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Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7:25pm, visitors are most welcome. 50c donation gratefully accepted each meeting towards hall hire (*place in the old boot*).

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Incoming President's Report

First of all I consider it an honour to be President of the Heretaunga Tramping Club. I'll do my best to fulfil the role. I appreciate the close contest!

Even though my life is quite busy I feel comfortable stepping up to the plate as I know the task is made much easier by the efficiency and enthusiasm of our Dear Secretary, and also by the support and effort of all others in the Club who have taken on positions for the next year. Thanks to the others who took on new roles (especially David Blake as Club Captain), and those who agreed to continue.

A big thanks to those who contributed over the last term. A special thanks to Jenny Lean as Supper Lady, a Super Lady who just gets on with the job in such an efficient and reliable way. Also thanks to Sue Lopdell who has done so much for the Club over the years (22 on the Committee) including Club Captain for quite a while. We will miss her encyclopaedic knowledge of tramping routes in Hawke's Bay. She deserves a rest as an esteemed ordinary member and can now just enjoy her tramping.

Thanks to Glenda Hooper for her term as President. I know she does a lot of work behind the scenes on behalf of the Club. She was unflappable at meetings, steered things with a gentle hand, and always seems to have plan "B" to handle the unexpected. Ken Nugent - big thanks for your contribution on the Committee. He doesn't say much but what he does say always makes good sense.

To Eddie Holmes who was awarded a Life Membership, a big accolade for an impressive involvement over many years, and for someone who is still quite young (relatively speaking).

Wasn't Sir Rodney Gallon a great speaker? I could have listened to him all night. His total grasp of his subject was impressive as was his knowledge and empathy with the local Maori from Waikaremoana. Thanks Shirley for suggesting and arranging him as guest speaker.

I trust you all enjoy the holiday season that is rapidly closing in, happy tramping and cycling and summer living. Christine and I are off to Arthur's Pass with ATC for 8 days and after that we intend to explore the headwater area of the Rakaia River. We're off to Erewhon, no where backwards!!

Cheers, Alan Petersen

2007 AGM Reports:

President's Report 2007

We have just completed the 72nd year of the Heretaunga Tramping Club and again the running of the Club has been relatively simple because of the many able bodies we have on our committee.

Many thanks to Susan Lopdell who is standing down from Club Captainship and also the committee this year. Susan first came on to committee in November 1985 and has been on it for the 22 following years including 3 as President and 2 as Club Captain. We all have benefited from her knowledge and commitment and wish her a very "Happy Retirement". Thanks also to Ken Nugent who is also standing down again this year; he too has been an effective member of committee. Graeme Hare and Lex Smith have continued their stirring efforts in the, administrative and financial fields respectively, Susan Taylor has capably filled the position of Editor and the other committee members have voluntarily given of their time and expertise in a variety of roles. To all of you my many thanks.

Our Vice President, Lynette Blackburn, was the driving force behind a very successful training weekend in March and a great "Mid Winter" dinner in September your team's efforts were

appreciated by all who attended. I would also like to thank all members who helped in our Club fundraisers, The Kaweka Challenge and the Hazomobile.

My final thank you goes to all the members and visitors who entertained and/or informed us on the Wednesday nights - we have covered a diverse range of topics over the year.

Membership in the past year has been relatively static – we have accepted 5 new members and 2 others rejoined the Club while on the debit side we had 4 resignations from the club, Brian and Hilary who returned to the UK, and 2 others and have withdrawn another 3 due to non payment of subs. Four of our recent membership additions have been through their involvement with the mid week trampers and I understand that there is another 4 or 5 in the pipe line – so thanks for the great work there Rodger.

Our good relationship with the local Department of Conservation continues and next year should see a joint effort with HTC and DoC and maybe some other groups to build the Kaweka Shelter at or near the old Kaweka Hut site.

I am standing down as President this year and I wish the incoming President and committee all the best.

Glenda Hooper

Club Captain's Report 2007

It doesn't seem like a year ago I was sitting at the table pondering on what to put in my report – 2007 has flashed by and it's the AGM already!

Trip numbers have been light over the past twelve months and those who have ventured forth into the hills, covering a variety of terrain seem to have enjoyed the experience of "going bush." The most popular trip was the club's Xmas Social outing to Lake Tutira, with 60 persons consuming a sumptuous feast, and some having the energy to partake in further activities during the day. Other highlights were the Porangahau Beach Trip, Bridge to Nowhere trip in the Whanganui National Park and Graeme Hare's trips into the Coromandel & Hauraki Gulf regions. The mid week group is attracting good numbers on their outings, especially the monthly bikathons.

A successful training weekend was held at the Wakarara Camp. A big thank you to the Training Committee for their excellent organisation. Mike Lusk gave a talk on first aid at one of the club meeting nights and Graham Thorp is organising a First Aid Course for interested club members.

A small group walked into Waikamaka Hut to exterminate little furry friends & to ascertain if further maintenance is required.

After 22 years on the HTC committee it is definitely time for me to step down and enjoy the benefits of tramping. I have appreciated the support of the hut, training and fixtures sub-committees during my time as Club Captain. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to lead / organise club trips, the drivers who we couldn't be without and the landowners for allowing access across their land and our local DoC.

Happy tramping for 2008.

Susan Lopdell

Treasurer's Report 2007

INCOME	NOTES	2007	2006
Subscriptions		\$ 2,388	\$ 2,533
Fares received	1	\$ 6,430	\$ 3,873
Meeting Contributions		\$ 517	\$ 417
Donations			
Hut		\$ 515	\$ 375
General		\$ 523	\$ 175
Motere trust		\$ 200	\$ 250
Fund-raising	2	\$ 10,420	\$ 7,989
Interest Income	3	\$ 5,647	\$ 5,121
Sales		\$ 79	-\$ 24
		<u>\$ 26,719</u>	<u>\$ 20,708</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration		\$ 234	\$ 311
Audit & Accountancy		\$ 265	\$ 265
General Expenses		\$ 63	\$ 165
Donations	4	\$ 550	\$ 353
Insurance (huts & equipment)	5	\$ 706	\$ -
Rent of meeting room		\$ 384	\$ 300
Supper & social expenses	6	\$ 214	\$ 1,310
Library & photo album		\$ 110	\$ 70
FMC Capitation		\$ 990	\$ 910
Bulletin		\$ 833	\$ 758
Training	7	\$ 502	
Hut maintenance		\$ 231	
Subscriptions		\$ 52	\$ 52
Transport costs		\$ 3,942	\$ 3,800
Truck Insurance		\$ 582	\$ 582
Equipment			
Telephone		\$ 41	\$ 87
Depreciation		\$ 5,420	\$ 5,439
		<u>\$ 15,118</u>	<u>\$ 14,401</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			
TRANSFERRED			
TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>\$ 11,601</u>	<u>\$ 6,308</u>
NOTES:			
1. A number of larger cost recovery trips - Wanganui / Coromandel / Auckland			
2. Additional HDC work Hazmobile & Dump Cleanup plus Kaweka Challenge			
3. Increased funds on deposit / interest rates / timing of deposit terms			
4. Donation - Lowe Walker Helicopter Trust			
5. Regularised with Payment pending - period 1/10/06 - 30/9/07			
6. 2006 Included member subsidy for club 70th birthday - November 2005			
7. Wakarara Training Weekend - some income included in truck income			

