



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Abseiling from a crag at Temple Basin

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.

Notices

New Members: We would like to welcome Kelly Purdis, Hilde Hogterp, Michel Holleman, Scott Cutherland, Chris Grant, Mariusz Madry and Anthony Fairbanks as new members to the club. We hope to see you all out in the hills soon!

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 trip change notifications: For very late changes to a trip, typically after you have left the trip list at the departure point, you can leave a notification of the details of the trip change on the CTC web site merely by sending a special text message from your mobile phone.

The message is for SAR purposes, and ends up in the members only area of the web site.

Procedure for leaving text message: Store this phone number [+27 79 454 4321](tel:+27794544321) on your mobile phone, with a contact name such as "CTC TRIP CHANGE", Text messages must start with CTC or Trip, as the text number is shared with other orgs - this is the filter for us. Received messages can be viewed via the Trip Change Notification link in the CTC Database main menu (Members > Officialdom > CTC DB admin) or: <http://www.ctc.org.nz/db/index.php/member/listTextMessages>.

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 CMLC (Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club) building at 110 Waltham Road, Waltham. This new building, beside and on the south side of Waltham School, is about 100m south of the Brougham St/Waltham Rd intersection. Waltham Road is the southern extension of Barbadoes Street. For a map go to www.ctc.org.nz and click the *Social Calendar* link. 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 Kay Taylor 03-3584580 or email kaytaylor30@xtra.co.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 26 August

Club Night

Newsletter Folding Night and Trip Planning: Come along, chat, help with folding club newsletters and have the opportunity to help plan tramps. Bring your muscles, maps and ideas! There'll be a laptop and projector available to informally show slides from recent club or private trips too. Start the evening at the nearby The Roxx Climbing Centre. Meet about 5.30, find a CTC buddy and climb till 7.30pm. We get industry prices, just show your CTC membership card. Prices are as follows: Top Rope Area: Adult \$13 casual, Bouldering Area adult \$11 casual, concession for 10 sessions \$90. Hire of harness and shoes is extra.

Saturday 29 August
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
newmike@slingshot.co.nz

Purple Peak/Ellangowan Reserve/Takamatua: 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. A short walk along the Summit Road, then down the Old Le Bons Track to Takamatua Valley. 600m height gain and a car shuffle will be required.

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 27 Aug
Map: BY25
Approx: \$20

Saturday 29 August
Departure point: Contact leader

Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
judychris@xnet.co.nz

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Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 27 Aug
Map: BW22
Approx: \$15

Weekend 29-30 August
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
Tecbruce@gmail.com

Hot Pools - Cow Springs: With a full moon on the 30th, we cannot possibly miss out on an easy overnight trip to enjoy some hot pools. Especially now with the benefit of cooler weather meaning NO sand flies! Accommodation will be in tents. Time 5hrs.

Grade: Easy
Closes: 20 Aug
Map: BT24
Approx: \$25

Sunday 30 August
Departure point: Contact leader

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judychris@xnet.co.nz

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Closes: 27 Aug
Map: BW22
Approx: \$15

Sunday 30 August Early start 7am Leader: Ruth Gray 3745547
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p>Travers-Trovatore: We drive to Deer Valley. From here we will take Foleys Creek Track onto the tops and to Travers Peak (1724m). From Travers we can descend a couple of hundred metres into a tarn basin, up the other side and onto Trovatore (1737m). From Trovatore we hope to head north-east along the ridge to pick up a nice descent into a stream, mostly bum-sliding. That takes us down to the Maruia River, with ~2.5km travel in the river bed, and the latter part will be by torchlight. We can pick up the St James Walkway to Cannibal Gorge and climb back up ~ 180m to the Lewis Pass carpark. The Rolleston Pack track sets off south back to Deer Valley. Total Height gain about 1360m. This is a classic Lewis winter day trip, with lots of variety. There can be snow and sometimes ice in the river bed - very pretty. Snow skills and ice axe and crampons are a must. Long day. Early start - contact leader.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 27 Aug Map: M31 Approx: \$40</p>
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Wednesday 2 September Club Night

Free Evening: We have a free evening so members can show their photos from the previous few months trips. The club laptop and projector will be available. Come along and chat over coffee 'n cake with your fellow trampers, and share your trips.

