



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Cameron Hut

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 \$50 member, \$70 couple, \$30 junior or associate, with a \$10 discount for members who opt to obtain this newsletter electronically.

For more about how the club operates, see the last two pages.

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 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 29 June	Club Night
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Newsletter Folding and then Gardens of Eden and Allah Talk Number 2: Help with the monthly newsletter folding and then settle back and enjoy a presentation by Warwick Dowling of the club's trip to the Gardens of Eden and Allah last February. Warwick will show another selection of the nearly 1,000 photo's available from their 7 day trip. For those of you who missed the first presentation earlier in the year, this one will either give you your Garden's fix or else inspire you to go there. It is no wonder that the area is a Mecca for alpine trampers, with its impressive glaciers, ice-fields and mountains. Join Warwick as he covers their 7 day adventure in about 45 minutes!

Long Weekend 1-3 July Depart 7pm Fri night, 1 July, from Z, 1 Papanui Road. We can arrange pickups from Caltex Russley. Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Warwick Dowling 021 35 4545 warwick.dowling@gmail.com
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<p>Beginner Snow Skills: This weekend course is for those members who want an introductory course in snow craft. This will be a practical course, with a bit of theory mixed in. We will cover the basics of: walking on snow & on ice, strapping on & walking in crampons, the basic uses of an ice-axe including self-arrest, types of snow, terrain & avalanche awareness, and more. We will stay in the club hut on Friday & Saturday nights 1 & 2 July, returning home ~ 7-8 pm Sunday 3 July. Contact the leader for a full gear list. Like all CTC training courses, this is limited to members only. Put your name down early, as places on the course are limited. Be aware that you will need to bring tramping boots that are designed for snow conditions and that are capable of taking flexible 10 or 12 point crampons (12 preferred), as well as snow-proof gaiters, waterproof pants and rain coat, and plenty of warm clothing. Crampons and ice-axes can be hired from the gear custodian - please advise the leader in good time if you need to hire them, as he will arrange the bulk hire and transport of them on this occasion. ~ Cost = Hut fees \$30 + car \$35 + gear hire</p>	Grade: EasyMod to Moderate Closes: 23 Jun Map: Approx: \$65 car and hut fees plus gear hire
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Saturday 2 July		Leader: Mariusz Madry 021 046 0150 marius.madry@gmail.com	
<p>Mt Olympus over Mt Cheeseman: 7am start form Caltex, Russley. Starting from the Hogs Back car park (off the Mt Cheeseman Ski-field road), we'll climb ca 1100 m to Mt Cheeseman (2031 m). From there we'll descend ~250 m to a broad saddle overlooking the Harper River, then climb ~300 m to the summit of Mt Olympus (2096 m). This will be a long day (~20 km and ~1700 m height gain) and require a good level of fitness, especially if the snow is deep and soft. If conditions turn out to be too difficult, we might instead head from Cheeseman to Mt Izard then down to the Hogs back track. Ice axes and crampons will be required, along with knowledge of how to use them.</p>		<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 30 Jun Map: BV20 Approx: \$20</p>	
Weekend 2-3 July		Leader: Jonathan Carr 351-1574 jonathan@jonathancarr.com	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui			
<p>Hotpool Special - Cow Stream: The aim will be to go into Cow Stream via Alpine Tops... some 1300m height gain. So 7AM start Saturday at Papanui. Sunday will be super cruisy walk out... with long tea break and perhaps more hotpools for those super indulgent. Aim could be downgraded depending on weather, leader procrastination and desire of those who sign-up.. i.e. all walking in easy way and then doing a day climb up Tonga Hill or Mt Douglas or sit in pools longer...</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 23 Jun Map: BT23 Approx: \$30</p>	
Sunday 3 July		Leader: Richard Kimberley 326 6158 janeandrichard@xtra..co.nz	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui			
<p>View Hill from Little Akaloa: We start from the beach in Little Akaloa (L.A to the locals). Then we head up a steep grassy ridge to View Hill where (I am reliably informed) there are some great views (surprise) of Banks Peninsula to be enjoyed. Probably some steeper bits than the average Easy / Mod 6 hours of tramping</p>		<p>Grade: EasyMod+ Closes: 30 Jun Map: BX25 Approx: \$25</p>	
Wednesday 6 July		Club Night	
<p>Trip Planning Brain-Storming Evening.: Our trip planners, Bill Johnston and Elizabeth Eadon, invite everyone to come along and participate in planning a wide range of up-coming tramps for club members. What are your favourite tramps? What sort of trips would you like to see more of? Are we catering to everyone's needs or do we need more trips of a certain type? Maybe classic over-nighters' or base camps? Are we neglecting areas of your favourite area of backcountry? Should we do some Great Walks? Planning a good selection of tramps is a big job, and we want to tap into the vast store of previous trip knowledge which abounds within the club! Bring your maps and a list of your 10 favourite tramps, and we'll get some great up-coming trips into the database with some white board brain-storming. This is also a chance to see how to access the trip list site, how the trip database works, and how you can add trips and sign up as a valued trip leader.</p>			