		2007	2006
CURRENT ASSETS			
Kaweka Challenge deposit	\$	600	\$ 600
Westpac Cheque Account	\$	4,803	\$ 3,976
Accounts receivable	\$	-	\$ -
	\$	5,403	\$ 4,576
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Westpac Term Deposits	Term Deposit	\$ 17,773	\$ 17,157
	Term Deposit	\$ 11,653	\$ 10,494
	Term Deposit	\$ 10,000	
Hastings Building Society	Term Deposit	\$ 45,439	\$ 42,316
	Term Deposit	\$ 10,559	\$ 9,842
Fixed Assets		\$ 28,718	\$ 33,558
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 129,545	\$ 117,944
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry payables		\$ 250	\$ 250
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 250	\$ 250
NET ASSETS		\$ 129,295	\$ 117,694
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance at 1 October 2006		\$ 117,694	\$ 111,386
Surplus for the year		\$ 11,601	\$ 6,308
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$ 129,295	\$ 117,694
AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)			
I report that I have examined the financial records of the Club and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.			
With organisations such as the Club, it is not possible to verify all cash received during the year and my examination of income has accordingly been limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits. I did not however note anything that would indicate the existence of receipts not banked.			
Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the proceeding paragraph, in my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 2007 and of the financial position at that date.			
W.A. Stacey.	C.A. (Retired)	J.A. Smith	Treasurer

Environmental Report 2007

Boundary Stream has had its 10th Birthday and it was celebrated in style. The kokako count is now 24 after 10 chicks were released this season. Their breeding season has commenced. Thirty kiwi chicks have had transmitters placed on them for monitoring. This has been an excellent year for kakabeak flowers. The Opuahi predator proof fence was completed after a set back and poison has been laid where necessary.

The foreshore of Abel Tasman National Park will become a scenic reserve in a bid to control visitor numbers. About 250,000 people visit the park each year. 30,000 stay overnight, therefore making it the most used park in the country.

Four marine reserves established. These are Whangarei Harbour, North Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and South Coast of Wellington.

There are possible changes for recreational facilities on DoC land to be discussed by treasury. There is also the possibility of an increase of charges on Conservation land.

A Ministerial Panel is to look at wild animal management in a way that improves the conservation habitats. It is also to recognise the main species that are of importance to recreational hunters. The results due in December will hopefully bridge the gap between the various interested parties.

Conservation Week August 6th to 10th had a theme "Recreation on Conservation Land."

Shirley Bathgate.

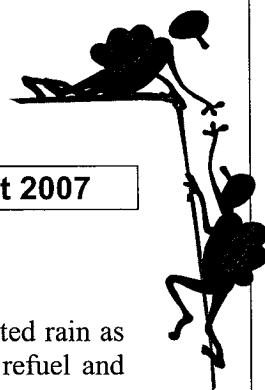
Truck Report 2007

The truck has served us well again and has covered a lot of ground this year. Present odometer reading 70,000km. In addition to a heap of local trips there have been journeys to Auckland, Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, Mahia, Wanganui River, Kapiti, and a mystery trip to Taranaki. All the distance covered gave us only one puncture, despite some rugged road surfaces. The Quick-up awning has been very useful on some occasions, and is a good investment. The revised fare structure is keeping us abreast of present operating costs, but we all know about fuel price rises. Crude oil has recently reached an all-time high of nearly US\$100 per barrel, and probably won't stop there. Maybe we should cycle more, and all become part of the Wednesday Riders group!

Keep on Trucking On

Geoff Clibborn

TRIP REPORTS



#2006

Pinks Hut to Makahu Saddle

12 August 2007

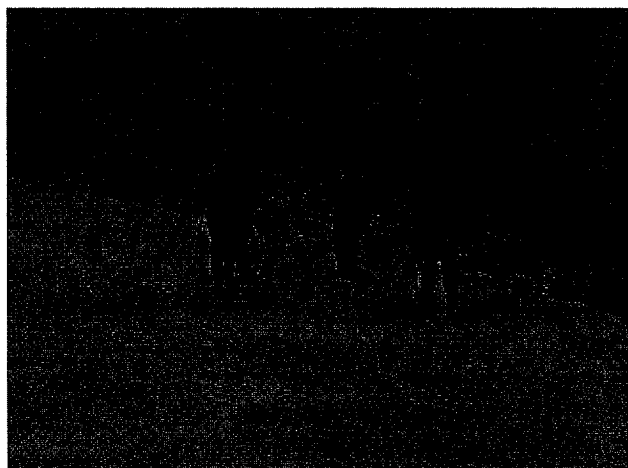
A Party: Pinks – Middle Hill - Whetu - Kaewka J – Makahu Saddle

Six of us headed off not knowing what the day had in store, the weather was dull and hinted rain as we started off towards Middle Hill Hut which was bathed in sunshine, so stopped for a refuel and water fill.

The usual pleasant and scenic trip up the spur towards Whetu and getting our second wind, followed by a stop at the bush alpine junction. We opened up packs in the sun at that particular moment and started to have a bite to eat, enjoying the views on offer, with the sky looking a little threatening. Within a few moments a quick squall came down and caught us unawares with the hailstorm that ensued! It was a very quick pack-up and into the bush edge to add more layers. Wind gear donned, we set off to Whetu in slightly improving conditions but on the main ridge the wind was cold and strong, but as there was visibility for 500m or so we carried on with the mission.



The North Kaweka hill had been visible as we wended our way south but clagged in as we approached the climb - the wind was blowing at around 60 or 70 km and the temperature hovering just above zero, so with a wind-chill of about -15 or more so we did not hang around! Considerable



snow was encountered, and where there was none, it was replaced by the hail/sleet that was happening at the time! Although carried, we did not need to use our ice axes.

Being the intrepid types we were, we rallied off with about 30 to 50m visibility through snow and blizzard continuing the mission up to North Kaweka, along the top to the 'J' junction and down to Makahu Saddle where the B trip crew and Geoff our trusty driver were waiting. As usual Geoff had the hot water maker going for us as we changed ready for the trip home. Up near the 'J' someone realised that looking at John Berry

that he was frosted up and it was hard to see where his beard stopped and his woolly balaclava started! This was not the place to have been unless with the right gear and the experience to know how to deal with the conditions, and as such I think all regarded it as a rewarding if not cool trip!

