



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Anne Henderson 1925-2019
Photo : Rex Vink

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, \$20 junior or associate, plus \$15 for members who opt to obtain a paper newsletter.

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

News

Note from DOC website on the Paparoa Track

Our latest Great Walk is opening in December and bookings are opening very soon. This purpose built shared-use walking and mountain bike track is a 3 day hike for most walkers (travelling from Smoke-ho car park to Pororari River car park).

The 55 km of track has two 20-bunk huts.

Editors note: There is a CTC trip going there before this opening. See Croesus Loop track below.

Obituary

Anne Henderson 23.5.1925 to 18.3.2019 Aged 94

The CTC, especially the older members, will have great memories of Anne Henderson. She joined the club in 1954 and was made a Life Member in 1975.

During her years with the club she was Secretary as well as many other committee jobs. Anne may have been the first female Club Captain and showed the boys her style when she won the title of the 'fastest fire-lighting woman' of the club. She was great company on club trips .

She was known to be a competent and strong trumper amongst her peers and did many long trips (8-10 days) into areas like the Olivines, NorthWest Nelson (later known as Kahurangi), Haast river by row-boat (before the road went in), Wangapeka and Three Passes. She was one of the most significant female trampers of her time and was still participating on occasions into her late 70's.

Anne was secretary of the Summit Road Society for many years and was also a keen cyclist. She lived a frugal life by eschewing material things that she did not need, including a TV. For many years she was a Court Stenographer but in her younger days did a stint at Anakiwa Outward Bound.

There is a tangible memory of Anne that stays with us because she donated a window for the club hut – the one that frames the view towards the Pass. The tramping club was just like a big family for Anne as she had no family in NZ. All her own family are based in the UK and other scattered corners of the world. In their words when speaking of Anne they said in her memorial: "Those we love don't go away. They walk..."

Contributions from Rex Vink, Dave Henson and Bayne Hunter.

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.

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. 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 Katherine King 0276141941 or email xxkatkingxx@live.co.uk. Please note that formalities start at 7:50 pm sharp, and if there is a guest speaker, he/she will start at 8 pm sharp.

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 Steve Bruerton 322-6196 for booking and key code; or if he's away, Chris McGimpsey 027 6573070; or if they're both away, Rex Vink 3525329. Hut fees are \$15 member, \$15 member's partner, \$25 non-member, \$5 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please contact the hut convenor, Steve Bruerton.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Barney Stephenson, ph. 03 358 3281 . Note: club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it. Please 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 item per weekend
Harnesses, snow shovel	\$4 per weekend
Large/small weekend packs	\$2 per weekend
Helmets	Free
Personal locator beacons	Free

Wednesday 29 May	Club Night
Newsletter Folding Evening : Tonight we have newsletter folding, then general club business, along with refreshments and chat time.	

<p>Long Weekend 31 May-3 June Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Natasha Sydorenko n.sydorenko@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Mt Titiroa via North Borland (3 days): A distinctive peak in the Hunter Mountains, Mt Titiroa appears to have snow on it all year round due to the white granite sands that glisten on its summit. It's quite a long way from Christchurch (nearly 700km), so:</p> <p>Day 1 - we will drive down and walk into the rock biv on the North Branch Borland River Track.</p> <p>Day 2 - drop packs at North Borland Hut, bush bash up to point 1581, climb Mt Titiroa, return to hut & stay the night.</p> <p>Day 3 - walk back to car and drive home.</p> <p>It's a 3-day trip but I am leaving a 4-day window in the hope of picking the best weather because this is Fiordland. Best case scenario is tramping 31 May - 2 June, and having a day to recover before heading back to work on Tuesday.</p> <p>Plan B: a 4-day trip in Nelson Lakes, on the Travers-Sabine circuit, visiting Angelus Hut and Travers Saddle, hopefully walking the Robert Ridge, which I didn't manage to do in either of my last two visits to the area. Whether we go clockwise or anticlockwise will depend on availability of bunks/tent sites at Angelus - Queen's Birthday is one of the weekends the hut requires booking during winter.</p> <p>Please note: If this trip starts on 31 May, it will require the Friday off work.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closed: 23 May Map: CE07 Approx: Contact Leader</p>

