



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Lake Clearwater, dawn.

Sharon Brophy's winning submission to the FMC Photo Contest in the "Outdoor Landscape" section.

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 25 May		Club Night
<p>Newsletter Folding and Trip Planning: Enjoy an informal evening chatting whilst helping with the monthly newsletter folding. Bring your maps and "trips to do list" and take the opportunity help to plan tramps. The projector and laptop are available for use.</p>		
Saturday 28 May		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		newmike@slingshot.co.nz
<p>Teds Track: This is a route linking the Maori Reserve Road end of the Blowhard Track and the Mt Richardson Bypass track. The trip will start at the end of the Maori Reserve Rd, a short section of the Blowhard Track, then along Teds Track, up the Bypass track and back down the Blowhard Track. A nice round trip, mostly in bush and providing an interesting variation to walks in that area.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 26 May Map: BW22 BW23 Approx: \$15</p>

Weekend 28-29 May Leader: Andrew Tromans 337-3925
atromans@gmail.com

Mount Annette via Sebastopol: Leave Friday 27th May from Caltex Russley and drive to Mt Cook. Pre-dawn departure on Sat with light packs to climb Sebastopol and follow the ridge to Mt Annette. Continue past Mueller Hill and down. Return to ChCh early Sunday. Reputed to be the best day trip in the country. Ice axe and crampons required.

Grade: Mod/Hard
Closed: 19 May
Map: BY15 BX15
Approx: \$70

Sunday 29 May
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

Leader: Peter Coleman 03 335 0891
pfranciscoleman@gmail.com

Mandamus Creek via two knobs: The Mandamus River accessed from Hawarden is geologically interesting with a large syenite (volcanic equivalent is trachyte, an intermediate basalt) intrusion south of Island Hills and surrounding Hurunui peak. We start at the Island Hills (near the Dove River) to do the two knobs traverse. This is a long day out, grade Moderate+. The height gain is 1100 m and length of route 20 km. The first knob is Clay Knob (1231 m) and accessed from Silver Brook. Then we ascend to the higher knob (Nicholsons knob, 1430m) via point 1548, then go down a spur to the track and out along the Mandamus River and back to Island Hills. This is a new club trip.

Grade: Moderate+
Closes: 26 May
Map: BU23
Approx: \$25

Wednesday 1 June

Club Night

Outdoor Education NZ: Avalanche Awareness Evening: Tonight Sarah English from Outdoor Education NZ will be giving a basic overview of Avalanche Awareness in the back country. With winter looming, and hopefully more snow than when this went to print, this is a timely refresher training seminar on making good decisions in the winter mountains. OENZ will talk about the Backcountry Avalanche Advisory (BAA), which covers where to find the avalanche information, how to read the forecasted data, and how you might apply that information. They may include a practical component, but tonight's talk is more theory related. OENZ would also like to offer a discounted price to CTC members to attend an avalanche awareness course on the 10th July. They will discount the course by 35% for those who would like to attend.

Weekend 4-5 June Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: Bill Johnson 022 049 3453 bill@billjohnson.nz
Cloudy Peak - Rangitata Valley: Cloudy Peak (2,403m) sits between the Clyde and Havelock Rivers overlooking the spectacular Rangitata Valley. While this trip is classified as a "mod hard" trip, the Erewhon Station Manager says we should be able to drive across the Clyde and up the Havelock Rivers cutting a lot of walking out. Sat leave Z Station at 7am. Head up Havelock and walk up Cloudy Stream 4km/500m altitude gain. Camp at the head of Cloudy Stream. Sun: 2.5km/1,350m altitude gain to summit then 6.5km downhill back to vehicles. We will climb at about 300m/hour - not a blistering rate up hill. Will advise on alpine conditions and whether crampons, ice axes and helmets will be required.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 26 May Map: BX17 Approx: \$35

Long Weekend 4-6 June	Leader: Alan Ross 384-6425
Mt Ross - A West Coast moderate trip South West of Hokitika: Friday night in the Club Lodge, Arthur's Pass. Day 1, road end to Mullens Hut: 7-9 hours. 4 bunks. Day 2: knock off Mt Ross, 1,770m, either as a day trip or walk over and end up in the Toaroha (long day option) aiming for a hut. Day 3: walk out and drive home. Notes: totally weather dependent. Involves rough on and off track travel and several possibly challenging river crossings. Limited to 8 total. If the weather is no good a plan B is in place to the East of Nelson Lakes NP. Expect to be back late on Monday night. Come join me to knock off Mt Ross!	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 26 May Map: BV19 Approx: \$70