J M

Party: Anne Cantrick (leader), Murray Tonks, Robyn Heath, John Berry, Tina Godbert, John Montgomerie

B Party: Pinks – Middle Hill – Kaweka Flats – Makahu Saddle

We left the car park by Pinks Hut at 8.15am. The other party had already disappeared into the misty rain. The track heads up fairly steeply then levels off before reaching Middle Hill Hut. The sun had appeared with clear views of the tops; coats were hung out to dry while we had smoko. Going through the beech forest at a leisurely pace, we observed vegetable fungi and powelliphanta. The weather caused us to put our raincoats on & off three or four times as regular squalls of light rain or snow came across. We lunched in a sheltered spot overlooking the valley before Kaweka Flats bivvy.

Reaching the bivvy at 3.15pm we rested before plodding on a gradual ascent to Makahu Saddle which we reached at 4.45pm.

Thanks to Geoff & Rodger who had the clibbornette going the awning up. (somewhere to change, out of the weather) A long and enjoyable tramp.

KN

B Party: Mike Lusk, Ros Lusk, Marion Nicholson, Maureen Broad, Ken Nugent.

#2007	Kaweka Hut	15 August 2007
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The weather looked "dicey", but undeterred, six of us set off for the Kawekas to walk to Macintosh hut via the old Kaweka hut site. We travelled in two vehicles, leaving one at Lakes carpark as we decided to attempt the round trip from the three wire bridge to avoid early wet feet.

After successfully negotiating the bridge we climbed up to the Macintosh Plateau, crossing the slip. The hut is in good shape, just an unfortunate pile of garbage left by some unthinking "slobs". We encountered lots of snow and the going was getting a little tough, so we had lunch and made the decision to turn back. We'll try again in the summer. On the way back we did get some mountain snow views. Just great to be in the bush. Coming back into the Bay was like entering a different world. Much warmer, sunnier and no snow.

Party: Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Gerald Eyles, Murray Tonks, Marion Nicholson, Marjory Musson.

#2008	Lake Opouahi and Thomas Bush	29 August 2007
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The beautiful little lake not far from Tutira Store is now completely ringed by a predator proof fence. We went to have a look and hope that in a few more years there will be a bigger and better variety of birds enjoying the safety of the new fence. We also went to Thomas's Bush which is outside the fence and had our lunch near the top of the hill. DoC have been busy there too and there were lots of stoat traps all set and ready. We all had an enjoyable day, beautiful weather and great company.

JM

Party: Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Maree Blackburn, Marge Musson, Keith Thompson

#2009

Morere / Mahia Peninsula

8 – 9 September 2007

A very small band of trampers set off at 1.30pm Saturday afternoon, stopping briefly at Wairoa then calling in to wander around Waiatai Scenic Reserve (0.4ha). This patch of bush is administered by the Wairoa Forest and Bird brand and is the site of an old farmhouse (pre1931).

Pohutukawa, puka, kowhai, jacaranda, oak and sycamore are the larger specimens with karaka, rewarewa, puriri, totora, rimu, kawakawa, kakabeak, kohekohe starting to flourish. Continued on to Morere where we encamped at the camping ground, staying in the converted shearers' quarters. Many cups of tea, coffee and ice-creams were devoured before wandering over to the hot springs for a nice soak in the hot pools.

Sunday saw us departing for the Mahia Peninsula to walk through part of the 325 ha reserve. A few navigational errors, finally arriving at the carpark on Kinikini Road. A stunning area of bush with a couple of view points with some fine large northern rata trees, along with nikau, rimu, totara, rewarewa, kohekohe but predominately tawa forest. Stopped at a large grassy flat where one, once could follow a small stream but is so overgrown we decided to continue back to the truck.

Stopped off at a couple of places to look at the beach where old railway wagons have been used to shore up the used railway track and also climbed up the prominent headland at Mahia to see views of the peninsula and back down the coastline to Napier. Due to rain we decided against visiting the Mangaoué Caves and headed to the Hold Forest Trust at Waikoau. We spent an hour here wandering around the various tracks – the azaleas in full flower.

Thank you to everyone and Geoff our driver for an enjoyable tiki-tour around Northern Hawke's Bay. SL

Party: David and Anne Blake, Judy McBride, Christine Snook, Bobby Couchman, Brent Hickey, Geoff Clibborn, Glenda Hooper, Ken Nugent, Susan Lopdell.

#2010

The Auckland Affair

11 - 18 September 2007

As we were coming home from the Coromandel Capers trip last April, I was dreaming and planning the next jaunt, "The Auckland Affair." My tramping in this area was NIL so anywhere would be new to me.

The most important members on these trips are the drivers and once Lex and Geoff could commit to a date it was simple to put together an interesting programme. I was astounded by the desire of so many to come on this trip and available spaces were soon filled.

Our party of fifteen headed north, and after viewing Ros's National Award winning quilts in Cambridge, we slid through the Auckland traffic up to the Auckland Regional Park on the tip of the Whangaparoa Peninsular. Here we spent the first night, our only stop using the truck as our base. The truck is like mother hen with her chickens, when the tents are scattered around it.

The next morning, after changing a punctured tyre, we travelled to Gulf Harbour to await the ferry to Tiri Tiri Matangi Island. It was here that an Alsatian dog attacked Mike while he was talking to its owner, biting him in the leg and buttock. The owner had to wrestle the dog off him and a court case, not initiated by Mike, is proceeding.



December 2007

Tiri Tiri Matangi is a unique asset that Auckland should cherish. The 220 hectare island now developed into an open sanctuary, where the public is free to visit and enjoy, has been replanted with 270,000 native trees and plants and some of our rarer birds reintroduced. What a joy to see and hear so many endangered birds and at such close range. On arrival we enjoyed a two hour guided tour through one bush area with Warren, a knowledgeable botanist and Tiri volunteer guide. We were able to stay overnight in what was originally a lighthouse keeper's cottage enabling us to go kiwi hunting (only hearing their calls) at night and by arising early, to enjoy the dawn chorus in the bush. Walks around various tracks gave us wonderful views of both the island and sea environments. It was a magical experience in perfect weather conditions. When the next day's visitors arrived we chartered the ferry back to Gulf Harbour to face puncture repairs and for Mike, a dog identification parade.

Our next destination was the Waitakere Ranges Arataki Visitor Centre and an introductory walk in the rainforest. We stayed two nights here in the Auckland Tramping Club hut in the centre of the regional park... A unique situation, a trampers' hut, quite 'palatial', on club owned land. Our morning tramp



was in the Falls Road area in the northern section of the Waitakeres. Impressive kauri forests here. In the afternoon we went to Te Henga (Bethells Beach) where Mike relived his childhood holidays and introduced us to black beaches, mussels, rock pools and caves. The next morning saw us high above Piha walking the cliff edge tracks to Karekare. Then we walked varying distances south along the wide black beaches and swamplands that are typical of this area.

Our late afternoon journey via the Piha ice-cream shop to city life, motor camps, showers and a Chinese "Love a Duck" restaurant prepared some of our party for family visits, and shopping. The dedicated, on Sunday morning caught the ferry in the rain to Rangitoto Island. Some took the tractor train to the summit while the botanists happily got wet. The Pohutukawa in summer would be magnificent. Late in the afternoon we gathered together as a group in Devonport to drive south to Rama Rama Motor Camp.