<p>Long Weekend 1-3 June Departure point: Caltex Russley 6:30am</p>	<p>Leader: William King 021874626 wchking@yahoo.co.nz</p>
<p>Queens BD Trip - Crooked Spur Hut & Mt Caton (WAS West Mathias):</p> <p>Due to access issues, the <u>West Mathias trip will not be going ahead.</u></p> <p>For those who want to get out and about, the objective is now Crooked Spur Hut in the Two Thumb range on Saturday, with a Sunday climb out to Mt Caton 2309m. Returning down Bush Stream the following morning.</p> <p>Ice axe, crampons, snow skills and river shoes are advisable, with a warm sleeping bag and a bed roll. Mt Caton is 1500m height gain.</p>	<p>Grade: Mod/Hard Closed: 23 May Map: BW18 BW19 Approx: Contact Leader</p>

Wednesday 5 June	Club Night
<p>Tenting Tutorial by Barry Watson: In this action-packed club night, Barry Watson will share top tips on how to make your next tenting adventure more fun and a lot more enjoyable (even for those who aren't sold on it!). He will cover such topics as...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why people love tenting and see it as the gateway to the great outdoors - Five key criteria to use when buying a great tramping tent - How to numerically compare tents so you buy the ideal one for your needs -3 vs 4 season tent: What's the difference, and which is the best fit for you - Where and how to 'perfectly' pitch your tent (whatever the conditions) - How to take good care of your tent so that it lasts for years -Plus lots more! <p>Barry will share photos of his tenting experiences locally and while doing the Tour du Mont Blanc through parts of Europe.</p>	

Sunday 9 June Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: David Sutton 0211808081 Davidlsutton@yahoo.co.uk
<p>Mt Misery: Walk up the Cass riverbed to climb the south ridge directly to the summit. Descend to Misery Swamp and back cross the Cass river. Should be a fun day out.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 6 Jun Map: BV21 Approx: \$25</p>

Wednesday 12 June	Club Night
<p>Winter in Minnesota by Joshua Johnson: Winter in Northern Minnesota is cold - really cold. Join CTC member Joshua Johnson as he shares some stories and video from a recent trip back to his fatherland, in the USA. His presentation will include geologic history of the region, winter overnight tramping (using snowshoes) and dry-tooling at a local ice climbing park.</p>	

Saturday 15 June Departure point: Z Station Papanui	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<p>Prebble Hill: Prebble Hill is a nice little bump to the north of the Torlesse Range and in the middle of a limestone area.</p> <p>The trip will start opposite the Castle Hill Scenic Reserve, follow a farm road, then a track above the true right of the Porter River. Cross a stock bridge and follow the escarpment up to the summit of Prebble Hill (902m.)</p> <p>Return trip offers a great opportunity to explore all the beautiful limestone formations. Return trip distance around 10kms, 200m height gain.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 13 Jun Map: BW21 Approx: \$20</p>

Weekend 15-16 June
Departure point: Z Station Papanui

Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070
tortistours@gmail.com

Fowler Hut Base Camp: The Fowler hut is a historic musterer's hut in the St James Conservation area, above Hanmer Springs on Tophouse Road.

We will use the hut as a base to undertake 2 x days of mod+ tramps, depending on the weather and the levels of enthusiasm. The two room hut has a cosy open fire but no bunks so a camp chair plus an air mattress would be good idea – there is plenty of space for tents, if any other trampers, hunters or horse riders are in residence.

This is an ideal opportunity for people to tackle two good day trips in this remote area without having to either cart a large pack, or spend hours travelling in a car. Winter tramping conditions will apply and with any luck some early snow to play on with ice & crampons.

