. You must also put your name on the Trip list since this course always fills rapidly.</p>	<p>Grade: Training</p> <p>Closes: 23 Oct</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: None</p>
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Saturday 1 November Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210  
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p><b>Banks Peninsula - High Bare Peak:</b> Usually graded moderate because of the height gain this tramp starts highup and descends easily to the Little River Coffee Shop. More to come</p>	<p>Grade: Easy</p> <p>Closes: 30 Oct</p> <p>Map: BX24 BY24</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>
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Saturday 1 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bruce James 332-3473 bruce.s.james@gmail.com	
<b>Gargarus:</b> Garagrus (1655 m) is a big flat-topped mound across the Harper River from the north end of Lake Coleridge. We'll first climb ~400 m up from Glenthorne Station to Gargarus Saddle, then turn south and climb another 650 m to the broad summit plateau. There are great views to Lake Coleridge, up the Wilberforce and Harper Rivers, and to Mts Olympus and Oakden, as well as The Spurs. There are also several return options, including a trip past Lake Lilian.		Grade: Moderate Closes: 30 Oct Map: BW20 Approx: \$25	
Weekend 1-2 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz	
<b>Princess Bath:</b> Mt Princess is a high peak (2126 m) north west of Lake Tennyson and directly north of Maling Pass. Tucked into a cirque on its southern slopes, and about 400 m below the summit, is a large and spectacular tarn called Princess Bath. We'll leave on Saturday at 8am from the Z station, camp up by the tarn, and scale a peak or two as and when time permits.		Grade: Moderate Closes: 23 Oct Map: BT24 Approx: \$40	
Weekend 1-2 November		Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125 judychris@xnet.co.nz	
<b>Woolshed Hill - Tent Virgin's trip:</b> A chance to try out tenting for the first time or just a relaxing weekend away in the hills. Depending on the levels of fitness we will have a climb to the top of a hill or two, maybe even watch a sunset and/or sunrise on top of a ridge. The hills available to climb range from 600 to 1,000 metres of vertical climb and there is an endless amount of good tramping kms available.		Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace Closes: 23 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$35	
Sunday 2 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Ruth Gray 3745547 ruthterina@yahoo.co.nz	
<b>Big Mt Peel:</b> Peel Forest is a remnant of a magnificent podocarp forest that once covered a huge area in mid-Canterbury and, with its mild moist climate, has the highest diversity of ferns in New Zealand. This tramp will take us right into this wonderful area, ascending through the vegetation layers out onto the tussock slopes of Mt Peel. First Little Mt Peel (1310 m, 900 m+ height gain), then a bit over 4 km to Middle Mt Peel (1583 m) and a further 2-3 km to Big Mt Peel itself (1743 m, about 1400 m height gain from the cars). As you'd expect, the tussock tops offer panoramic views out over this lovely area. Note: there could be an early start - make sure you contact the leader - and be prepared for a long but rewarding day.		Grade: ModHard Closes: 30 Oct Map: BY19 Approx: \$30	

Saturday 8 November		Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui			
<p><b>TORTIS Tours presents, "How to get lost for beginners":</b> A chance to learn and practise some basic bush craft skills and survival tips, in case you ever get "misplaced" on a tramping trip. Due to budget constraints this will not be a Bear Grylls episode involving helicopters or dead possum stew. Instead it will be a chance to learn and refine the simple skills of route finding, building a shelter, lighting a fire etc. This will be perfect use of a Saturday for all those trampers who fail (or want to build on) Adrian's navigation course. Bring your normal day backpack, a big lunch and a sense of humour, because everything else required for the course will be provided. Each trip is restricted to a max of four people. Any trip survivors may be involved in a post-trip debrief at the Oxford pub on the Sunday night. This will run every Saturday in November if there is enough demand.</p>		Grade: EasyMod Closes: 6 Nov Map: BW22 Approx: \$15	

Weekend 8-9 November		Leader: Leader Required	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui			
<p><b>Sawcut Gorge/Kaikoura Base camp:</b> The Sawcut Gorge is a stunning geological feature, to be visited as part of a Kaikoura Base Camp. Leader required: please contact Steve Bruerton (322-6196) or Richard Lobb (351 2344) if you'd be prepared to lead this trip.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 30 Oct Map: BS28 Approx: \$45	

Sunday 9 November		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui			
<p><b>Baldy Hill via Mt Manson:</b> This is the third attempt at this trip -- thwarted first by weather and the second time by the station manager going on holiday. 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>		Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 6 Nov Map: BV21 Approx: \$20	