Sunday 5 June Overnight Sat at CTC club hut Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com
Goat Hill: Goat Hill is a seemingly modest (1656 m) peak on the true right of the Otira River, directly east of Otira township. However, with a starting altitude of ~450 m, it involves a good 1200 m of height gain. We will start up the track on the north side of Barracks Creek, probably returning the same way. Great trip. Helmets are strongly recommended, for the rock scramble crux, and are available for free hire from the gear custodian. Snow is possible, so participants should have ice axe, crampons and knowledge of how to use them. Days are now short and the trip time can be long, so torches essential for the forested track. Very Early start Sunday from CHCH, or overnight in the CTC club hut on Saturday night - contact the leader to discuss.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 2 Jun Map: BV20 Approx: \$35 + hut fees

Sunday 5 June		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		newmike@slingshot.co.nz	
<p>Mt Vulcan: A lovely 4/5 hour easy trip with around 200m height gain. Mt Vulcan (412m), overlooks the sea in the coastal hills just north of Waipara and there are good views of the coast and Motunau Beach. Plenty of farm tracks to follow and the return trip will visit nearby Mt Venus. Total round trip around 10kms.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 2 Jun Map: BV25 Approx: \$20</p>	
Wednesday 8 June		Club Night	
<p>DOC - Current Projects on Banks Peninsular: Andy Thompson is DOC's Operations Manager for Banks Peninsular. Tonight he is coming to talk about DOC's current projects on Banks Peninsular. DOC administers a number of walking tracks, historic sites and bush remnants in this diverse conservancy. A fuller talk description will be listed nearer to the talk date.</p>			
Weekend 11-12 June		Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz	
<p>Edwards Hut Plus a Peak: Easy (ish) walk in to Edwards hut. 4 or 5 peaks available to bag from there as your enthusiasm dictates.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 2 Jun Map: BV20 Approx: \$40</p>	
Weekend 11-12 June Depart 6:30 Fri Evening		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		gerryparawa@hotmail.com	
<p>Paske Saddle Hut: Leave Z Station Fri evening head to Fowler Hut / camp. Sat head up Clarence to Paske Saddle and Paske Hut. Sun head home an alternate route depending on weather.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 2 Jun Map: BS24 Approx: \$30</p>	
Weekend 11-12 June		Leader: Peter Coleman 03 335 0891	
		pfranciscoleman@gmail.com	
<p>Pinchgut Hut (Northwest of Rangiora): Pinchgut hut is down behind Mt Thomas and is an ideal trip for people getting into weekend tramping. It is only about 3 hours tramping on the Saturday to get to the 10 bunk hut for Saturday night. A round trip can be made by following the Okuku river on Sunday but this requires a car shuffle .</p>		<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 2 Jun Map: BW23 Approx: \$30</p>	

Sunday 12 June Early start 7am Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Richard Kimberley 326 6158
Esk head to Top of the Ladder: I plan to continue on from Esk Head (1864m) to Top of the Ladder (1792m) bit further along the ridge above the South branch of the Hurunui River. 1500 m of height gain and 18 kms of distance approx. Ice-axe and crampons required. Early start.	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills)	Closes: 9 Jun Map: BV22 BV23 Approx: \$25

Tuesday 14 June	Social Event
<p>LYDIA BRADEY- Tramping and Climbing through the Decades: We are fortunate to have a shared evening with the PTC, with Lydia Bradey as our guest speaker. The talk will be held on TUESDAY JUNE 14th at the PENINSULAR TRAMPING CLUB clubrooms, 286 Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm and Lydia's talk will commence at 7.45pm. Please note that an entry fee of \$5 will be made to partly cover the costs for presenting this meeting. "Lydia was the first woman to ascend Mt Everest without supplementary oxygen, and is one of five female mountain guides in New Zealand. Lydia will share some of her stories which will include her earlier days with Christchurch tramping clubs." Those who were in the CTC in the late seventies will remember Lydia from those days when she was a young woman actively tramping and climbing with both the CTC and the PTC. As Social Convener I'm thrilled that we finally have the opportunity to meet Lydia and hear her speak, and I urge club members to come along and support the PTC's effort in getting Lydia to Christchurch to talk to us. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to listen to one of New Zealand's greatest women mountaineers. Lydia is also actively involved in charity work in Nepal. "Lydia's choice of charity is the Forgotten Sherpa's of Nepal Trust. This trust is based in Geraldine, Canterbury. See their website http://www.forgottensherpas.org/ for the work they are involved with. An opportunity will be available at the meeting to make a donation to this trust otherwise a donation can be made via the trust's website."</p>	