Saturday 15th June - Peters Pass, Tonga Hill, Mt Sadd, Mt Horrible & Somoa Mound circuit. How many NZ trampers can boast that they have walked from Tonga to Somoa in a day? This is your chance to add the Sadd Horrible winter trip from Tonga to Somoa to your CV. It will be a reasonably long day with some rock scrambling over Mt Horrible, before heading to Fowler Hut for the evening. There is a suitable "bail out" route down the Edwards River if Mt Horrible is a step to far for some.

Sunday 16th June - Mt Sebastopol Out of bed early before a bracing crossing of the Clarence River. Once dry socks and boots are fitted the route will be across farm land, up the ridge to Black Serpent before traversing around to Mt Sebastopol. Depending on weather and time the route back to the Clarence river crossing will be either:

1 - along the ridge to point 1690, down and cross the saddle between points 1305 & 1394.

2 – back along Black Serpent Ridge.

3 – drop into the valley below Mt Sebastopol and cross the low saddle between points 1305 & 1394.

Plan B would be the Mt Seymour, Blue Mountain, Duncan Stream loop, with possibility of a look at Mt Kruse. A nice moderate alternative for those not wanting to have an early morning crack at the Mt Sebastopol.

Grade: Moderate+

Closes: 6 Jun

Map: BT24

Approx: Approx \$45

Weekend 15-16 June		Leader: Symon Holmes
Departure point: Caltex Russley		
<p>Woolshed Creek Hut: Nice easy walk in over the Miners track to the Woolshed Creek Hut.</p> <p>Walk out the same way or depending on the weather and keenness we may walk out via Rhyolite Ridge and the Bus Stop overhang.</p> <p>Ideal for those looking to do their first overnight trip.</p>	Grade: Easy	Closes: 6 Jun
	Map: BX19	Approx: \$25

Wednesday 19 June	Club Night
<p>Buy, sell and exchange evening: It's time to dust off all that un-used gear that's been replaced with lighter and dearer versions, and turn it into good hard cash whilst equipping your fellow trampers.</p> <p>Yes it's the Club's Buy, Sell and Exchange Night, and always a lot of fun.</p> <p>Come along and practice your auction skills! Boots, ski's, jackets, packs, ropes, crampons, tents,... Good quality items only please.</p> <p>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. There promises to be some great bargains so don't miss out- see you there!</p>	

Saturday 22 June		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Departure point: Z Station Papanui		newmike@slingshot.co.nz
<p>Middle Rock/Conical Knoll: The trip will start at Middle Rock Station on the way through to Lake Coleridge.</p> <p>Easy tramping on well maintained farm tracks and up to Conical Knoll (746m) for lunch. Great views of the Alps, Mt Hutt Range and Lake Coleridge.</p> <p>A covenant on Conical Knoll protects a stand of matagouri. The return trip will follow a track through the covenant and back through Middle Rock Station.</p>	Grade: Easy+	Closes: 20 Jun
	Map: BW20	BX20
	Approx: \$20	

Weekend 22-23 June Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070
 Departure point: Z Station Papanui tortistours@gmail.com

<p>Croesus Loop Track: 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 from it's hillside perch.</p> <p>It's a relaxed 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.</p> <p>The Croesus Track is one of the few gold mining era 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It's an ideal tramp for people new to overnight winter tramping, plus celebrate the winter solstice with a mug of mulled wine after tea. This will be a good opportunity to enjoy my favourite weekend tramp before it becomes a DOC Great Walk highway later in the year.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate - easy pace Closes: 13 Jun Map: BT19 BT20 Approx: \$45+Hut Fee</p>
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Weekend 22-23 June Leader: Barry Watson 021668895
 Departure point: Z Station Papanui bazzaman7@gmail.com