On Monday morning we tramped the Cossey Gorge / Massey track, one of the popular routes in the Hunua Ranges, before swinging around to the Miranda Shorebird Centre in the Firth of Thames for our final night. The Bar-Tailed Godwits were returning from summer in the Arctic and Siberia and "E7" a radio-carrying godwit had proved that the birds return non-stop from the Arctic.

Thanks to all who came on "The Auckland Affair" as your contribution and camaraderie made this a trip to remember. A special thanks to our drivers, Lex and Geoff.

GH

Party: Lex Smith, Anne Smith, Geoff Clibborn, Ros Lusk, Mike Lusk, Pam Turner, Raewyn Ricketts, Bobby Couchman, Susan Lopdell, Robyn Madden, Joan Ruffell, Marion Nicholson, Ken Nugent, Helen Hare, Graeme Hare.

#2011	Howlett's Hut	22 – 23 September 2007
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Undeterred by a lack of numbers three hardy trampers rattled around in the truck on the way to Moorcock's Saddle in anticipation of heading to Howlett's via the overland route. The first hour up to Pohangina Saddle was pleasant enough although I had to do an extra bit in order to collect the forgotten locator beacon from the truck. We continued on through the saddle and up the other side

past Otumore. By now Lex was making noises about having an early lunch to counteract the early breakfast so we settled down out of the wind at about 11.30am. We were most grateful for Lex's insistence as, upon setting off again, the weather turned and we were in intermittent drizzle for the remainder of the day. Mid afternoon saw us installed in the hut. The 'boys' spent the afternoon fulfilling their pyromania tendencies by lighting, stoking, reassessing and re-stoking the fire continually until bedtime!

Sunday dawned clear although a crisp breeze was blowing. We headed back the same way, had lunch by the Longview turnoff, and were at the truck by 1.30pm. If the weather is favourable this is an extremely pleasant way to get to Howlett's.

ST

Party: Lex Smith, Peter Brown, Sue Taylor

#2012

Waikamaka Hut

7 October 2007

A very noisy trip. The Waipawa was up a bit and tumbling amongst large boulders rather than over gravel, and a sturdy nor'wester blew for the whole time. So there was little point in chatting and as we crossed the Waipawa Saddle no point even in shouting such was the roar of the gale. Gusts strong enough to blow the waterfall by the track back upon itself, to form another fall down a more sheltered course, were frequent and we picked our way cautiously down the steep eroded ridge to the stream. It was a relief to reach the relative quiet of the hut, about 7pm, and relax in that most enchanting area.

The mice had been busy leaving a mess of chewed foam all over the place and some idiot had used a large metal rubbish bin to avoid carrying cans out. Fortunately they hadn't been there long as one was a tin of spaghetti and meatballs, opened but not used.

Next morning we took a short walk up the Waikamaka, following the true R fork at the first junction. Shortly this opens into a large basin with massive erosion and a spectacular waterfall issuing from a hanging valley. Erosion notwithstanding, access to the ridge line looks not too difficult by several routes. We lounged there a while but there were rodent issues on our minds so we were soon back at the hut. The mice had found a way up between the 'nova roof' panel in the wall and the decking at the end of the lower bunk, but Sue was more than a match for them, fabricating a thin metal plate to neatly fit the corrugations while others applied vinyl to as many of the damaged mattresses as the glue supply would permit. In consolation we left some poison under the hut.

As we left a male blue duck appeared close to the stream junction and eventually so did his mate and they fed happily while the cameras recorded their every move. Their behaviour suggested they were nesting nearby.

The trip back was windier than the one in to judge by the spectacular reversals of the waterfall, but our progress was brisk with the wind at our backs and we made the truck, via an orchid stop, in good time.

Waikamaka Hut is in fine shape, although the roof will need painting in a year or two. The tussock and some leatherwood around it have been cleared but mercifully the beech trees behind have been left.

Thanks to Dave for driving our small party, and to a merry crew.

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Party: Dave and Anne Blake, Sue Taylor, Mary Gray, Ken Nugent, Mike Lusk

#2013	Ahuriri Estuary	10 October 2007
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The estuary walk was popular yet again even though it was an overcast day. Unfortunately the bird life was no where near as prolific as it had been when we did our rec walk, and I'm sure no-one really believed we had seen so many Kingfishers. Never-the-less it was all binoculars out watching the spoonbills feeding and an enjoyable day was had by all.

JM

Party: Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Maree Blackburn, Marion Nicholson, Peggy Gulliver, Rodger Burn, Bob Carter, Raewyn Ricketts, Alasdair Shaw, Marjoleine Turel, Shirley Bathgate, Barbara Taylor, Marge Musson, Des Smith.

#2014	Kaimanawas	19 – 22 October 2007
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We left Anne's car at the Te Iringa car park, then drove to the end of Clements Road. Our party of five started walking at 9 o'clock, following the Hinemaimai stream before ascending a ridge. We had the odd glimpse of Lake Taupo but an icy breeze kept us moving. Descending to the Tauranga Taupo River we ambled the flats to Cascade Hut at 3 o'clock – 10 kms.

Saturday. Left Cascade at 8 o'clock. The "no wet feet brigade" log walked the few small streams. A nice easy walk through beech forest before climbing to Waitupuritia Saddle. A fine start soon turned cloudy and the cold breeze was back. We found a beautiful sheltered spot for lunch below the open top of Maungaorangi at 12.00. The track is marked but not cut, slow going until we reached bigger beech trees. We followed the markers to a dead end above Fuchsia Creek and found we were 1.5 kms from where we were meant to be (lovely). Backtracking to G.P.S. 842-292 we found the ridge to Oamaru, markers further apart. Light snow, put on raincoats, headlamps and slowly descended to Oamaru river. 9.30pm.

Sunday. Sunny day, found we were camped on main track and followed the river to Oamaru Hut for lunch. 9.00 – 12.30. At 2.30 headed up Kaipo River, camping opposite Tikitiki Stream at 5pm, a good easy day.

Monday. Left 8.00am, out via Te Iringa – Oamaru track 5 hours. 8.8 kms. Cold up high, sunny at car park.

Beaut trip, one big day, one easy day to recover & two medium days. Great team work to get to Oamaru River. Lots of mosses & lichens at higher altitudes to ooh and aah at. Lovely silver and red beech forest.

KN

Party: David Blake, Anne Blake, Marion Nicholson, Dave Mulinder, Ken Nugent.

#2015	Waipawa Walk and Cycle	24 October 2007
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In the recreation guide leaflet where are a number of access points on to the rivers of the Ruataniwha plain so we tried the entrance off Plantation Road. We walked along the stop bank which divided farm land from the Waipawa river. An easy 6k walk with great views of the Ruahine Ranges on the way back. We lunched beside the river and returned the same way. Peggy rode her bike back along the road and arrived back before us. We were lucky the gale force winds of the previous day had gone though there were some branches down especially near the river. A pleasant walk in a new area for us.

