



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Castle Hill Peak

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 31 August	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 photos of a recent trip the projector and laptop are available for use.</p>	
Saturday 3 September	Leader: Mariusz Madry 021 046 0150 mariusz.madry@gmail.com
<p>Dome: 8am start from Caltex Russley. We will drive on West Coast Road and stop somewhere close to Greyneys Shelter. We'll cross the Bealey River and head up over points 1484, 1759 and 1920 to Dome (1945). If time and snow conditions allow, we'll drop down to Edwards Hut Track to complete a circle. Ice axe and crampons required.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 1 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$35</p>
Saturday 3 September	Leader: Peter Coleman 03 335 0891 pfranciscoleman@gmail.com
<p>Little Mt Ida: This is a little gem of a trip. Drive to Harper rd to a track that ice skaters use to get into Lake Ida. We then walk the length of the lake to the less steep side of Little Mount Ida (1050m). An easy steady climb to top to what is really a plateau. Great views of the bigger brother Mt Ida and Mt Olympus. We then climb down to the track and out. Cost 20\$</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 1 Sep Map: BW20 Approx: \$20</p>
Weekend 3-4 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Shaun Wong shaunwong@mail.com
<p>Black Hill Hut: Black Hill Hut is perched high up on the Puketeraki range with views as far as Christchurch. With good tracks and a cosy hut this is a great hut for a weekend away. There are good tops just above the hut to explore for the keen active party members.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 25 Aug Map: BW22 Approx: \$20+\$5 Hut Fees</p>

<p>Sunday 4 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui</p>	<p>Leader: Elizabeth Eadon contact leader as might go early / night before 03 3764453 drelizabethmej@gmail.com</p>
<p>Lake Clearwater: Wounded trampers trip. Nice easy trip round Lake Clearwater. Option of climbing Mt Guy for those with fully functioning and strong lower limbs plus ability to map read and lead this part of the trip. Lovely opportunity to take photos and use binoculars to spot birds. Might go early / night before if anyone's keen to take photographs in the early morning light. Pace will be super easy so families welcome. PS leader knows nothing about photography, bring your own knowledge.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy / photography Closes: 1 Sep Map: BX18 Approx: \$35</p>
<p>Wednesday 7 September Club Night</p>	
<p>Canyoning: The Last Frontier: "Tonight club member Jonathon Carr is introducing us to the exciting world of canyoning. Canyoning is an increasingly popular adventure activity which uses many caving and rock climbing skills. Instead of avoiding canyons and gorges, these hardy adventurers explore the wet, wild, cold and often precipitous places which trampers rarely visit by choice! Last April Jonathon, Steve, Smiffy and Toni went canyoning in Australia. This talk will cover their trip, as well as canyoning trips closer to Christchurch".</p>	
<p>Saturday 10 September Departure point: Caltex Russley</p>	<p>Leader: James Hopkins 022 026 0504 snikpohsemaj@gmail.com</p>
<p>Rabbit Hill: Departure Caltex Russley 8am. We will approach by striking from Lyndon Road near SH73 up a spur to pt 1251m, from there we will follow the ridge to the (slightly lower) peak of Rabbit Hill (1198m). Descending down the NW Spur of Rabbit hill to the Lyndon Rd, with a possible returning to cars along the NW shores of Lake Lyndon. There may be snow still around even at these altitudes so talk to the leader about what skills may be needed depending on the snow levels at time of the trip</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 8 Sep Map: BW20 Approx: \$20</p>
<p>Weekend 10-11 September</p>	<p>Leader: Andrew Tromans 337-3925 atromans@gmail.com</p>
<p>Lake Stream Springs Junction - Lewis Pass: Lake Stream (Easy Mod) Womble up the forested Lake stream track to the hut in the Victoria Ranges. The following day we can take a nice walk up valley to a beautiful tarn before returning the same way we came in (Easy). Alternately we can gain the eastern ridge and return via the Klondyke track (Moderate).</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 1 Sep Map: BT22 Approx: \$45</p>
<p>Sunday 11 September</p>	<p>Leader: Alan Ross 384-6425 alan_sue@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>Mt Herbert: From Orton Bradley park, approx 850m height gain</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Mod Closes: 8 Sep Map: BY24 Approx: \$10</p>