Saturday 12 September Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Rabbit Hill (1198m) (Rescheduled from 8 August): Starting south of Lake Lyndon we ascend a spur leading to the ridge leading to Rabbit Hill. Lunching on top with views of Lakes Lyndon, Coleridge in the distance and the mountains all around. Returning via a different way that may have a small scree ideal for beginners to try out on. Start at 830m, so height gain ~ 400m.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 10 Sep Map: BW20 Approx: \$20</p>
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Saturday 5 September Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Port Hills - Lunch on Sugarloaf: Starting from Waka Terrace to the Crater Rim Walkway, up to Sugarloaf then back down. Time: 4-5 hrs. Height: 400m approx.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 3 Sep Map: BX24 Approx: \$5</p>
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Weekend 5-6 September Leader: Andrew Smith
andrew.smiffy@gmail.com
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p>Lake Man & Doubtful Range: Meet at Z Papanui at 7am. Drive to Windy Point on SH7. Tramp up the Boyle, Doubtful and Kedron Rivers to Lake Man and the Doubtful Range (about 19km with a height gain of 1000m). Enjoy the magnificent views of the range. Camp next to Lake Man if the weather is good or next to/in the bivouac if it's not (space is limited around the biv). Return via the Doubtful tops (~16km) if the conditions are good or Pussy Stream and the Hope River (~27km) if it is not. Early starts required to take advantage of the daylight hours. Snow skills required.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard Closes: 27 Aug Map: BU22 Approx: \$35 + hut fees</p>
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Sunday 6 September Early start, 7am Leader: David Sutton 0211808081
david.sutton@cdhb.govt.nz
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p>The (Rakaia) Spurs (1985m): The Spurs is another classic Canterbury trip, Birdwood Range, in the Lake Coleridge area. There have been several eventful trips in this area. At one time, a certain point on a spur came to be called Warwick's folly, and then the mantle passed to Bryce. The complete Spurs trip goes over three high points (1985m, 1964m, 1902m), i.e., around 1300m height gain plus a bit of up-and-down. Much of the ridge up is steep and there is some scrambling on the knobby bits, especially around the tops. Depending on the descent route, there can be great fun finding & keeping to the right spur in the forest - but David knows his way around The Spurs. Great fun for fit trampers with a bit of rocky-ridge experience. Torches essential. Note the early start.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 3 Sep Map: BW20 K34 Approx: \$25</p>
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Wednesday 9 September Club Night

FMC: History, Influence & Current Projects: Nick Plimmer from the Federated Mountain Clubs National Executive is presenting to the club tonight. He will share a brief history of FMC and its influence on outdoor recreation and conservation in New Zealand. He will be highlighting some of the FMC's recent and current projects and campaigns, and will explore where the FMC is heading in the future. The FMC is keen for feedback from clubs, so please feel free to present your ideas to Nick about how you see the FMC best representing trampers.

Saturday 12 September Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
newmike@slingshot.co.nz
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p>Mt. Alford (Rescheduled): At 1171m, this minor peak is in the Alford Range, half way between Mt Hutt and Mt Somers. We will access it via an easement across private land and then through the Alford Scenic Reserve - small, but includes some good stands of beech. There is a 4WD track up part of the way to 900m and then a route through sub alpine vegetation to the summit which affords great views of the surrounding area. 600m height gain. Return the same way.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 10 Sep Map: BX20 Approx: \$20</p>
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Saturday 12 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Port Hills - Lunch on Sugarloaf: Starting from Waka Terrace to the CraterRim Walkway, up to Sugarloaf then back down. Time: 4-5 hrs. Height: 400m approx.	Grade: Easy Closes: 10 Sep Map: BX24 Approx: \$5