Wednesday 15 June	Club Night
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Trans-Atlantic Rowing Adventure: Sarah Kessans will talk tonight about ocean rowing as part of a team in the Woodvale Events Atlantic Rowing Race. After 4 years of rowing and adventure racing as an under-grad student at Purdue University, Sarah Kessans embarked on an endeavor which boasts fewer participants than people who have successfully summited Everest: ocean rowing. Pairing up with fellow Purdue oarswoman Emily Kohl to become Team American Fire, the pair set off in December 2005 to become the youngest women and the only Americans in the Race: a 5000 km, fully self-supported race across the Atlantic Ocean, using only 4 oars and physical fortitude to propel their 24 foot wooden boat from the Canary Islands to Antigua. Although the race is meant to test the limits of the human spirit, the 2005 race held extra challenges caused by multiple hurricanes and tropical storms that battered the fleet of 26 rowing boats. January 16th, 2006, 46 days into their journey, became a day that completely changed Sarah's life. Come along to hear her story of adventure, failure, and ultimately success on the high seas. Her talk will incorporate the importance of preparation and emergency planning, gear, coping with adversity, and following your passion and never giving up - features very much in common with us every time we swing that pack on our backs! Come along for an inspirational talk (and bring your sea legs...)

Saturday 18 June	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
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<p>Kaka Hill: Kaka Hill (994m) is a pretty little hill on the north eastern edge of Lake Coleridge and provides stunning views of the lake and surrounding area. A great opportunity to experience this spectacular tramping area in a relaxed mode. Approximately 400m height gain. Lake Coleridge was named after the nephews of famous English poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge. They were members of the Canterbury Association involved in surveying the area for European settlement. The trip will involve a car shuffle.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 16 Jun Map: BV20 Approx: \$25</p>
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Weekend 18-19 June	Leader: William King 03 3578922 wchking@yahoo.co.nz
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<p>Overnight trip Rakaia Gorge Redcliffe track, Tribulation Hut & Mt Hutt west side: Overnight trip meeting at 7.30am Caltex Russley on Saturday morning. Heading for the Rakaia gorge, Redcliffe track with a 9 km walk into Tribulation Hut on Saturday night. Sunday's objective is snowy stream and the west face of Mt Hutt 1200 m above the hut. The tramp will be run at a medium pace as distances are not that large and as the leader's fitness has dropped off after the Gardens of Eden trip. Trampers with some snow skills and/or a good level of confidence on hills are encouraged to come along. Bring your helmet, ice axe and crampons.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard Closes: 9 Jun Map: BX20 Approx: \$55</p>
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Weekend 18-19 June

Leader: James Hopkins 022 026 0504
snikpohsemaj@gmail.com

Mid winter dance party on Lewis tops! What better way is there to keep warm in the middle of winter other than dancing while enjoying the magnificent views of the Lewis pass tops in winter??? The weekend of 18-19 June is closest to the winter solstice and also corresponds with a full moon (well almost anyway). Departing Christchurch at the respectable hour of 9am on Saturday morning and with cafe stop en-route. We will drive to the Lewis pass summit (upper St James carpark) from there walk up to the Lewis pass tops. We will walk along the broad ridge towards Mt Technical and The Apprentice (approx 2-3 hours). Nestled in the upper Deer Valley I have spied a broad valley (several actually) with plenty of flat land for tents and stunning views of said nearby peaks, I have also checked the direction of the rising sun to ensure early warming for those who place tents wisely. This will be a mid winter alpine experience so you will need to have suitable gear for the climate. You will need winter tent, sleeping mat with good R value and a sleeping bag suitable for winter conditions as well as warm clothing. You will need ice axe and crampons and know how to use them too - while the tops are quite flat there is some steep portions on the walk in and we are hoping for snow (fingers crossed). And don't forget your dancing shoes, silly Hat and Tie! PS I am serious about this being a dancing party trip. As soon as our dinner has settled we will put on our silly hats and ties (shoes optional) and dance until the batteries are flat (either ours or those in the portable Bluetooth speakers). If you wake up cold - then dance some more... There is heaps of space to dance in the snow with low risk so there are no excuses. There is also space for low angle snow play - think impromptu tobogganing with pack liner... Lastly.... Dance moves that go on trip, stay on trip!