JM

Party: Judy McBride, Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson, Scott Campbell, Peggy Gulliver, Bobby Couchman, Marge Musson, Jim Hewes, Jenny Hewes, Des Smith, Marie Blackburn

December 2007

The first cairn service was held fifty nine years ago on the 21 November 1948 when a contingent of 47 HTC members and guests made the 4 hour tramp over Kaiarahi to Kaweka J from the Kaweka and Kiwi Saddle Huts where they had stayed the previous night. They had walked all the way from the Taihape Road on the Saturday (we are so spoilt these days with the road to Makahu Saddle and to the Lakes). The weather was pretty miserable up on the range on the first cairn trip as it was on this the 60th cairn trip.

There were 16 on this year's Cairn Trip and we left Makahu Saddle a bit after 8 with some going up Makahu and some up Trials Spur, regrouping again at the junction of these spurs and again at Dominee. The wind was strong, cold and gusty at times as we neared the tops and at one stage managed to blow one of the more (most) scrawny of our party over.

It was decided that due to the conditions we wouldn't hang around on the tops so held the service a little early (about 11 to 11) with Scott, our newest member laying the wreath. I am afraid the wreath wasn't up to its usual standard - it was made at Makahu Saddle prior to the tramp up as the President, had remembered it about 11 o'clock the previous night so was out picking flowers in the dark. After the photos were taken we headed straight down to Dominee, where it was almost pleasant weather wise, for lunch. After lunch we went back to Makahu Saddle arriving around 1.30. Most of the party then walked the Ngahere Track and were picked up further down the road.



We then carried on driving down the hill to the Puketitiri Road and took the left hand turn, past Ball's Clearing and into Pam's place to consume a most splendid afternoon tea. After gorging ourselves we inspected the wheel chair track that DOC is making at Ball's Clearing – it looks very raw and over developed at the moment but hopefully with time will blend back in with the bush. After this it was time to return to town.

GH

Party: Glenda Hooper, Sue Taylor, Janet Titchener, Graeme Hare, Mary Gray, Rodger Burn, Geoff Clibborn, Scott Campbell, Ros Lusk, Mike Lusk, Maureen Broad, Graeme Thorp, Mike Bull, Peter Brown, Garry Smith, Ray Manning.

#2017	Whirinaki Forest Park – Upper Te Hoe	10 – 11 November 2007
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The Whirinaki Forest is a very special place. Its magnificent trees give this bush an edge over most other Forest Parks. Even in the higher altitude area that we walked through to the Upper Te Hoe Hut, the forest has a magical feel to it. (After writing this the Napier Tramping Club have an article in HB Today headed – “Goblin Forest adventure a magical journey.” So they too had the same feeling for the forest that we had.)

After checking out an incorrect road, we drove along Pine Milling Road to the Pukahunui carpark and the start of the track to Upper Te Hoe Hut. It is a three hour drive in to the road head and in normal circumstances a four and a half hour tramp. The June '06 snow storms had devastated much of the Whirinaki Park including the track we wanted to use. We were extremely grateful when DOC advised us all Whirinaki Tracks were open and cleared. In fact, on arrival at the hut, a sketch map of the park showed estimated track times for this tramp, after the storm and before clearing was expected to take 9 hours. Thanks DOC for your efforts to clear and repair the tracks. River travel is still difficult as fallen trees and debris clutter the streams.

The forest was very, very dry and crisp and even the goblin forests were stressed. When I was here 6 years ago the flowering mountain cabbage tree, *Cordyline indivisa*, was in its prime. This time, a fortnight earlier, very few were flowering. Because the track climbs smoothly through the forest altitude bands, the bush is continually changing making the journey very interesting.

On arrival at the hut, in the early afternoon, we were surprised to find the Rotorua Search and Rescue organisation arriving by Iroquois helicopter for their SAREX training weekend. After they checked out the hut for clues etc. we were able to use it. The helicopter was thumping around throughout the weekend, moving personnel.

The hut is very comfortable with easy chairs and a wide verandah. Only 6 of its 9 bunks are easily used. Various sleeping arrangements for our party of 16 were erected, ranging from tents, a fly, bivvy bags, to a stylish hammock. As it rained during the night these systems were tested. Five of the party were keen to see if the route back to the Plateau Car Park via the Upper Whirinaki was viable so they left at seven. The rest were to return by the same route that we came in by, and wait until 2pm before leaving the car park in case they had to back track. All was well because they arrived shortly after 3.30pm at the Plateau car park.

We bumped our way out to the Taupo Road and back to Hastings. Thanks for driving David, for the apples Philip, and to all who came on another enjoyable trip in the Whirinaki. Let's go again in 6 years time.
GH.

Party: Susan Lopdell, Judy McBride, Scott Campbell, Anne Blake, David Blake, Garry Smith, Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson, Maureen Broad, Ray Manning, Graeme Hare.
River Party: Mary Gray, Peter Brown, Sheryl Bayliss, Deena Hansen, Murray Alderson.

#2018	Boundary Stream	14 November 2007
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The Auckland Tramping Club mid-week trampers came down to the Hawke's Bay from Monday 12 to Sunday 18 November. There were 34; most came in “Big Blue” while some travelled in their own vehicles. They stayed at the Westshore Motor Camp.

On Tuesday they did a trip to explore Tutira. About half did the top ridge loop. On Wednesday they went to Boundary Stream accompanied by 11 from our Club in the HTC truck. The weather looked a bit iffy in the morning and when we arrived at the top carpark it was quite cold, definitely affecting soft Aucklanders. Bobby gave them a great little talk on the history of Boundary Stream and included

Pohokura

a greetings card which played a Kokako song. So at least we all heard a Kokako call. DOC staff had kindly faxed an update of what was happening in the area. Most of the combined group headed down the track along the cliff top route (clockwise). Had a small shower of hail. The kaka-beak were in flower and were just stunning. When we got to the junction the larger group of more energetic trampers continued on the track to Shines Falls and the carpark while bus drivers and some went on the Kamahi track back to the buses.

Once the buses got around to Shines Falls carpark we had a leisurely lunch while waiting for the others to turn up. There was a big gathering when all straggled in and they had lunch, and the features of each bus were compared. The Clibbornette was greatly admired and well utilised. We all headed back to Napier including a compulsory ice-cream stop at the Tutira Store (an Auckland tradition). That night it was great to have the Auckland group attend the Club Meeting and for all to be able to meet and chat. It certainly filled up the room. I know the Auckland group really appreciated our hospitality. Our meeting format certainly created some discussion amongst the Auckland folk.

On Thursday they went to Te Mata Peak and visited other places. Friday they went to Sunrise Hut finishing off on Saturday to Kuripapango with the long drive home on Sunday.

The members of ATC who came down were very pleased with the trip and enthusiastic about the area. Thanks to all our members who participated including those who went to Boundary Stream in lieu of the normal Wednesday Trip.