Weekend 12-13 September Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Warwick Dowling warwick.dowling@gmail.com
Annette Plateau/Baron Saddle Hut: Requires glacier travel skills, helmet, harness, etc. Leave CHCH 5.30 pm Friday. Must contact leader. We will traverse the Annette Plateau on Sat and Sunday and either base ourselves at Mueller Hut or make for Baron Saddle Hut on Saturday night. Poo pots required to be brought - view the DOC Mt Cook web site for details. This trip is very dependent on the avalanche conditions, and may not run. Consult the DOC web site and avalanche web sites.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 3 Sep Map: BY15 BX15 Approx: \$50+Accom

Weekend 12-13 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Tomyu Hu 03 3433 887 tomyu.hu@mbie.govt.nz
Mueller Hut - Mt Cook: A trip to the popular Mueller Hut, in Mt Cook National Park. Leave Friday evening at 5.30pm and spending the night at CMC hut or similar in Mt Cook Village. Tramp to Mueller Hut or alternatively set up camp next to the hut. Poo pots required to be brought - view the DOC Mt Cook web site for details. Note: As this trip is weather and avalanche conditions dependent, the trip may change/cancelled as a result. The trip leader will confirm the status of the trip closer to the time.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 3 Sep Map: BX15 BY15 Approx: \$50+Accom

Wednesday 16 September	Club Night
Bivouac - Stoves & Cookers (& other essential Bits & Pieces): Tonight Anthony Fokkens from Bivouac will showcase what is on offer for cooking your backcountry culinary delights. There is a big range of stoves on offer, so come along and see which is the right one for you. Anthony's talk will cover gas cookers, jetboil, MSR's, solid fuel and others even I don't know about. Also the latest in cookware, plates etc - such as their range of space-saving collapsible plates and mugs!	

<p>Saturday 19 September Early start, 7am Departure point: Caltex Russley</p>		<p>Leader: James Hopkins 03 967 5003 snikpohsemaj@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Castle Hill Peak (1998m): Castle Hill Peak is a CTC classic, and the spring conditions mean this could be a chance to get to (nearly) 2000m without snow gear, or maybe we will be lucky and have some fresh spring snow to play in, who knows. The walk will be the "standard" approach from Porters pass (yes we will cheat and drive half of our altitude gain!) and approach via Foggy Peak. If time, conditions and inclination allow we might wander on towards The Gap, but we will definitely return the way we came. It is also going to be the last weekend before daylight savings starts, and since the sun will be up at 6:30 we will make the most of this and depart from Caltex Russley at 7am. Note: If it is snowy, then members must be equipped with ice axe and crampons and be familiar/experienced with their use. Please get on this trip list by emailing James snikpohsemaj@gmail.com - there will not be a trip list at the club.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 17 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$20</p>	
<p>Saturday 19 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>		<p>Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905 Tecbruce@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Waipuna Saddle (670m): Weather permitting, for this Family trip, we will visit the new hut at Waipuna Saddle. Waipuna Saddle is just north of Little River, on Banks Peninsula. Must contact leader first.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy/family Closes: 17 Sep Map: BX24 Approx: \$10</p>	
<p>Weekend 19-20 September Departure point: Contact Leader</p>		<p>Leader: Manpreet (Mani) Singh preet323@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Intermediate Snow Craft - External Instructor: Join the second Alpine Skills Course after the first course filled very quickly. This is a great opportunity for members who want to hone their alpine skills, learning proper rope skills for glacier travel, crevasse rescue and how to pitch snow routes. Please note that there is an approximate cost of \$250 per person for the course on top of travel and accommodation costs. <u>This is not a beginner's course</u> - you must be confident using ice axe and crampons and well equipped for the weekend.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate / Training Closes: 1 Sept Map: Approx: Contact Leader</p>	
<p>Weekend 19-20 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>		<p>Leader: Shaun Wong 021 234 6847 shaunwong@mail.com</p>	
<p>Mount Bowen: Depart form Christchurch on Friday 7.00pm to the club's hut for the night. On the following Saturday, proceed to the start of Hokitika Gorge Walk and then Rapid Creek Hut. Depending on time of arrival at the hut, we will either ascend Mount Bowen via Misty Ridge in the afternoon or the following morning.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 10 Sep Map: BV18 Approx: \$40 + hut fee</p>	