Grade: Easy or
EasyMod
Closes: 9 Jun
Map: BT23 BT24
Approx: \$40

Sunday 19 June Early Start 7am	Leader: Elizabeth Eadon 03 3764453 drelizabethmej@gmail.com
<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 hopefully. 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 in 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 - email leader.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 16 Jun Map: BT23 Approx:</p>

Wednesday 22 June	Club Night
<p>Buy, Sell and Exchange Auction Night.: It's time to dust off all that un-used gear that's been replaced with a newer, shinier (and probably lighter and dearer) versions, and turn it into good hard cash whilst equipping your fellow trampers. Yes it's the Club's Buy, Sell and Exchange Night, and always a lot of fun. Come along and practice your auction skills! Boots, ski's, jackets, hats, packs, ropes, sleeping mats...these were some of the items on sale last year. Good quality items only please. Also, please bring cash as there is no Eftpos available. Items may be donated to the club to sell for the benefit of the club coffers. (Last year the club raised \$100 from donations which was greatly appreciated). There were some great bargains gained last sale, so don't miss out- see you there!</p>	

Saturday 25 June	Social Event
<p>Mid-Winter Breakfast and Loo-Loo Awards: We've booked for 9.00am at The Chateau on the Park, (corner of Deans Avenue and Kilmarnock Street) on Saturday, 25th June. Please put your name down on the list at the club rooms or contact Kay Taylor beforehand, so that the hotel will have a good idea of numbers on the day. Everyone to pay the hotel on the day of the breakfast. There is a choice of either the Continental breakfast or the fully cooked buffet. Kate has obtained a discount for the club and the cost is the same for either choice at \$18.50 per person. Children under 12 years are \$1.00 times their age. The breakfast is also the occasion we present the annual Loo-Loo Award to a lucky, deserving recipient. The categories considered include, but are not limited to, the most geographically challenged, logistically lacking, or outrageously disoriented. Please note that accurate details are all well and good, but never let the truth get in the way of a good story! Nominations are now being accepted. Contact either Kay or Kate (the Taylor Twins) with your suggestions. Kate's email address is kate5003@gmail.com All are welcome - we hope you can come.</p>	

<p>Saturday 25 June Following On From Mid-Winter Breakfast Departure point: Chateau on the Park or Bowenvale Ave Carpark</p>	<p>Leader: Kay Taylor 03358-4580 kaytaylor30@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>Buffet Buster! Bowenvale to Sugarloaf: Come and enjoy an invigorating walk with panoramas of Lyttelton Harbor and the Canty Plains. We'll leave from Chateau on the Park after the Breakfast (approx. 11am), and park at Bowenvale Ave carpark. People may also meet us at the Bowenvale carpark. (Please let me know if you choose this option). We'll take the Bowenvale Valley Track to the summit road, and if time and inclination permits, continue to Mt Vernon for views east over Rapaki Track. Then we'll follow the Crater Rim walkway back and pick up Gilpin Track on the south side of Sugarloaf. We'll loop Sugarloaf and after a short climb, have afternoon tea at the Sugarloaf trig at 496m. We'll return to the cars via the Bowenvale Valley and Eastside tracks, finishing our walk through pine plantation with very large, old trees. Height gain approx. 500m and distance about 8km and 4 hours walking time. Windproofs essential. Back-up walk: Omaha Bush and Gibraltar Rock.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Saturday 25th is fine Map: BX24 Approx: \$5</p>
<p>Saturday 25 June</p>	<p>Leader: Bernhard Parawa 337 3125</p>
<p>Mt Manson: tramping from 3km up the Craigieburn skifield road to Mt Manson crossing the Craigieburn stream. Snow skills and helmet required. Contact leader</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 23 Jun Map: BV21 Approx: \$20</p>
<p>Multi day trip 1-2 June Depart Fri evening for the club hut Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>	<p>Leader: Leader Required</p>
<p>Griffin Creek Hut (Otira West Coast): This is a full-on NZ Army style training tramp with a mixture of dense bush, riverbeds, rock hopping and steep muddy tracks with the opportunity of open tops travel. With daylight savings time expect to complete the last bit to Griffin Creek Hut with head torches. The tracks have been recut in the last couple of years and Griffin Creek is a nice hut. Leave Friday evening and spend the night at the club hut for an early start Saturday morning.</p>	<p>Grade: Mod/Hard Closed: 19 May Map: K33 Approx: \$45</p>