Saturday 9 July Departure point: Contact leader	Leader: David Sutton 0211808081 davidlsutton@yahoo.co.uk
Mt Torlesse and Red Peak: Walk along the Kowai Valley to the hut before climbing the ridge directly to Mt Torlesse. Continue north to Junction Peak before turning west to Red Peak. Descend the ridge to the Kowai Valley and return to the foot of Porters.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 7 Jul Map: BW21 Approx: \$15

Saturday 9 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
Rakaia Gorge Walkway/Terrace Down: This is a nice easy trip, mainly following the cliffs and river terraces above the gorge, giving great views of the gorge and surrounding landscape. The walkway starts in farmland, then enters areas of regenerating native bush. We will make a short detour to Terrace Downs for morning tea and re join the walkway at the end where there is a good viewpoint. A short loop takes us down to the Rakaia River itself and we return the same way, passing the disused Snowdon Coalmine.	Grade: Easy Closes: 7 Jul Map: BX20 Approx: \$20

Weekend 9-10 July 7am Departure Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bill Johnson 022 049 3453 bill@billjohnson.nz
Otehake - Otira: About 4 hours walking, up the Taramakau Valley and the track past Lake Kaurapataka to the Otehake River. Then up (in) the river to the campsite by the pools. Bring suitable pool excavation tools.	Grade: Slow Moderate Closes: 30 Jun Map: BV20 Approx: \$35

Wednesday 13 July	Club Night
An evening with John Visser: Tonight John will be showing us some slides of his amazing climbing and tramping pictures, some with a difference that will make you laugh! John is one of NZ's great mountaineers and has a very impressive climbs list. He is also a long time member of the club who mentored many of the younger aspiring mountaineers in the club. More talk details to follow.	

Saturday 16 July Departure point: Contact leader	Leader: Lynette Hartley 338-0922 lhartley@canterburymuseum.com
Beginners Ski Touring: Beginners Ski Touring: The destination will be decided closer to the time depending on the weather and the snow. It is likely to be one of the skifields. This trip is for beginners but you will need to source your own ski touring equipment in town. I would like to have a brief equipment familiarisation session for participants on the Wednesday night beforehand.	Grade: Easy Mod Closes: 14 Jul Map: Approx: contact leader

Saturday 16 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125 gerryparawa@gmail.com
Faust on the Libretto Range: Head to Boyle River car park head up to ridge leading to Faust & find a alternative route back via Boyle river If time allows. Ice axe & crampons required plus knowledge of how to use them	Grade: Moderate+ (requires snow skills) Closes: 14 Jul Map: BT3 Approx: \$30

Saturday 16 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Warwick Dowling 021 35 4545 warwick.dowling@gmail.com
Mt Olympus + Social: Who can resist climbing the mountain of the Gods? This is a great climb either up a steep gully or up a gentler ridge to a 2,000m summit. We'll be stopping for refreshments and a soak in the hot tub at the ski lodge on the way down.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Jul Map: BW20 Approx: \$20

Sunday 17 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Peter Eman 337-3003 petee@slingshot.co.nz
Mt Oxford: A straight forward tramp, unless there's been lots of fresh snow, with views across the plains, Lees Valley and the snow capped peaks beyond. Will probably need ice axes, and possibly crampons.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Jul Map: Approx: \$10

Weekend 16-17 July 7am Deapature Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125 judychris@xnet.co.nz
Croesus Hut: The Croesus Track is a loop track running from the Smoke-ho car park near Blackball up a bush covered valley to overnight at the 16 bunk Ces Clark hut which has great views of the Grey Valley. It's is a beautiful 4 - 5 hour walk into the landscape of the Paparoa Ranges. There is plenty of evidence of the local gold mining heritage, and a variety of vegetation and wildlife. There will be time to look around the old gold stamping battery & an opportunity to watch the sun set over the Tasman Sea, if the weather permits. The Croesus Track is one of the few pack tracks on the West Coast that ascends over 1000 m above sea level, and its high points provide excellent views of the Southern Alps and the sea. The walk out on Sunday will be via the skyline ridge route & then down through the bush via a hunter's track to the Smoke-ho car park. It's an ideal tramp for people new to overnight tramping	Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace Closes: 7 Jul Map: BT19 Approx: \$45+Hut Fee