AP

Party: Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Graeme Hare, Ken Nugent, Graham Ede, Alistair Shaw, Maree Blackburn, Jim Hewes and Alan Petersen, leader/driver/reporter.

#2019

Kaweka Black Birch

21 November 2007

For once the weather forecast was very positive for this day and so it proved.

Eight of us set off from Pernel's arriving at Little's Clearing carpark about 9.15am. The beauty of Mid Week Tramps is that we usually have the place to ourselves and the Black Birch Range was all new to two of our group and a gentle introduction to tramping.

The track was very dry and the swampy bit was lacking in moisture and in no time we arrived at the Black Birch Bivvy which was in good condition.

Passing along the track we yanked out some *Pinus contorta* but somebody a few days before had been doing the same thing.

Arriving at the Clover patch just before 12 we decided it was time for lunch after finding a shady spot. The *Contorta* are slowly invading the clover patch but DOC have done some work in the area.

On our return the heat was quite intense radiating off the clay pan and the shade was welcome arriving back at the Car park just before 3 for a brew up and returning to Pernel's about 5.15.

Good to have two new members and a welcome back to Tramping for Raewyn.

RB

Party: Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Raewyn Ricketts, Maree Blackburn, Scott Thompson, Keith Thomson, Graham Ede and Rodger Burn

December 2007

From the Archives:

Earlier this year the 2000th trip managed to sneak by unheralded - in 1973 it was a little different for the 1000th trip:

No. 1000

1000th OFFICIAL TRIP

April 30th-May 1st

7.30p.m. ON 30TH April, saw the arrival at Peak House of the first of 87 present and past club members together with five of the original trip member for talking, dining, dancing and reminiscing. With groups around club albums, reliving days bygone, a short talk on the beginnings of the Club and the activities of the Middle East sections of H.T.C. during the 2nd World War a very pleasant evening drew to a close.

Sunday 1st April: Bound for Waipoapoa station 6 cars and 1 truck left Holts at 8.15 with direct travellers catching up at the station. A total of 12 cars, 1 Kombi and 1 truck disgorging - wait for it - 79 with ages ranging from 9 months to the late sixties. What a mob! Group photographs before a stroll to a high trig point where we travelled north to the limestone escarpment, the scene of the original trip. More photos, then away on the homeward leg of the trip, last half hour of which was accompanied by light rain.

A very pleasant weekend was had by all, more especially, I should imagine, by those who had fresh mushrooms for tea as a bonus. Special thanks must go to Margaret Griffiths and Marilyn Thorp for the excellent job they did in organising the dinner and thanks to all those who, in being present, made the weekend the success it was.

M.T.

No. in party 79

Leader: Maurice Taylor

Karol Murton, June Hill, Nancy Tanner, Vicki Blake, Johanna Campbell, Sandy Smith, Anna Bloomer, Jenny Thompson, Val Brenchley, Karen Bishop, Jill and Denise Robinson, Joan Smith, Ursula Milner-White, Janet Lloyd, Edna Ansell, Glenys Caldwell, Helen Hill, Glenda Smith with Fiona, Christopher, Grant, Jane and Mark, Rob Lusher, Dennis Galyer, Jo Bloomer, David Wilkins, Paul, Bep, Arie, and Bianca van Rangebrooi, Phil, Els, Michael and Deborah Bayens, Lin Sewter, Maurie, Barbara, Robyn, Susan & Kevin Taylor, David Smith, David Perry, Keith Anna, Andrew and Katrina Garrett, Russell, Annette, Mark and Tracey Berry, Jim, Doreen and Susan, Karen & Martin Glass, Robert and Andrew Smith, Graham Campbell, Alan Stewart, Peter Berry, Murray Ball, Alan Bristow, Graham Soppit, Malcolm Ingpen, Wayne King, Darrell Butler, Paul Richards, Trevor Plowman, George Butler, Graham, Marilyn and Rachel Thorpe, Pam, Brian and Julie Turner, Peter Lewis, George Prebble.

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How many names can you recognise that are still involved with the club today?



December 2007

HTC Bike Trips



Otane Loop Bike Ride

19 September 2007

Three car loads drove to Camp David on Middle Road, unloaded the bikes and we set off towards Te Kura Road. Prior to this Alasdair had noticed that a couple of the ladies were a bit deflated and generously offered to pump their tyres for them thereby just emphasising one of the benefits of having the men along.

The weather was great and the scenery was good as we cruised the country roads admiring the tidy life style blocks often being rewarded with a wave from the owners as we rode past. Another bonus was very little traffic on the roads. After all this excitement we stopped at the dairy at Otane for an ice cream and had a look around the neat villa's and gardens. We then returned via Racecourse Road, which joined up with Middle Road, for the return to Camp David and a cup of tea or coffee. This was after being dive bombed by magpies just short of the camp.

Another very pleasant bike ride in a different area.
RB.

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Peggy Gulliver, Joan Ruffell, Judy McBride, Maree Blackburn, Alasdair Shaw and Rodger Burn.

Pakowhai Stop-Banks Bike Ride

17 October 2007

This was a trip that the weather forecasters said shouldn't go ahead however, in spite of such pessimism, eight keen riders met at Pakowhai Carpark at 9.00am. The track along the stop banks was well compacted and we got a good view of the orchards and horticultural blocks as we cruised along and had 5 or 6 locked gates to lift our bikes over.

After dropping off the stop-banks we carried further along of the maze of sealed back roads with little traffic to rejoin the stop banks and then a stop at the Fernhill bridge for smoko.

Threatening rain clouds cut short our stop and we came back partly along the 4WD track with the luxury of a tail wind and then over the stop banks to rejoin the roads again which Alasdair navigated for us with unwavering accuracy to arrive back at the car park at 12.15pm beating the pending rain once again.

RB.

Cyclists: Bob and Heather Carter, Alasdair Shaw, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Peggy Gulliver, Marion Nicholson and Rodger Burn

Onga-Onga Bike Ride

23 October 2007

Eight bodies and 4 vehicles transported the bikes to Waipawa so we could peddle around the back roads to Onga-Onga. We had a look at the DoC office after having an ice-cream from the interesting store.

After 30km we were back at the cars to have lunch. It was a very pleasant ride with good weather and company. Thanks to all who came.
MJN

Cyclists: Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Raewyn Ricketts, Joan Ruffle, Alasdair Shaw and Bob Carter.