<p>Wild & Free Winter Tenting Series #1 Packhorse Hut:</p> <p>During the next few months, Josh Johnson and I are excited to run a range of winter tenting trips designed to help you gain greater overnight skills, while enjoying the wonder that this season brings. Each trip will progressively get more challenging and see us camping in snow and alpine regions.</p> <p>The trip to the Packhorse Hut is the first of our Wild and Free Winter Tenting Series and is designed for winter tenting newbies who want to test out their gear, while still enjoying the cosy comforts of a classic hut right next to them which you can cook and socialise in.</p> <p>Our plan will be to go up from either the Port Levy Saddle Car Park or Kaituna Valley. I'll confirm the route closer to the time after talking with those who sign up. Since it might not be a super-long or difficult trip, feel free to bring extra yummy food to cook up for dinner.</p>	<p>Grade: EasyMod Closes: 13 Jun Map: BX24 Approx: \$10 plus \$5 campsite fee</p>
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Sunday 23 June Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: David Sutton 0211808081 Davidlsutton@yahoo.co.uk	
<p>Mt. Torlesse: A prominent peak near Porters Pass.</p> <p>The aim is to get 1000m+ height gain on the weekend of the shortest day without an early start. Walk up the Kowai river to the hut and climb the south west ridge. If we have time we can return via Red Peak but no pressure.</p> <p>Celebrate with burger at Sheffield Pub.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 20 Jun Map: BW21 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 29 June Departure point: Z Station Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz	
<p>Mt Vulcan: Mt Vulcan (412m) overlooks the sea in the coastal hills north of Waipara.</p> <p>It's a lovely 4–5 hour easy trip with around 200m height gain. and there are good views of the coast as well as Motunau Beach. Plenty of farm tracks to follow and return via nearby Mt Venus. Round trip about 10kms.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 27 Jun Map: BV25 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 29-30 June Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Barry Watson 021668895 bazzaman7@gmail.com	
<p>Winter Photography Weekend : With the growing number of keen photographers in the Club, this trip is a great way to sharpen your equipment, editing and camera skills regardless of your ability.</p> <p>We will leave for the warm and cozy Arthur's Pass Club Hut on Fri night so we can take some astrophotography and catch the sunrise for those who don't like to sleep in.</p> <p>During Sat and Sun we will hunt out waterfalls, rivers, mountainous views, snow and ice, so you can snap an array of alpine shots. I also plan to run a fun team photo comp so you can pit your photo and editing skills against other teams. Please bring your photo editing gear with you.</p> <p>Trip limit is 15 people.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 20 Jun Map: Approx: \$25 + Hut Fees	

Sunday 30 June Departure point: Z Station Papanui	Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070 tortistours@gmail.com
<p>TORTIS Tour #27: A beginners guide to getting lost and what to do about it, plus some general navigation & bushcraft skills.</p> <p>Bring your normal day pack & gear, a good lunch and a sense of humour – some pre-torn clothes may be useful as the trip does involve some bush bashing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will stop at the Rangiora pub for tea and a debrief on the way home because the trip lasts till 5-6pm depending on your navigation skills.</p> <p>NB - the trip is normally limited to 4 people at a time.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace</p> <p>Closes: 27 Jun</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>

Sunday 7 July	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
<p>Ashburton Lakes: This trip takes in three lakes in the Hakatere Conservation Park and starts part way along the Hakatere-Potts Road.</p> <p>Follow a 4WD track and a short access track to Lake Roundabout from where there are lovely views of the surrounding mountains. Rejoining the 4WD track, skirt around the shoreline of Lake Emma and look forward to lunch at the historic Lake Emma Hut, built between the 1860's and 1890. Continuing around Lake Emma, along the base of Mt Harper, follow the track through to Lake Camp.</p> <p>The trip will require a car shuffle.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy</p> <p>Closes: 4 Jul</p> <p>Map: BX18 BX19</p> <p>Approx: \$25</p>