Long Weekend 14-16 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045
<p><b>Mueller Hut:</b> A very stunning 1000m height gain brings you to perhaps the most accessible alpine hut in NZ &amp; it is located just south of Mt Cook. The views from here are legendary. We have to book our place in this hut, but we can't book until we arrive at the Mt Cook village, from memory... See leader for further details. Ice-axe should be taken. Crampons are not likely to be needed, but that really depends on the weather...</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 6 Nov Map: BX15, BY15 Approx: \$70 + Hut Fees	
Saturday 15 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 021-168-5716 355-8360
<p><b>Purple Peak/Ellangowan Reserve/Takamatua Valley:</b> This trip will start in Akaroa from where we will follow the Purple Peak Track up to the saddle between Purple and Stony Bay Peaks. Then it is up to the Cabstand/Hickory Bay Road from where we will explore the Ellangowan Reserve. From there, it's a short walk along the Summit Road, then down the Old Le Bons Track to Takamatua Valley. 600 m height gain and a car shuffle will be required.</p>	Grade: Easy Mod Closes: 13 Nov Map: BY25 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 15 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
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Sunday 16 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Jenny Harlow 349-2280
<p><b>Camp Saddle to Helicopter Hill:</b> Camp Saddle (1480 m) lies on an easily accessed spur extending south-east from the spine of the Craigieburn Range and separating the Broken River and Craigieburn ski areas. The saddle is reached by a ~500 m climb from either of the ski field access roads. From the saddle we'll head along the spur to Pt 1525 m, then make a scree (or snow -depending on conditions) descent to Lyndon Saddle. Time permitting, we'll aim to make the short ~150 m to Helicopter Hill climb before heading back to the cars via the Craigieburn Valley Track or Lyndon Saddle Track. All up, about 700-800 m height gain over about 13-14 km, depending on the exact route.</p>	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 13 Nov Map: BW21 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 22 November Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
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Sunday 23 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
<p><b>Blue Hill and Coleridge Pass:</b> This trip is possibly a first for the CTC. Blue Hill (1946 m) is at the very southern end of the Craigieburn Range, across Coleridge Pass from Red Hill. To shorten the walking, we will (hopefully) drive up the Porter Heights Skifield road to near the point where it crosses Porter River. Then we'll climb ~1000 m to the summit, overlooking the ski field. The intended return route is to follow the southern ridge down to Coleridge Pass (1134 m) and then trace the Porter River back to the cars. This trip is subject to being able to get access along the ski field road.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 20 Nov Map: BW21 Approx: \$20	

Saturday 29 November Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
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Weekend 29-30 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Craig Beere 381-0839 havokk@ihug.co.nz
<b>Interesting Food Competition at Hawdon Hut:</b> Did you ever choose a hut by the size of its kitchen? Well, this trip is all about food and not too much about tramping. It is just 9 km each way with a total height gain of 150 m - perfect to carry some proper food to be shared with the others.	Grade: Easy Closes: 20 Nov Map: BV21 Approx: \$30 + Accom	
Sunday 30 November Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Alastair Brown 338-1324
<b>Mt Cheeseman-Mt Cloudsley Traverse:</b> Starting from the Hogs Back car park on Mt Cheeseman Road, we'll climb ~1200 m up to Mt Cheeseman (2031 m), then head 4-5 km south along the main spine of the Craigieburn Range to Mt Cloudsley (2017 m). We'll descend via Long Spur, taking the north branch towards Long Creek and then pick up the Hogs Back track back to the cars. If the conditions are unfavourable, then the ridge projecting east from Mt Iazard should be a suitable bail-out option.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 27 Nov Map: BW20 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 6 December Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader:
<b>Lake Coleridge - Family Day::</b> This is a day for the littlees to come tramping with a chance to see inside the power station where the Electrinary Monster hides. This tramp is especially for under 7s with there moms and dads. The walking pace & distance is for the kids, more like a family picnic day. Still in planning stage & hoping to be able to include something for the bigger kids or perhaps an Easy grade tramp for all. Height: 50m 3-4 hrs	Grade: Easy/All Closes: 4 Dec Map: BW20 Approx: \$20	

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# Classifieds

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

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## 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](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/north-canterbury/stoat-trapping) If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lesley Shand email: [wayleggo13@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wayleggo13@xtra.co.nz) Phone: 379 0316



*Purple Hill and Torlesse Range (from trip Mt Binser)*

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## Club Officers

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<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Bryce Williamson	351-6366			

**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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