Weekend 19-20 September Departure at 7pm on 18 September
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125
 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz

Overnight Trip - Paske Saddle: Departure from Z Station on Friday at 7pm to Fowlers Hut or Lake Tennyson Campsite for the night. On Saturday morning following breakfast, continue with a short drive to the start of the trek via Rainbow River cable way. Start the trip with a hike to the start of Begley Route and across to Paske Creek and on to the Paske Hut to finish the day. On Sunday, pack all the necessary gear and tramp to Paske Saddle (1796m) and ascend Mt Guinevere (2157m).

Grade: Moderate
 Closes: 10 Sep
 Map: BT24 BS24
 Approx: \$30 + hut fees

Sunday 20 September
 Departure point: Contact leader

Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
 judychris@xnet.co.nz

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 Closes: 17 Sep
 Map: BW22
 Approx: \$15

Wednesday 23 September

Club Night

SARS talk (to be confirmed): SARS have agreed to talk to us, we are waiting on the date to be confirmed. Hopefully today's date will be OK. If so, this talk will be confirmed via club member's email.

Saturday 26 September
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
 newmike@slingshot.co.nz

Ryde Falls: This trip in the lovely Oxford Forest is suitable for families and everyone looking for a relaxing social tramp. We will follow the well benched track from the Coopers Creek carpark, through the beech forest, looking out for scattered rimu and the splashes of colour from red and yellow leaved horopito. There is plenty of birdlife as well - robins, fantails and bellbirds. The falls themselves, three cascades, are above a beautiful deep pool. Plenty of time to look around, explore and socialise.

Grade: Easy
 Closes: 24 Sep
 Map: BW22
 Approx: \$20

Weekend 26-27 September (leave Fri 25th) Leader: Shaun Wong 021 234 6847
 Departure point: Contact Leader shaunwong@mail.com

<p>Alpine Intermediate Snow Craft Refresher - Basecamp Arthur's Pass: For those who have completed the Intermediate Alpine Skills course. <u>This is not a training course!</u> Past experience is essential and everyone is responsible for their own safety. Things to be practised include: safety checks, knot and rope tying, ascending and belaying, snow anchors, and roping up for glacier travel. A gear list will be issued to the parties whom are interested in coming and practising / refreshing their skills.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate to ModHard Closes: 17 Sept Map: BV20 Approx: \$30 + hut fees</p>
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Weekend 26-27 September Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Lake Daniel Hut: Leaving on Saturday from Z station at 8am to Spring Junction. Begin the tramp at the base of Marble Hill campsite with an easy walk along Lake Daniel Track to Manson-Nichols Memorial Hut for the night. For those who are willing to brave the cold, they are welcome to have a dip in the lake.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 17 Sep Map: BT22 BT23 Approx: \$30 + hut fees</p>
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Sunday 27 September Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui bryce.williamson68@gmail.com