Sunday 7 July Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: Brendon Fisher bfishernz@gmail.com
<p>Mt Binser: My plan would be to park at the bottom of the Binser Saddle Track, hike up to the Binser Saddle, then head off track and walk up the ridgeline to Mt Binser.</p> <p>Return leg would most likely be via the western spur down to Mt White Road and then a road bash back to the car. I suppose this would make it a moderate trip based on a 1500m elevation gain, 6-10hrs walking.</p> <p>Note - Ice axe and crampons required.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate</p> <p>Closes: 4 Jul</p> <p>Map: BV21</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>

Saturday 13 July Departure point: Meet at the Midwinter Breakfast Venue - tbd		Leader: Barney Stephenson 03 358 3281 stephensonb_e@xtra.co.nz	
<p>After-breakfast Port Hills tramp: Attendance at the mid-winter breakfast is a desirable but not quite mandatory requirement to go on this easy walk, it could be moderate if you eat too much. You can also bring second breakfast if you like.</p> <p>Godley Head circuit is a possibility, or another pleasant stroll further south along the Port Hills depending on breakfast venue and if we have breakfast at Lyttleton, we can do a car-less trip using the ferry....., or just walk out the door and go up the Bridlepath highway or the Major Hornbrooks mud.</p> <p>Meet at breakfast venue. This scheme is subject to change as the breakfast plan develops.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 11 Jul Map: Approx:	

Saturday 13 July 8:30 am Departure point: Venue TBC - Central Christchurch		Leader: Katherine King	
<p>Midwinter Breakfast - Register your interest!:</p> <p>This is a great chance to catch up with fellow trampers in a more social setting, and involves a buffet breakfast in a central Christchurch location and the presentation of the prestigious "Loo Loo" award.</p> <p>The breakfast is traditionally followed by a "Belly Buster" walk somewhere near Christchurch. The breakfast will be organised if there is sufficient interest - start time and venue TBC. In previous years the cost has been around \$25 for a generous buffet breakfast.</p> <p>**Please sign up for this social in the trip sign-up system so that we can gauge interest**</p>		Grade: Social Event Closes: 11 Jul Map: Approx:	

Weekend 13-14 July Departure point: Caltex Russley Friday 12 July		Leader: Liz Stephenson 0276332038 trampingtrip@gmail.com	
<p>Chelsea Cake Series #2 Crystal Biv Track:</p> <p>Drive over to Hokitika Friday night and stay in accommodation (TBA). Walk up the Toaraoha River Saturday early. Chop track on the way to Yeats Ridge Hut for Saturday night stay.</p> <p>Sunday - chop track and walk out with soak in Cedar Flat hot pool, drive home.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 4 Jul Map: BV19 Approx: Contact Leader	

Friday 19 July Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: Alan Ross 384-6425 alan_sue@xtra.co.nz
<p>Snow Skills Course for Beginners : Want to learn how to use an Ice Axe and Crampons?</p> <p>This is the course to gain this essential skill set (you should never be wearing crampons without knowing how to use them correctly). We will leave Caltex Russley at 7pm and proceed to the Club Lodge in Arthur's Pass. If you own your own Ice Axe and Crampons bring them. If not they will all be supplied (you do not need to hire them elsewhere). You will need at a minimum easy/moderate fitness. We will be in snow all day so appropriate gear to stay comfortable is essential.</p> <p>You MUST be a club member before the date of the course to participate. Sign up on line.</p> <p>Costs will be transport + Hut fees + Ice Axe and Crampons hire. Approx \$80 total. Any questions ph Alan Ross 021 962884 3846425</p>	<p>Grade: Training Closes: 18 Jul Map: BV20 Approx: \$80</p>