<p>Sunday 17 July Departure point: Meeting 8.30am "Z" Carlton Corner or 9am Bridle Path Carpark</p>	<p>Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz</p>
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<p>Bridle Path/Whakaraupo Reserve/The Tors: The trip will follow the popular Bridle Path track up to the Summit Road from where there should be good views of Christchurch and Lyttelton Harbour. From there, a circular track takes us through Whakaraupo Reserve above Lyttelton. Rejoin the Crater Rim Walkway to The Tors, followed by a circular route around Castle Rock and back to the Bridle Path.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 14 Jul Map: BX24 Approx: \$5</p>
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Wednesday 20 July	Club Night
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The Chch 360 Trail with founder Colin Meurk.: Colin Meurk is the founder and inspiration behind Christchurch's 360 Trail, which is 135km long and encircles Christchurch. Tonight he will be talking to us about the Trail's history, location and purpose. The Trail showcases the wonderful diversity of flora and fauna, as well as historical, architectural and cultural features. The Trail aims to provide inspiration for people to get out and enjoy their diverse and dynamic urban landscapes, as well as reconnecting people back with their environment. Come along and learn more about this great easy walking resource right on our doorstep.

<p>Saturday 23 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>	<p>Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 brycewilliamson68@gmail.com</p>
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<p>Mt Enys: At 2194 m, Mt Enys is the highest summit of the Craigieburn Range. To save some of the trudging, we'll try to get access along the Porter Heights Skifield Road to the point where it meets the Porter River. We'll cross the river the ascend the dog-legged spur over Pts 1531 and 1842 m to Pt 2029 m on the spine of the range. From there is about 2.5 km north, over Pt 2046 m and Carn Brae (2090 m) to the summit. We'll return to Carn Brae and then head east along Dead Man Spur, looking for a suitable scree slope down to Enys stream, before contouring back into the Porter River catchment. Here is an opportunity to bag four 2000-m peaks in a single, moderate day.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ (requires snow skills) Closes: 21 Jul Map: BW20 BW21 Approx: \$20</p>
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<p>Weekend 23-24 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>	<p>Leader: Bill Johnson 022 049 3453 bill@billjohnson.nz</p>
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<p>Igloo and Snow Cave Experience: Learn to build an igloo or snow cave and sleep in it. We'll head to Mt Cheeseman Ski field and climb 30-40mins to our site. We'll spend 3-4 hours doing snow construction then come back down the to ski lodge for dinner. We'll head back up afterwards with nearly a full moon to spend the night. Breakfast back at the cafe and either return to Christchurch or spend Sunday skiing. Depart 8am from Z Station.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 14 Jul Map: BW20 Approx: contact leader</p>
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Wednesday 27 July	Club Night
<p>Newsletter Folding Evening: Enjoy an informal evening chatting whilst helping with the monthly newsletter folding. Discuss up-coming tramps with the trip organizers and put your name down for trips. If you wish to show some photo's of a recent trip the projector and laptop are available for use.</p>	
Weekend trip 30-31 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Leah Wilton godbothera@hotmail.com
<p>Lake Daniell: This is a great walk for families with young children or those people new to tramping. The track is a well formed bench track that can also be completed as a day walk. From the shelter, the track enters the trees and soon crosses the Maruia River over a deep, narrow gorge called the Sluice Box. From the Sluice Box the track continues up the Alfred River. The track passes through splendid red beech forest until it reaches the lake edge and the Manson Nicholls Memorial Hut (sleeps 24).</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/family Closes: 16 Jun Map: BT23 Approx: \$30</p>
Sunday 31 July Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
<p>Bealey Spur to the Hut: Start by the baches at Bealey Spur and climb up through sheltering beech forest. On the way to the charming old musterers hut at around 1240m, the ridge opens up in places to reveal immense views over the Waimakariri River and to the mountains beyond. There could be snow in open areas so bring warm clothing and a walking pole and gaiters may be useful. The hut is about a 450m climb from the cars and the return trip, around 10kms.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 28 Jul Map: BV20 Approx: \$25</p>
Sunday 31 July Departure point: Contact leader	Leader: David Sutton 0211808081 Davidlsutton@yahoo.co.uk
<p>Mt Foweraker via Sudden Valley: From the Hawdon Shelter follow the route to the Sudden Valley Shelter. 500m before we reach the shelter climb the spur SW to Pt 1711. Follow the ridge to Foweraker then descend via Pts1720 and 1158.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 28 Jul Map: BV20 Approx: \$30</p>