<p>Hamilton Peak (1922m): This peak sits on the Craigieburn Range directly above Cass Saddle, and can be accessed from the Craigieburn Valley ski field & the Broken River ski field. Bryce will choose some interesting routes to fill up a good Moderate day.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 24 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$25</p>
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Long Weekend 2-4 October Leader: Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Kaikoura Basecamp: Leaving Friday night, Saturday is Kaikoura's Seafood Festival, "Seafest", or tramping. Sunday perhaps Riley Hill on the way back. Need numbers early to organise accommodation and finalise planning.</p>	<p>Grade: Basecamp Closes: 24 Sep Map: Approx:</p>
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Saturday 3 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz	
<p>Mt Harper (1829m): In the Erewhon region, near Lake Emma; walk starts near Lake Camp. The climb to the summit (1829m) offers ever-changing views of the Lake Heron basin, Ashburton catchment and the craggy Arrowsmiths range. From the top we get stunning views into the Rangitata River, Mesopotamia Station and Butler Downs. We return via Balmacaan Saddle to make a loop trip. ~ 1250m height gain. Ice-axe and crampons required.</p>		Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 1 Oct Map: BX19 Approx: \$30	
Sunday 4 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz	
<p>Hogsback: 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 (1,032m), 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 15km and 400m height gain.</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 1 Oct Map: BW21 Approx: \$20	
Sunday 11 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com	
<p>Big Ben Range - Lyndon Road to 13-mile Bush: Bryce has a missing piece of "spider web" in his GPS tracks that criss-cross the region. There are some interesting variations to be found in this region, and some surprising topography to delight you if you think that the Big Ben Range - which lies to the west of Porters Pass - is all just rounded hills. The almost highest point in the region is Ben More (1655m). Come along and see what surprises Bryce has in store for you.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 8 Oct Map: BW21 BW20 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 17 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz	
<p>Mt Bruce: The trip starts at Cora Lynn and follows the Lagoon Saddle Track up through beech forest, out on to open tussock up to Lagoon Saddle. From the saddle, ascend a steep poled route up to Mt Bruce (1,630m). Great views from the top with 1,000m height gain. From there we descend into Broad Stream and pick up a track through the bush along the stream, back to Cora Lynn. This trip would suit people looking to step up from easy/moderate tramping - not too far, fast or high - just a bit more of a challenge. Be aware that there might be some snow left, so make sure that you contact the leader and check the snow reports.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 15 Oct Map: BV20 Approx: \$25	

Long Weekend 13-16 November Alternative Leader: Shaun Wong / Scott Sutherland
 Date: 20 - 23 November 021 234 6847
 Departure point: Contact Leader shaunwong@mail.com

<p>Transalpine Traverse- Hokitika To Rakaia - Weather Dependent: Following popular requests for a multiday trip, we have finally settled with a 4 day transalpine traverse from Hokitika to the Rakaia during the November period if weather permits. Day 01: Starts from Hokitika Gorge Walk with a wee womble up Whitcombe River to Frew Hut for the night. Day 02: An early ascent up Frew Creek over Frew Saddle and across to Mathias Pass to set up a basecamp; where if time permits, the group shall summit Gerard Peak (2065m) and return to the basecamp. Day 03: Tracking down Canyon Creek to North Mathias River and setting up camp at Moraine Hut by Blacksmith Point. Day 04: Travel down Mathias River across to Rakaia River and finishing at Algius Road. Notes: This trip is dependent on the weather as there are multiple river crossings and will also require some extensive logistic planning. River crossing, ice axe and crampons skills are essential.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 5 Nov Map: BV18 BV19 BW19 Approx: Circa \$80 plus hut fees</p>
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Multi day trip 31 January-1 February Leader: Andrew Smith (Coordinator)
 Departure point: Contact Leader andrew.smiffy@gmail.com

<p>NZ Rogaining Championships Marlborough: Take it easy or go hard - choose a level that suites you. Form a team of 2 to 5 and register online at www.rogaine.org.nz/nzchamps2015/home.html (\$100 each). Pick up your map Saturday morning and plan a route. Then you have up to 24 hours to test your navigation and your endurance. Hot food is provided!</p>	<p>Grade: Varies: Depends on how hard you want to go Closes: 21 Jan Map: BU22 BU23 Approx: \$65 + accomm and entry fees</p>
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Multi day trip 6-12 February Leader: Warwick Dowling 021 35 4545
 Departure point: Contact Leader warwick.dowling@gmail.com

<p>Multiday weather dependent trip: Garden of Eden and Allah (Glacier trip): The Gardens of Eden and Allah are a great opportunity for any club members interested in tramping on these spectacular ice-plateaus on the Main Divide above the head of the Clyde River. As this trip is in its infancy, all interests and suggestions are welcome. If you are interested in this trip please register your interest or contact the trip leader. Glacier rope skills required. The dates may shift in February to suit the weather, so flexible annual leave will be very handy.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard Closes: 28 Jan Map: BW17 BW18 Approx: Contact Leader</p>
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Trip Reports

15 August 2015

Mount Torlesse summit stroll

Christchurch awoke to a persistent drizzle which was less than inspiring to pry oneself from a cosy bed. The thought of meeting new, like-minded trampers and playing amongst the beautiful Torlesse Range soon perked the spirits.