Saturday 20 July Departure point: Z Station Papanui	Leader: Bill Johnson 022 049 3453 bill@billjohnson.nz
<p>Mt Olympus with Hot Tub Option: Day trip to climb Mt Olympus (2094m).</p> <p>We will park in the lower car park and follow one of the ridges along summit. There is an easier route following the rope tows up as another option. Return down the quickest route then have a stop for refreshments and (optionally), a soak in the hot tub at the Mt Olympus ski lodge on the way down. Don't forget to bring togs and a towel for the hot tub option!</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate - easy pace Closes: 18 Jul Map: BW20 Approx: \$25 plus \$5 hot tub fees</p>

Sunday 21 July Departure point: Z Station Papanui		Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070 tortistours@gmail.com	
<p>TORTIS Tour #28: A beginners guide to getting lost and what to do about it, plus some general navigation & bushcraft skills.</p> <p>Bring your normal day pack & gear, a good lunch and a sense of humour – some pre-torn clothes may be useful as the trip does involve some bush bashing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will stop at the Rangiora pub for tea and a debrief on the way home because the trip lasts till 5-6pm depending on your navigation skills.</p> <p>NB - the trip is normally limited to 4 people at a time.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace</p> <p>Closes: 18 Jul</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>	

Long Weekend 7-11 August		Leader: Barry Watson 021668895 bazzaman7@gmail.com	
<p>Tongariro Crossing in Winter: The Tongariro Crossing is a tramp that needs little introduction. It's iconic among people from all walks of life and experience levels. A classic hike for the keen trumper is to do it in winter, which is our goal.</p> <p>The plan is to fly from ChCh to Palmerston North or WEL on Tue evening on Aug 6th and return Sun Aug 11. Within this time our plan is to complete the crossing in one day then try to also climb Mt Ruapehu and/or Mt Ngauruhoe on another day. A certain level of flexibility will need to prevail depending on the best weather conditions on the day. Although we won't be roped together, a good level of snow experience will be required, as will alpine clothing and equipment.</p> <p>Costs are approx. and will cover van/car hire and camping/hostel type accomodation near the crossing or mountains, (they exclude airfares.)</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills)</p> <p>Closes: 25 Jul</p> <p>Map: BH34 BH35</p> <p>Approx: Approx. \$300</p>	

<p>Weekend 24-25 August Departure point: Contact Leader</p>	<p>Leader: Barry Watson 021668895 bazzaman7@gmail.com</p>
<p>Avalanche Awareness Course (OENZ): This is a 2 day introductory avalanche awareness course that focuses on identifying avalanche terrain and understanding what causes avalanches.</p> <p>Understanding the NZ Backcountry Avalanche Advisory is a vital skill that you will learn on this course. This is a practical field based course with some theory to increase your understanding.</p> <p>This course is approved by (MSC) Mountain Safety Council. You will gain a MSC certificate in Avalanche Awareness upon completion of this course.</p> <p>We will stay at the Club Hut on Friday night and the fee includes lodging and main meals at Temple Basin. This course is only open to Club Members.</p> <p>AVALANCHE AWARENESS COURSE INCLUDES...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the NZ Backcountry Avalanche Advisory Mountain Weather in NZ Using an avalanche transceiver Probing techniques Snow Shovelling techniques Small party rescue scenarios Identifying avalanche terrain Identifying terrain traps Introduction to safe travel techniques 	<p>Grade: Training Closes: 15 Aug Map: Approx: \$399</p>
<p>Sunday 25 August Departure point: Z Station Papanui</p>	<p>Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070 tortistours@gmail.com</p>
<p>TORTIS Tour #29: A beginners guide to getting lost and what to do about it, plus some general navigation & bushcraft skills.</p> <p>Bring your normal day pack & gear, a good lunch and a sense of humour – some pre-torn clothes may be useful as the trip does involve some bush bashing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will stop at the Rangiora pub for tea and a debrief on the way home because the trip lasts till 5-6pm depending on your navigation skills.</p> <p>NB - the trip is normally limited to 4 people at a time.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace Closes: 22 Aug Map: Approx: \$20</p>