The following is an extract supplied by Shirley Bathgate:

How To Be A Better Trampler

If anyone is entitled to call himself one of the most experienced bushmen in New Zealand it is Geoff Spearpoint. In his book "Waking to the Hills" about tramping in New Zealand, Geoff offers some good advice for trampers, observations made by A.P. Harper:

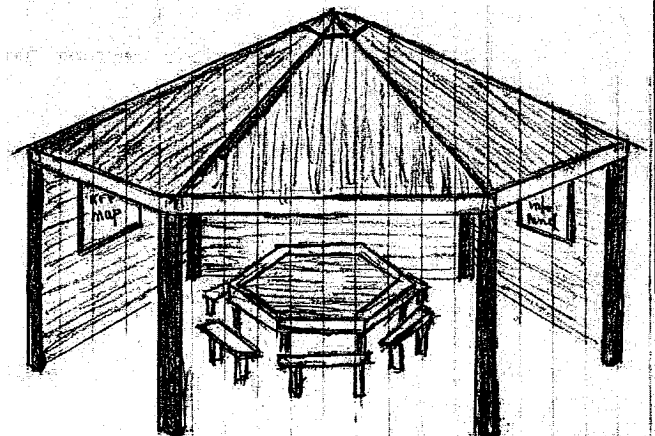
- >Look for the best fords in a river, even if you are never likely to have to cross it.....
- >Keep your eye open for good campsites.....
- >Note the character of ridges and valleys, and especially not prominent objects so that you will recognise them when you see them again
- >Keep looking back on your route so as to familiarise yourself with what you will see on your return journey...

Geoff also puts a good case for dismantling campsites by throwing left over firewood into the bush, return boulders to the rivers and scatter charcoal remains so as not to stunt growth. Fires are best built near rivers as the chance of accidental fire is lessened and allows for easy dismantling. Fires are best kept small to help conserve firewood.

CLUB NEWS:

KAWEKA HUT SITE SHELTER:

The is sketch of the proposed shelter to be built, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, at the site of Kaweka Hut.



December 2007

NEW MEMBERS:

The Wednesday tramps have been busy recruiting new members and we welcome to the following to the Club: Scott Campbell, Murray Aitken, Marjorie Musson, Maree Blackburn and Alasdair Shaw.

HAZMOBILE:

Once again this was a successful fundraiser. Thanks to all those club members who came along to help especially those who attended both days. Hopefully we will make somewhere in the region of \$3800 from the weekend.

Coming Meetings:

Date	Topic / Speaker	Comments	Hosts	Supper Help
9 Jan	Social evening	Catch up on holiday news.	Phillip Mardon, Anne Blake	Jim Hewes, Joan Ruffell
23 Jan	Alison & David Zorn. Climb up Mt Kinabalu	They did this trip recently. A great experience.	Anne Cantrick, Jenny Lean	Judy McBride, Ken Nugent
6 Feb	Training subjects	River crossing video + other	Brett Hickey, Helen Hare	John Montgomery, Shirley Bathgate
20 Feb	Lloyd Beech. "What the Outdoors Means to Me"	Ex Conservation Board Chairman	Jeff Robertson, Gerald Blackburn	Marion Nicholson, Anne Blake
5 March	Planetarium. "Tour of the Solar System". At the Planetarium.	Alan saw this presentation with the Royal Society. Absolutely brilliant. A journey from the Sun to Pluto with the latest NASA photos.	Jean-Luc Vachon, David Blake	Volunteers if needed
19 March	Auction for the Rescue Helicopter	Roll up, roll up. Get fleeced by the Auctioneers!	Chris Waldron, Pam Turner	Marjoleine Turel, Maureen Broad
2 April	Rowan Calder from Sirtrack. His experiences as a Ranger in Africa	May also talk about Sirtrack work (electronic tracking service)	Christine Snook, Graham Thorpe	Anne Smith, Mary Gray
16 April	Graeme Hare "Early days in his tramping life"	Hear some good yarns of earlier days in HTC.	Geoff Clibborn, Lynette Blackburn	Ros & Mike Lusk (Ooh! Maybe Ros will bring something special)

Duties of those on Supper and Host:

HOSTS: Greet visitors and fill in visitor's book. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

SUPPER: Put zip on, cups etc out, wash dishes and leave kitchen clean and tidy at end of evening and generally help Bobby.

ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

Even the easiest of club trips require a reasonable degree of fitness, and from time to time tramps have been seriously delayed by unfit party members. While individuals may have varying degrees of basic fitness it is unlikely that a person who has a sedentary job, or who plays no sport, will manage an average B Party trip. The best preparation for tramping is tramping and there are hilly places in Napier and close to Hastings which make excellent training areas. For example, a walk from the cattle stop car park in Te Mata Park to the top of the peak, via the big redwoods, and back to the cattlestop via the road-side track with an 8 kg pack should take about 70- 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for 5 to 6 hours.

TRIP GRADINGS

EASY: 4-6 hours tramping - suitable for beginners.

MEDIUM: 6-8 hours tramping - suitable for those with some experience.

HARD: 7 hrs+ tramping - experience & a high level of fitness necessary.

Unless otherwise specified: an "A" trip would have a "HARD" grading and a "B" trip a "MEDIUM" grading.

GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS

<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>DAY TRIPS</u> <u>Carry</u>	<u>WEEKEND TRIPS</u> <u>All items listed for day trip plus</u>
Pack & pack liner	Map & Compass	Sleeping bag
Boots & gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least 1 litre water	Food for 3 additional meals
Parka & over trousers	Lunch	Cooker & Billy & matches
Fast drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or wool Jumper	Torch, spare batteries & bulb	Toilet gear, small towel & toilet paper
Longjohns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, knife, fork , spoons etc
Gloves/mittens & overmitts	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches etc, pencil, paper)	Tent/Fly if required
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

Leave at truck/car: Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with something to flavour hot water from the Clibbornette.

TRIP LIST DECEMBER 2007

Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons. For pre trip inquiries contact the organiser or David Blake 8353284

6 Jan 2008 Beach Trip \$20
From Aramoana Beach walk along the sands to Pourerere, Mangakuri and Kairakau Beaches.

Organiser: John Berry 8776205
Driver: Geoff Robinson



7-11 Jan (Mon-Fri) Waioeka Forest \$40 Maps W16 & W17

Travel to Gisborne along SH36 into the Waioeka Gorge between Opotiki and Gisborne. Drive to start of tramp at Moanui road end then walk to Tawa, Koranga Forks, Nikau Flat and Kotepato huts then out to Wairata Road. Maybe walk the Tauranga loop track and/or Manganuku options. Reasonable level of fitness required.

Organiser: Sue Lopdell 8446697

Driver: Lex Smith

More Info: *Follow these links from www.doc.govt.nz*

Parks & recreation > Tracks & walks > East Coast/Hawke's Bay > Opotiki area

13 Jan Cape Kidnappers – Ocean Beach \$15

Come and assist Tamsin Ward-Smith pulling out pine trees whilst wandering along the predator proof fence.

Organiser:

Driver:

19-20 Jan Camp Wakarara \$20 Map U22

A social / tramping weekend based at Camp Wakarara. Plenty of options for day tramps in the area. Social Evening planned for the Saturday night. Cost includes transport, accommodation and meat for the evening meal.

Organiser: Social Club

Driver:

27 Jan Shutes Hut \$15 Map U21

From the Napier – Taihape Rd, drive into Komata Hut. Drop steeply to the river (fish or retain your breath) before climbing to the historical Shutes Hut. Return via the same route.