The energetic 11 trampers, after being assigned to the requisite vehicles, soon headed off to Springfield for the last civilised toilet stop before being immersed into the wonderful Kowai river valley.

Pleased to have made the effort we were warmly greeted with stable weather conditions: a



balmy 6 degrees C, close to no wind and scattered low lying cloud. The walk in towards the John Hayward Memorial Hut commenced at 10 am. We reached our boot change-over pit stop a little over an hour hiking through cow paddocks, streams and rocky river beds. The plan of attack was to change from our running shoes used to ford a few streams and into our dry

boots for the a *Climbing the 'Dragon's Back'*

The climb up the "dragons back" was a rude awakening into the requirements of the persistent "stroll" up the next 1200m of vertical climb. We were pleased to have our mentors in Warwick and Bryce to provide fantastic advice and confidence in following the correct route. The scramble up was slightly affected by clag which significantly limited our views but not the experience! After a few regrouping and breather stops we decided to take advantage of a flatter section for lunch.

After lunch and around 1600m we donned our crampons which provided the necessary traction to battle on towards the summit. We reached the summit in two groups of equal size. On the way up we passed a group from the CUTC. From the summit the lead group descended to keep warm with a rendezvous a little further down providing shelter out of the wind. The 'crampon-off' area was efficiently used for a tea break but by now the team was focused on getting back to the cars.

Good time was made weaving down the mountain arriving at the hut to regroup and heading back to the cars which was achieved at the point when headlamps were to be deployed.

A big thank you to Warwick for organising the trip for a motley crew of trampers.

Trampers: Warwick Dowling [leader], Bryce Williamson [photos], Karen Tait [photos], Debbie Bevin, Kim Harburg, Bassam Maghzal, Eric Skea, Peter Drinkwater, Laurent Bestel [scribe & photos] , Michael Meehan [photos], Mariusz Mardy



Michael still smiling, even inside the cloud

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Alpine Skills Course 1



Excitement reigned supreme in the days before the Intermediate Alpine Skills course – does everyone have the right gear? What will we be learning? How is the forecast? And the excitement was justified by a fantastic weekend up Temple Basin that we all agreed was an incredible amount of fun, and a huge amount of information!

The two ladies feeling less inclined to walk the Temple Basin track in the dark, left Christchurch in the middle of Friday afternoon, laden with most of the communal gear needed and an extra pack in order to take advantage of the goods lift. Upon arrival in Darfield to pick up transceivers the organiser realised she had 'lost' her wallet. The poor driver of the car was called on for financial assistance, not for the last time in the weekend.

The goods lift was operating, much to their relief, and the walk up to the lodge in the fading sun on a clear evening made for a relaxed trip, giving time to admire the magnificence of the mountainous surroundings. Gideon, our instructor was already there and the male contingent arrived later in the evening.

The morning dawned perfectly clear with not a breath of wind. Mountain style (large) breakfasts were quickly devoured and we were out the door on the way of Bill's Basin for a day of fun. We spent a good chunk of the day digging snow anchors and learning to belay our partner climber, finishing on the windy summit of Mt Blimit. The sun on our faces and



views across the ski field and to the surrounding peaks were impressive, making sitting in the snow, belaying, a pleasure rather than a chore. Apart from learning the ropes as it were, it was also noted that it is much more difficult to defend yourself from snowballs from a downhill belay position, and that stopping to 'admire the trees' was much more difficult when you have a harness on and are attached to another person on an exposed snow slope!