Sunday 29 September Departure point: Z Station Papanui	Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070 tortistours@gmail.com
<p>TORTIS Tour #30: A beginners guide to getting lost and what to do about it, plus some general navigation & bushcraft skills.</p> <p>Bring your normal day pack & gear, a good lunch and a sense of humour – some pre-torn clothes may be useful as the trip does involve some bush bashing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will stop at the Rangiora pub for tea and a debrief on the way home because the trip lasts till 5-6pm depending on your navigation skills.</p> <p>NB - the trip is normally limited to 4 people at a time.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace</p> <p>Closes: 26 Sep</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>

Sunday 27 October Departure point: Z Station Papanui	Leader: Chris McGimpsey 027 657 3070 tortistours@gmail.com
<p>TORTIS Tour #31: A beginners guide to getting lost and what to do about it, plus some general navigation & bushcraft skills.</p> <p>Bring your normal day pack & gear, a good lunch and a sense of humour – some pre-torn clothes may be useful as the trip does involve some bush bashing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will stop at the Rangiora pub for tea and a debrief on the way home because the trip lasts till 5-6pm depending on your navigation skills.</p> <p>NB - the trip is normally limited to 4 people at a time.</p> <p>NB - this will be the last TORTIS Tour for 2019.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate but at an easy pace</p> <p>Closes: 24 Oct</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>

Classifieds

Notice from Alasdair Noble, Chairman of Disabled Snowsports Canterbury:

We are Disabled Snowsports Canterbury, an organisation that gets people with disabilities out skiing and snowboarding.

We contacted you last season and kindly hope you may be able to assist us again this year in preparation for the 2019 ski & snowboard season.

As a fundraiser we sell Bargain Books of vouchers from various South Island ski fields offering lift pass discounts for a day. In most cases two lift passes are offered for the price of one, although some fields have different offers and/or restrictions.

All of the details are on our website <http://www.dsc.org.nz/bargain-booklets/>

The Bargain books are \$110 for the first purchased and \$90 for subsequent ones. They can be purchased through our website or from the following Christchurch shops: Snow and Surf, Tuam St; SnowRide, Lincoln Road or Cactus Outdoor, Fitzgerald Ave.

If any of your members are interested in purchasing a Bargain Book it is a great way to help some less able people get on the snow and for your members to take advantage of some cheaper skiing/snowboarding. If you used more than two of the vouchers you would almost certainly have covered your costs.

More About the CTC

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. 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 you 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. Refer to the list of Club Officers below, and on www.ctc.org.nz. Members (particularly Trip Leaders) please discuss this arrangement with your loved ones so they are aware of this procedure.

Club Officers

<i>President:</i>	Chris McGimpsey	027 657 3070	<i>Social Convenor:</i>	Kay Taylor	03358-4580
<i>Vice President:</i>	Bill Johnson	022 049 3453	<i>Social Convenor:</i>	Katherine King	0276141941
<i>Secretary:</i>	Eric Skea	021 0247 5473	<i>Gear Custodian:</i>	Barney Stephenson	027 358 3281
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Carol Horgan	027 212 7294	<i>Editor:</i>	Eric Skea	021 0247 5473
<i>Club Captain:</i>	Alan Ross	384-6425	<i>Editor:</i>	Peter Hinchey	0225948023
<i>New Members Rep:</i>	Emma Rogers	0224916625	<i>Hut Convenor:</i>	Steve Bruerton	322-6196
<i>New Members Rep:</i>	Joshua Johnson	0278865868	<i>IT Convenor:</i>	Nick Edwards	0273656751
<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Kelly Purdie	027 614 2255	<i>Access Officer:</i>	Ian Dunn	0212141907
<i>Overnight Trip Organiser:</i>	Barry Watson	021668895			

Please have stuff for the next newsletter to the editor
(editor@ctc.org.nz) by 20 June 2019 – Thanks.