Sunday, 26 June	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<p>Sumner/Godley Head/Taylor's Mistake: This trip on the Port Hills will start on the Captain Thomas Track from Sumner up to Evans Pass - around 200m height gain. Once on top we can have a great tramp out to Godley Head to explore the gun emplacements, before dropping down to Boulder Bay for lunch. From there, it is on to Taylor's Mistake and a section of the Scarborough Bluffs Track back to Evans Pass Road. Round trip around 10 - 12kms, 5 - 6 hours.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 23 Jun Map: BX25 Approx: \$5</p>

Wednesday 29 June	Club Night
<p>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!</p>	

Multi day trip 28-29 June	Leader: Leah Wilton
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	leah.wilton@facebook.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:</p>

Sunday 3 July	Leader: Richard Kimberley 326 6158
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 favorite 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 favorite 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 favorite 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	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<p>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.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 7 Jul Map: BX20 Approx: \$20</p>

Wednesday 13 July	Club Night
<p>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.</p>	

Wednesday 20 July	Club Night
<p>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>	

Wednesday 27 July Club Night

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.

Multi day trip 1-2 August Aug-Oct Date TBD Leader: Manpreet (Mani) Singh
preet323@gmail.com

<p>Intermediate Snow Craft: 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 steeper snow 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! Mani Singh 0279318323 preet323@gmail.com</p>	<p>Grade: Training Closes: 21 Jul Map: Approx: \$250</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.

Trip Reports

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Castle Hill Peak and the Gap

At Porters, our leader split us into "hares" and "tortoises". I ran with the hares... The game plan: The turtles would go to the Gap, or stay at Castle Hill Peak and then return to Porters. The hares would go the Gap and out Kowai Stream.

Predictably windy, along the exposed tops, twenty three slogged it up Foggy Peak (no fog this trip). "Onward tramping soldiers", zigging and zagging up to Castle Hill Peak. A lunch



stop at the top, as the wind blew off the snowy hinterland. I was puzzled. How could some with shorts, bear the chilling cold, without jackets, or hats? For myself, I liked the warmth of a double thickness hat, leggings and a good jacket.

We loitered down along the narlie ridge and sidled razor-tipped rocks. James, a US professor (IT guy) from Delaware, slipped from his walking poles and the red stuff oozed out. A quick first aid with the amazing second skin, and bandages. With his right gloved hand held high, he bravely carried on.

What is truly counterintuitive is that to access the Gap, you drop left (west not east) into a short scree gully. Then hard right, on to a kind of ramp and you are there, the amphitheatre, the sound of good old CTC laughing and mirth making (Chris was involved).

From the Gap we plunged down a patch of satisfying scree and met Ian who was going solo in the opposite direction. We met and exchanged pleasantries (and a key), impressed by his Hilary-like, determination.

As the late afternoon sun slid into the shadows, one or two rocks catapaulted down a craggy ravine and narrowly missed their targets. We took a beeline past the Kowai hut and threaded along the stream, seeking the pines and the cars. On Ian's return (from above), we bundled into cars and SUVs and high tailed it to the Springfield tavern - the monies divied over a pint.



Trampers: David Sutton (leader), Peter Coleman (scribe) and 21 others.

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Fsor Sale: Macpac Possum baby/smallish child carrier. VG condition, ready to go! Ideal for parents AND grandparents. Never too young to tramp with this classic pack!! Has sunshield and foot stirrups. \$70. Ph Kay 03 3584580 or text to 0221526158. Thanks Kay Taylor.

Boots for sale: Salewa Mountain Trainer Boots, Womens, mid Gortex size UK 7.5, EU 41, USA 9.5. Worn once. This is a lite-weight (530g each), mixed mountain terrain boot suitable for above bushline and off track adventures (of course you can use it for tracks as well!). Vibram sole, gortex lining, full rubber rand, 1.6mm suede leather and wear-resistant fabric. I found it to be very responsive underfoot, but just too small in the toe area for me to

wear with my orthotics. Check out more details at www.salewa.com. Price: \$250.00 (half price of new). Please contact Kay on 3584580 or else see me at club night.

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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 **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

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