The team on the summit of Mt Blimit

After late lunch and inspection of the immense snow palaces someone had built into the windblown cornice, we were back into the learning with glacier travel. After getting the rope organised and the coils on us (rule number one – you have to look good doing it), we were told to throw ourselves off the cornice and let our partner catch us. Scary the first time for sure, but soon good fun, seeing who could do the most convincing fall. Having also spoken earlier about cornices and the ability to cut them through with a rope, Gideon and our 'alpine ninja' Shaun, also thought that this would be a good time to demonstrate how this is done, and drop a large amount of cold snow on this scribe's head. This came back to bite the ninja when he thought he was being 'held' from his fall into the crevasse and was expecting help out of it, only to see the end of the rope come flying back over his head. Get out of your own crevasse ninja! All good fun, and without any serious consequence except for a mouth full of soft snow, we all really enjoyed it. Coming down for the day saw a bit of good front point practise across a hard steep snow ledge, and some time to admire the beautiful icicle formation on the overhanging cliffs in the chutes.

With both lodges completely full, and more people camped out in the Lockwood Shelter, the base was humming when we arrived and space was at a premium. We managed to wiggle in and steal some poor people's table, and treated ourselves to another large feed courtesy of Jeff, the resident cook. Unfortunately having scarpered out of duties so far all weekend that meant we were on dishes, for the entire full lodge. But the doctor among us made sure that the system ran like clockwork, and that everyone did their fair share. It was over reasonably quickly and we



Alpine ninja descending the hill

were back into uploading information into our frazzled brains.

The drunk students all became much more interested in what was going on down in the training room as they began to see us ascend our rope, one at a time, using our new knowledge of prussics for glacier rescue. We made sure that that gear was well tidied away before we went to bed to avoid them also testing their knowledge!



Bill doing glacier rescue in the lodge

The next morning we woke to more fine weather and were ready to go by 8 am. After some theory in the warm lodge it was out to the crags to do abseil anchors and abseil practice. After the first small abseil with our short 30 m rope, we headed for a larger one requiring a longer rope. The first person down handled it with aplomb, and was quickly followed by other members of the group (some taking more time than others). Personally, abseiling is one thing that I find especially frightening, and I was appreciative of the patience and support of Gideon and the rest of the group. It certainly felt like a real life situation as we reached the overhang towards the bottom and lowered the last few metres into thin air. More tool and front point practice was required to ascend to the top, which everyone handled confidently by this stage.

After lunch we had a revisit of the glacier travel, including tying the person off onto anchors, and then a general review of the weekend. Getting all the gear organised and on the goods lift, we realised that we had somewhat missed the boat and had to wait quite some time for all of the skis piled in front of our stuff to be ferried down first. A good excuse to spend a little longer in the lodge before the wander down the track!

In all, this weekend was a wonderful experience. Our instructor was extremely knowledgeable, patient, supportive, and did a wonderful job of answering all our random questions. For me, it has highlighted how much I still don't know, and I can't wait to get out and start practising some of these new skills, and learning more. I would highly recommend this course to anyone thinking that they might want a bit of knowledge on how to use a rope for those times when things get 'a bit dodgy'. But beware, this course will just serve to fuel your mountain addiction, and get you dreaming of all the new places still waiting to be explored.

Participants: Elizabeth Eaden-Jones, Bill Johnson, Shaun (Alpine Ninja) Wong, Roi Gapuzan, Duncan Bright, and Karen Tait (scribe).

Classifieds

Hi-Tec boots for sale: For sale Hi-Tec Montana Womens light weight tramping boots size uk-5.5 (small), very good condition. \$40 ono – phone/text Andrew Wrapson on 0274646197 evenings.

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

External Notices

Canyoning in NZ guidebook release: Canyoning requires technical skills and equipment, but provides a way for trampers to explore those waterfalls or gorges, rather than just visit them. The basic skills can be readily learnt by those with determination and some technical aptitude. The release of a [Canyoning Technical Manual](#) this spring, plus several companies providing professional instruction will provide a practical and measured way for people to learn the skills necessary to keep safe. There are also a number of guided trips around the country, for people to gain a safe and fun introduction to the sport. For more information see: KiwiCanyons.org or connect with them via their Facebook page.

More about the CTC

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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 Gareth Caves 03 9808 224; or if he's away, Steve Bruerton 322 6196; or if they're both away, Rex Vink 3525329. 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 contact the hut convenor, Gareth Caves.

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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