Sunday 11 September Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: James Hopkins early start 7am 022 026 0504 snikpohsemaj@gmail.com
Mt White: Departure Caltex Russley 7am (early start). Mt White reportedly has some of the best views in the park. In September Snow highly probable so please come with your kit for above the snow line and discuss your abilities with the leader. Route to be confirmed.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 8 Sep Map: BV21 Approx: \$35
Sunday 11 September	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 Ryde Falls Track from the Coopers Creek car park through the beech forest, looking out for scattered Rimu and the splashes of colour from the red and yellow leaved horopito. There is plenty of bird life 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. Return trip will follow the Korimako Track through to the Wharfedale, then the Link Track back to the cars	Grade: Easy Closes: 8 Sep Map: BU22 Approx: \$15
Wednesday 14 September	Club Night
Classic Peaks: Climbing Mitre Peak and Mt Aspiring: Tonight club member and mountaineer Bill Johnson will talk about 2 recent trips well above the bush line: firstly a climb of Mitre Peak in Milford Sound last February, completed in fine weather with stunning views of Milford Sound and the Fiordland mountains. Bill will then talk about climbing Mt Aspiring/ Tititea in January 2015, a climb notable for it's completion in bad weather requiring a rock bivvy for two days! Bill has some dramatic video to show us of the descent in high winds and heavy rain! Both trips cover some of the most impressive scenery in NZ, and are considered "Classic Peaks" for climbers in NZ. Come along and enjoy some comfortable armchair mountaineering!	
Weekend 17-18 September Depart 9am Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: James Hopkins 022 026 0504 snikpohsemaj@gmail.com
Nina Hut - Past Hanmer Springs: Starting at the cruisy time of 9am Saturday (Z Papanui), with a cafe stop in Culverden en-route we will aim to be walking by 12noon. The walk to Nina Hut is well known for being an easy walk for people of most abilities (1-3 hours). Winter won't have fully departed so make sure you come with warm kit. For those that are keen the leader is going to test his legs venturing further up one of the valleys beyond the hut, either as an evening walk or sunrise walk. Trip list entries extended to Thursday 15th to accommodate those who like to commit to a weekends venturing at last minute.	Grade: Easy Closes: 8 Sep Map: BU22 Approx: \$40

Sunday 18 September Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: Eric Skea skea.eric@gmail.com
Philistine: Leave 7 am from Caltex Russley. If weather or conditions aren't suitable, we will attempt something else 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: 15 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$35

Wednesday 21 September	Club Night
Kelly's South Island circumnavigation.: Tonight club member and former Royal Air Force medic Kelly Purdie will talk about her epic journey around the South Island, starting in Dunedin in December 2015 and finishing on July 30th this year. Kelly's aim was to raise awareness and funds for a rare disease, Juvenile Parkinsons Disease, which afflicts her sister: Kelly's determination and ability to overcome physical and mental challenges saw her walk 2120km and cycle 1404km, in total covering 3,524km in 195 days. Come along and hear the highs and lows of Kelly's trip, and find out whose words of wisdom got her through some tough situations. Gold coin entry please towards Kelly's fundraising for JPD.	

Long Weekend 23-25 September Depart Fri Evening 5pm Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: James Hopkins 022 026 0504 snihpohsemaj@gmail.com
Waimakariri Falls Hut – Arthur's Pass: FRIDAY departure. Walking in via Carrington Hut. Situated by the stunning 80m falls this CMC hut is perched at 1300m and surrounded by stunning snow-capped peaks over 2000m. Trip limited to 4 unless you want to tent beside the hut. Be prepared for A long day walking in as the DOC time range is 7-11 hours each way. Carpooling in town to drive to Arthur's Pass Friday night - staying at CTC club hut. Snow gear and skills high probability so please talk to leader prior to trip.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 15 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$35 + hut fees

Saturday 24 September	Leader: David Sutton Early start - email leader 0211808081 Davidlsutton@yahoo.co.uk
Mt Lucia: Mt Lucia is in the Libretto Range near Lewis Pass. Park off State Highway 6 and climb the broad ridge between Riordons Creek and Patersons Creek. From Mt Lucia carry on along the ridge to Pt 1694. Descend the ridge due west to the highway. Snow skills and ice axe and crampons are a must. Long day. Early start - email leader.	Grade: Moderate+ (requires snow skills) Closes: 22 Sep Map: BU23 Approx: \$40

Sunday 25 September Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
newmike@slingshot.co.nz

<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. 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. Approximately 400m height gain and the trip will involve a car shuffle.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 22 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$25</p>
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Sunday 25 September Leader: Chris McGimpsey 03 3589125
judychris@xnet.co.nz

<p>Tortis Tour #15: 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.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace Closes: 22 Sep Map: Approx:</p>
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Wednesday 28 September 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 photos of a recent trip the projector and laptop are available for use.

Long Weekend 30 September-2 October Leader: James Hopkins 022 026 0504
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Depart Fri Evening 5pm
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui

<p>Mt Pfieler - Otira Arthur's Pass: FRIDAY departure. This is attempt 3 for me, having never left town the first time and never left the road the second time. Hoping for better conditions this time. Staying at the club hut Friday night will help facilitate an early start. Approaching the peak via the known route of Paratu Stream and Waharoa Saddle. Staying at the 2 bunk Biv, or camping beside. Stunning views to be had from the peak at sunset and sunrise. Returning same route. Probable snow so appropriate snow gear and skills may be required, contact the leader to discuss your skills. Carpooling in town to drive to Arthur's Pass Friday night - staying at CTC club hut.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ (requires snow skills) Closes: 22 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$40 + hut fee</p>
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Sunday 2 October Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
bryce.williamson@gmail.com