Organiser:

Driver:

30th Jan (Wed)

Cycle ride starting from Ohiti road Fernhill to Crownthorpe Road, Matapiro road and return to Ohiti road.

Organiser Peggy Gulliver. 8797763.

6th Feb (Wed)

Tramp up the Makaretu River to Happy Daze hut in the Ruahine Range and return the same way

Organiser Bobby Couchman 8778557.

10 Feb Kaweka Range \$15 Map U20

A: Walk along Matauria Ridge down to the Donald River. Follow the Donald down to where the ridge track leads to Lotkow Road.

B: Go down Jap Creek to the Donald River and return along the same ridge track as Party A

Organisers: A: Peter Brown 8772907

B:

Driver: Geoff Clibborn

13th Feb (Wed)

Cycle Ride Pakowhai Park to Bayview cycleway area.

Organiser Alasdair Shaw 8776225

20th Feb (Wed)

Tramp Esk River from end of Ellis Wallace Road and pick some Blackberry's en route.

Organiser Rodger Burn 8776322.

23-24 Feb **Kaweka Challenge** **Map U20**
Come and support a major Club fundraiser and have some fun manning check points over the course.
Give you names to Susan Lopdell (8446697)

27 Feb (Wed)
Cycle ride Swamp road, Dartmoor road to Sacred Hill area starting from Peggy's place at Fernhill.
Organiser. Alasdair Shaw 8776225

5 Mar (Wed)
Tramp the Mangaone stream from Rissington and return the same way.
Organiser Bob Carter 8751163.

9 Mar **Esk River** **\$15** **Map V19**
Travel to the end of Mokamoka Road and cross the farmland down to the headwaters of the Esk River, continue on to the bridge on the main road.
Organiser:
Driver:

12 Mar (Wed)
Cycle ride the back roads of Waipawa area.
Organiser TBA

19th Mar (Wed)
Tramp to Longview Hut in the Ruahine Range.
Organiser Judy McBride 8769756

21-24 Mar (Easter) **Tongariro National Park** **\$30** **Maps S19& 20, T19 & 20**
A: Starting from the Chateau a round the mountain trip in a clockwise direction
B: From Ohakune Mountain Road to Mangaturuturu and Whakapapaiti Huts to Whakapapa village possibly link with Tongariro Crossing.
C: Ohakune to Chateau via Crater Lake
Organisers: A:
 B:
 C: John Montgomerie 8777358
Drivers:

More Info: *Follow these links from www.doc.govt.nz*
Parks & recreation > Tracks & walks > Tongariro/Taupo > Ruapehu area

Local Day Trip: Starting at Triplex carpark, up Sunrise Track to track junction then down track to Waipawa River and Waipawa Forks Hut, down river to road end carpark and back to Triplex via Swamp Track.

2 Apr (Wed)
Tramp Maungaharuru and Bell Rock areas.
Organiser Bobby Couchman 8778557

6 Apr Ruahine Forest Park \$15 Maps U21 & U22

A: From Yeomans Mill, walk along road past Craig Hut site and cross the Makaroro River and ascend onto main range via Sparrowhawk Bivvy. Return to truck down Colenso spur and the Makaroro River.

B: Wander up to the main range and Sparrowhawk bivvy

Organisers: A: Sue Taylor 8446032 B: Graeme Hare 8448656

Driver:

More Info: *Follow these links from www.doc.govt.nz*

Parks & recreation > Tracks & walks > East Coast/Hawke's Bay > Hawke's Bay area > Wakarara Road End tramping tracks

9 Apr (Wed)

Cycle ride from Camp David to Patangata and along Tuki Tuki.

Organiser Joan Ruffell 8760531

16 Apr (Wed)

Tramp lake Tutira and around tops.

Organiser Rodger Burn 8776322

19&20 Apr Dannevirke Back Country \$1 Maps U23 & U22

Leave from Ngamoko Road end and walk into Leon Kinvig Hut via the Apiti Track. Return route via Birch Whare.

Organiser:

Driver:

Local Day Tramp: Walk the Apiti Track to Birch Whare and return (maybe) with the weekend party.

25-27 Apr Eastern Tararua Range & Wairarapa \$30 Map S26

A: A three day tramp from Holdsworth to Kaitoke (or vice versa) overnighting at Totara Flats Hut and Tutuwai Hut or Cone Hut. This 36 km tramp follows the Waiohine and Tauherenikau Rivers for 36 km reaching a maximum altitude of 740 m on the Gentle Annie Track above Holdsworth - Tramp times for each day will be (approx) 4 to 5½ hours.

B: Three day trips: On the 26 April drive to the coast SE of Masterton and walk the Honey Comb Rock Walkway (5-6 hours) On the other 2 days: walk the Gentle Annie track from Mt Holdsworth to the Mountain House shelter and return via the Donnelly Flats track (4 hours) one day and a return tramp from Kaitoke over the Puffer Saddle and down Smith Creek to its confluence with the Tauherenikau River on the other (4 hours).

Organiser:A

B: Glenda Hooper 8774183

Driver:

More Info: *Follow the links from www.doc.govt.nz*

[Parks & recreation](#) > [Tracks & walks](#) > [Wellington](#) > [Wairarapa](#)

30 Apr (Wed)

Tramp Mackintosh Hut to Kuripapango circuit.

Organiser Marion Nicholson 8735935

7 May (Wed)

Tramp from Clive Embankment along river to Waimarama road and then climb up Te Mata Peak.

Organiser Judy McBride 8769756.

4 May Ruahine Crossing \$25 Maps T23 & U23

Drive along the Pohangina Valley to the start of the Opawe Track, ascend onto the main range and exit via Kumeti Hut

Organiser:

Driver:

14 May (Wed)

Cycle Ride from Glenda's to Camp David and return

Organiser Jim Hewes 8776784.

21 May (Wed)

Tramp Blowhard Bush and see recent developments and maybe an extra walk in the area.

Organiser Joan Ruffell 8760531.

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark, safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take 2 hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who might worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the "overdue contacts" if return seems likely to be later than 10 PM. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all inquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

Susan Lopdell 844 6697

Jim Glass 877 8748

Glenda Hooper 877 4183

Cancellations: If you can not make a trip please contact the leader BEFOREHAND so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.

Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7.25 pm, visitors are welcome.

HTC Phone List

Dec 07

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Philip Mardon	24 Evenden Rd, Hastings	8768558
Alva Mcadam	62 Harold Holt Ave, Napier	8439135
Judy McBride	101 Kenilworth Road, Hastings	8769756
David Mckenzie	3/200 Gascigne St, Hastings	8767776
John Montgomerie	11 Gardiner Place, Havelock North	8777358
Dave Mulinder	Postal Delivery Centre, Norsewood	06 3740997
Greg Munn	17 Emerald Hill, Havelock North	8773993
Marjorie Musson	3/400 Nelson Street Sth, Hastings	8788279
Marion Nicholson	917 Rimu St, Hastings	8735935
Ken Nugent	404 Lumsden Road, Hastings	8765395
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