Sunday 31 July Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui judychris@xnet.co.nz

<p>TORTIS Tour #13: A beginners guide to getting lost and what to do about it, plus some general navigation & bushcraft skills. Bring your normal day pack & gear, a good lunch and a sense of humour - some pre-torn clothes may be usefull as the trip does involve some bush bashing. Bring your GPS and/or compass if you have one , but it is not essential because they will be provided for the navigation part of the exercise. We will stop at the Rangiora pub for tea and a debrief on the way home NB the trip is limited to 4 x people at a time.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace</p> <p>Closes: 28 Jul</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: contact leader</p>
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Long Weekend 5-7 August 7pm departure Leader: Adrian Busby 325-5001
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p>Basic Snow Craft Course 2: SNOW CRAFT COURSE: Adrian will run Basic Snow Craft Course 2 this year. Course will cover the basics of: walking on snow & on ice, strapping on & walking in crampons, the basic uses of an ice-axe including self-arrest, types of snow, terrain & avalanche awareness, and more. We will stay in the club hut on Friday & Saturday nights 5 & 6 Aug, returning home ~ 7-8 pm Sunday 7 Aug. Come to a club meeting and put your name on that list or you can contact the leader to book your place in the list as numbers strictly limited and this course always fills up fast!!!</p>	<p>Grade: Training</p> <p>Closes: 28 Jul</p> <p>Map: BV20</p> <p>Approx: Car \$35 + Hut fee \$30 + Gear hire</p>
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Wednesday 10 August Club Night

"Earth Sea Sky" - Fabrics and Layering Basics: Tonight we are fortunate to have David Ellis of NZ outdoor clothing manufacturing company Earth Sea Sky talking to us. He will cover a brief history of their well-known family-based company, one that started from David leaving his old family business the iconic Fairydown. ESS design everything from casual walking through to mountaineering and Antarctic clothing. They have supplied NZ Antarctic personnel with their gear for the last 10 years. David will talk about the many different fabrics on the market today, and how best to use them. He'll explain the basics of layering to keep warm and how to avoid sweaty garments. His talk follows closely to that given to LandSAR and the NZAC, so it will be very relevant to us (as sweaty trampers!). Come along and find out more about the last specialized outdoor company still manufacturing in NZ.

Saturday 13 August Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
 Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui newmike@slingshot.co.nz

<p>Lake Rubicon and beyond: Out west past Springfield. A pleasant day hike that leads in over rolling farm land and on up the valley to the little gem that is Lake Rubicon, nestled in the foothills of the Torlesse Range. From there, we follow a track further up the valley and have lunch by the Rubicon River. Follow the river, then a 4WD track and a pleasant walk across farm land back to the cars.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy</p> <p>Closes: 11 Aug</p> <p>Map: BW21</p> <p>Approx: \$15</p>
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Saturday 13 August Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: Eric Skea skea.eric@gmail.com
Mt Philistine: Leave 7 am from Caltex Russley. If weather or conditions aren't suitable, we will attempt Hamilton Peak instead. The Philistine bluffs have a bit of a reputation, but there is a good route up through them, and after that there is more rock and scrambling to Philistine summit (1967m) via Warnocks Bluff route. Helmets will be compulsory on this trip, so let the leader know in advance if you need to borrow one. Ice axe would be ideal; along with knowledge of how to use them.	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 11 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$30	
Weekend 13-14 August Date TBD depending on instructor and interest Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Manpreet (Mani) Singh preet323@gmail.com
Intermediate Snow Skills Course- Aug-Oct Date TBD: - External Instructor: Returning by popular demand, we will be running an intermediate snow craft course. This is a great opportunity for members who want to improve their alpine skills, learn proper rope skills for glacier travel, crevasse rescue and how to safely tackle steepersnow routes. Please note that there is an approximate cost of \$250 per person for the course on top of travel and accommodation costs. This is not a beginner's course - you must be confident using ice axe and crampons. The date has not been confirmed with the instructor but if you are interested, please contact the trip organiser asap - first in first served. Last year this course filled quickly!	Grade: Training Closes: 4 Aug Map: Approx: \$250	
Sunday 14 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Peter Eman 337-3003 petee@slingshot.co.nz
Mt Somers: Mt. Somers (1687m) is a mixture of bush and tops travel. It provides great views into the headwaters of the Rangitata, the Arrowsmiths and beyond. Ice axe, and probably crampons, required	Grade: Moderate Closes: 11 Aug Map: Approx:	
Wednesday 17 August		Club Night
Taking better Tramping Photo's 101: Club members Michel and Hilde are keen photographers, and talked about their trip to Iceland last year. Michel is going to show us how to use both cameras and smartphones to take better pictures. He'll also discuss photo sharing apps. More details to follow.		
Saturday 20 August Departure point: Contact leader		Leader: David Sutton 0211808081 Davidlsutton@yahoo.co.uk
Big Ben: Start and finish on Lake Lyndon Road. Climb to Pt 1327, continue along the ridge to Pt 1660, then to Big Ben. Back via Pt 1624 and Pt 1465.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 18 Aug Map: Approx:	