<p>Mt Enys: At 2194 m, Mt Enys is the highest summit of the Craigieburn Range. To save some of the trudgery, 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+ Closes: 29 Sep Map: BW20 Approx:</p>
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Wednesday 5 October Club Night

Wilding Pines - Where are we Going and Are We Winning?: Alison Bower, Community Partnerships Coodinator for Ecan, and Maree Goldring from the Waimak Ecological and Landscape Restoration Alliance (WELRA) are talking tonight on proposed changes to funding wilding pine eradication in the Waimak Basin. Wilding pine trees are threatening the unique landscape and native flora & fauna of the area and clubs like ours are at the fore-front of control work. Plus it is a very good fund raiser for the club. Come along and find out what's in store for these unwanted pine trees.

Long Weekend 7-9 October Depart Fri Evening 7pm Leader: Ruth Gray 021 079 4685

<p>Lake Morgan: Lake Morgan is a stunning and serene alpine gem, and only gets about 5 visits per year. This trip will leave Friday night to stay in the club hut in Arthurs Pass. The tramp starts near Moana at the Glorivale Christian community centre which gives access to the Haupiri valley. From the Haupiri valley the track climbs up and over the Brian O'Lynn and Mt. O'Shanessy tops before dropping down to Lake Morgan Hut. The lake is an easy half-hour walk from the Hut. The next day we will travel across the tops and drop down to Cone Creek Hut in the Haupiri Valley. A track has been recut here by Permolat in 2015 down to a scree run that takes you to Cone Creek. From here is a walk out down the Haupiri Valley.</p>	<p>Grade: Closes: 29 Sep Map: BU21 Approx: \$45+\$15 Hut Fee</p>
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Saturday 8 October Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
newmike@slingshot.co.nz

<p>Mt Alford: 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 and return the same way.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Mod Closes: 6 Oct Map: BX20 Approx: \$20</p>
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Wednesday 12 October	Club Night
<p>Who needs a swanky stove when you've got 2 beer cans?: Our very own and much loved Chris McG will be showing us how to make a meths fuel burner using aluminium cans. The bonus is you need to drink the can's contents beforehand! Those who have been on trips with Chris will have seen these little stoves in action, and been impressed by their simplicity, efficiency and cheapness of construction! They make a lightweight addition to your emergency equipment, as well as providing a quick brew on the go. Chris will provide the basics, just bring your empty cans.</p>	

Long Weekend 22-24 October Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Ivo Rongen rongen.ivo@gmail.com
<p>Intermediate Alpine Skills Course: - 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!</p>	<p>Grade: Closes: 13 Oct Map: Approx: \$250</p>

Long Weekend 22-24 October Labour Day Weekend Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Eric Skea skea.eric@gmail.com
<p>Mt Una - Lewis Pass: Una is the highest point in the Spenser Range. The plan is to cross Maling Pass and climb via the tarn north of Pt 1778, and Pt 2130. This has been done as a Hard two-day trip in the past, but with three days a gentler pace will be possible. Mod/Hard. Requires snow skills and experience on steeper terrain (eg. grade 1 routes). Departure point: Contact leader</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard Closes: 13 Oct Map: BT23 BT24 Approx: \$40</p>

Sunday 13 November	Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 bryce.williamson68@gmail.com
<p>Bealey Hut - Blind Spurs circuit: details to follow</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 10 Nov Map: BV20 Approx: \$30</p>

Sunday 27 November

Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
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Mt Princess (postponed from August): Mt Princess is a high peak (2126 m) north west of Lake Tennyson and directly north of Maling Pass. Tucked into a cirque on its southern slopes, and about 400 m below the summit, is a large and spectacular tarn called Princess Bath. There is a prospect of driving up on Saturday afternoon and either staying at Fowler Hut or camping by Lake Tennyson with an early morning start or even camping at the Bath. Ice axe and crampons may be needed. Helmets are possibly sensible and you must be comfortable with scrambling

Grade: Moderate+
(requires snow skills)

Closes: 24 Nov

Map: BT24

Approx: \$40

Trip Reports

Unfortunately there were no trip reports submitted this month. C'mon people, I know that you have been tramping, I have seen the photos. So how about writing a short report on your trip. It helps inspire new people to explore unknown places, and let's those of us who can't get out there at the moment to vicariously live your journey with you for a short while. Leaders, please discuss this with people on your trip, and if necessary, nominate a 'volunteer'. Reports can be directly submitted via the website, or if you prefer, emailed to the editor.



Admiring the harbour view – Port Hills trip



Snowcraft 3 – Temple Basin



Mt Isobel in fresh snow



Igloo accommodation on Mt Cheeseman



Glorious view from Mt Oakden

More about the CTC

Club Officers

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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

Please have stuff for the next newsletter to the editor (editor@ctc.org.nz) by 22 September 2016 – Thanks.