Long Weekend 25-27 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Lynette Hartley 338-0922 lhartley@canterburymuseum.com
Ski Touring Weekend - Rex Simpson Hut or Cass: Ski Touring Weekend: Either Rex Simpson Hut or the Cass Hut. Both these huts are private. Destination to be decided depending on weather, snow and hut availability. You will need skills to walk in snow but you do not need to be an experienced skier.	Grade: Ski Touring Closes: 18 Aug Map: BY17 Approx: \$50 + hut fee

Sunday 28 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125 judychris@xnet.co.nz
Tortis Tours #14: 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 popular demand this will be similar to the earlier TORTIS tours run late last year. This is a interesting way for new trampers to learn and refine the simple skills of route finding, building a shelter, lighting a fire, what to do if the trip leader is lost etc. 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.	Grade: Moderate - easy pace Closes: 25 Aug Map: Approx: contact leader

Trip Reports

23-25 April 2016

Cameron River Trip, Anzac Weekend

Day 1 Rain

The motivation: on a good day the Arrowsmiths are a majestic jagged mountain range looking freshly squeezed and thrust up, like daggers - the glaciers hanging on for dear life.

Our first day saw cold drizzle all the way up to the Cameron. Highland Home (actually a hut on the other side), is an ideal halfway land mark (across the river) for our lunch stop. Historically, it was here, we split into the accelerated (Sam, Bill and Philippa) and the steadfast (Lorraine, Angie and Peter).



Descending scree in the Cameron Valley

To those who want to explore this area, there are two routes soon after Highland Home. The hard way, through matagouri, or the easy spur- although the route looks like you follow the river around, don't. Look around for an arrow- shaped cairn and climb up high to a high marker (-43.397377,171.054983). The track then keeps high on tussocky terraces and descends to the river. It was a final bedraggled slog to get to the hut, sitting perched in mist.

Day 2 Sunny - Day of exploration

Prelude: Awesome. We woke up and looked out to blue sky and the pearly peaks looked stunning. Just before the sun rose, I thought I saw a shadow of a giant kea, by a pole, on the rocks high above the hut. Sam in reflection mode.

Part 1. An early-ish morning start and we set off up the carriageway trail. I watched my foot fall, mesmerised as I (we?) peered down the precipitous moraine wall to the roar and twisting river below. We traced Sam (now the size of an ant) as he attempted to climb an unnamed peak. Despite his valiant attempt, he backed off hard ice packed scree and headed down into a small valley and returned.

Meanwhile we made the final scramble up red sandstone (better for climbing than the grey-wacke-mud weetbix on Tent) to the waterfall view, to see, and feel the fresh air from the North Cameron Glacier in the morning sun.

Part 2. After lunch we then made off up moraine into the unstable world of the glacier's snout. Ice melt gushed with such force as it tumbled down the Cameron valley. If you had two ice picks, and crampons, you could make a quick access up on to the North Cameron glacier, and look at Jagged Peak.

Day 3 Sunny

Day out. We saw a native bird of prey (falcon?) near a huge rock above the gorge. Sam drove off to Twizel. We bought comfort food at the Mt Somers general store and arrived back at Z.

Trampers: Philippa Norman, Sam Newhouse, Angie Scott, Lorraine Poole, Bill Johnson, Peter Coleman (scribe and leader)

More about the CTC

Club Officers

<i>President:</i>	Steve Bruerton	322-6196	<i>Overnight Trip Organiser:</i>	Bill Johnson	022 049 3453
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<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Elizabeth Eadon	03 3764453	<i>Access Officer:</i>	Linda Lilburne	332-2502

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 **and pay** before leaving town; the club bank account number is 38-9017-0279838-00 (Kiwibank/Christchurch Tramping Club). Include your name and the words "hut fees" in the particulars/code/reference fields. Phone Gareth Caves 027 882 5563 for booking and key code; 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

Please have stuff for the next newsletter to the editor (editor@ctc.org.nz) by 21 July 2016 – Thanks.