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# TRIP REPORTS



**#2032**

**Apiti Track - Leon Kinvig Hut**

**19 & 20 April 2008**

Three of us met at Pernel's at 7.00am, headed down to Norsewood where we took a right turn onto Ngamoko Road and drove directly toward the southern Ruahine Range. The start of the Apiti Track is about 1.5km before the end of the road, on the right, through a farm gate. With no sign of Dave we did a recce of the road end, by the time we got back Dave had arrived.

Apparently it was Dave's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and he dearly wanted to take his rifle on the trip. After discussion we decided to allow this on the condition that he only go hunting once we got to the hut, not during the tramp.

Drizzly weather greeted us initially but once we were into the bush it wasn't too unpleasant. The track meanders, mostly sidling, through regenerating native bush for several kilometres before getting into virgin bush. Then, unexpectedly, we came upon an abandoned tent set up the middle of the track. The tent was a bit the worse for wear and miscellaneous items had been left inside. There was a note on the outside that the tent was free to whoever wanted it. Most unusual!!!

We had a lunch stop in patchy sunshine at the track junction to Makaretu Hut then dropped down into a saddle and up 380m on to the main Ruahine Range. Half way up this ridge the weather got cooler and damper, the damp turned to hail and then the hail turned into the first snow of the season. It was a very chilly kilometre or so on the exposed tops until we got to the bushline on the other side. We dropped down the 450m into the Pohangina River valley and were pleased to reach Leon Kinvig Hut.

The rest of the afternoon was spent devising ways in which to stop the fire from smoking - we did not entirely succeed. Dave eventually decided to go for his hunt but was back in about 10 minutes - dark had descended. Plan 'A' being unsuccessful plan 'B' was initiated - he would get up early in the morning to go hunting. After tea we feasted on Dave's birthday chocolate biscuits then had an early night allowing the fire to die down and the smoke dissipate.

Morning dawned - a much better outlook than the previous evening but Dave decided that plan 'C' was now in place - a lie-in!! 8.30am saw us plodding back up the hill and onto the pretty snow cover tops. For variety we took the track down into the Mangatowainui River through a lovely patch of bush. Lunch was on the banks of the river. We then meandered down stream about 4km, along farmland for another 3km before reaching the road end and a couple of km's back to the cars.

A very pleasant weekend outing and thanks to Jeff for transportation and Dave for the birthday biscuits.

ST

Party: Dave Mulinder, Peter Brown, Jeff Robertson, Sue Taylor

**#2033**

**Tararua Forest Park - Anzac Weekend**

**26 - 27 April 2008**

## **Main Party**

After consultation with Glenda, and initially only four of us interested in a three day trip, it become a two day tramp. Saturday morning saw 8 of us arrive at a very populated Mt. Holdsworth carpark at

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9.30am. We headed past the public lodge, across the Atiwhakatu Stream and began climbing the Gentle Annie Track, initially through beech forest, to Rocky Lookout where Powell and Jumbo Huts could be seen perched on the ridge tops. We stopped for lunch at the Totara Flats track junction, were joined by two other parties and heard that 60 people had stayed in Powell Hut in the Friday night! The variety of bush and fungi on the track had the photographers busy and Peter commented that this was what the Ruahine Ranges looked like years ago.

We ambled through kamahi forest before dropping steeply to Totara Creek and followed this waterway (on the true right) on an undulating track, crossing a swing-bridge over the Waiohine River 5 minutes from Totara Flats Hut. Saturday night saw us joined by 30 others, including a group of three mothers and their daughters out on their first tramping trip. We whiled away the evening socialising, reading and playing cards and we were into our sleeping bags at about 10.00pm. Sunday saw us crossing Totara Flats (2km long), traversing in and out of stream beds and river terraces, the odd clamber around slips – this is definitely a summer trip as the crossing of Mataka Creek in wet weather would be impossible. Towards the end, we began meeting family groups who had braved the mud! We rejoined Peter and Glenda at Wall Whare at the Waihine Gorge Road. Again the Tararuas really turned on the weather – it was sunshine, sunshine, sunshine! The variety of flora was great and the rata vine was flowering prolifically in the Waiohine River catchments.

Mt. Holdsworth to Totara Flats – 4 hrs

Totara Flats to Walls Whare – 4 hrs

Maybe next time (my third attempt) I will get to tramp in the Tauheranikau area. A big thank you to Peter for driving and to my fellow trampers – it was a leisurely jaunt, time to enjoy the outdoors.

SL

### Truck Party

To increase numbers and to gain a truck driver we changed the proposed three day tramp to a two day one. So on the Saturday morning at 7.00am there were 8 of us at Pernel's ready to head south to the Tararua Range. We arrived at Mount Holdsworth campground where around one hundred cars were already parked. At around 10.00am we started walking up the Gentle Annie track (which leads up to Powell Hut) in fine weather. This track, reminiscent of the Sunrise Track, has been upgraded to cope with the hordes of trampers who use it each year and is a gentle zigzag up the hillside through a variety of different plant life.

Lunch was had at the track junction to Totara Flats Hut after which the main party left us to head for the afore named hut whilst Peter and I then carried on up the Gentle Annie for about 20 minutes to the Mountain House shelter where we stopped and had a little more lunch. After this we retraced our steps for about 10 minutes and then took a left hand turn and headed down the track to the Atiwhakatu valley. This track is more of a tramping track and took us down the slope to the Atiwhakatu River meeting 2 groups of other trampers on the way. On the advice of one of the groups we passed we went up the Atiwhakatu River for about 5 minutes to view the swing-bridge over the Atiwhakatu River before returning and heading back along the Atiwhakatu Track to Holdsworth Lodge. This track is also made to withstand the many feet that pass along it, parts of it being concreted so it was a relief to the body to arrive back at Holdsworth and its numerous kereru to reach the truck around 4.00pm.



We decided to drive the truck round to the Waiohine Gorge campsite that night which meant we were able to stop off in Carterton and buy a most delicious pizza for tea. We arrived at the campsite around 6 o'clock and there were only a few other vehicles there. The next morning we decided we

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would walk in for an hour and a half and would meet the others on their way out if they had chosen the river route. The start of this track involves crossing the Waiohine River over the state of the art swing bridge. This bridge can take 8 at a time and hardly sways at all. The track we took basically goes along side the Waiohine Stream, it is a very easily gradient, quite muddy and passes kiekie and some lovely rata trees which were in bloom. There was no sign of the others when we had walked our 90 minutes so fearing that they had taken a more adventurous route we about turned and headed back to the truck to get there around 12 o'clock. Had we persevered up valley we would have met them as they emerged from the same route about an hour after us.

After they had sorted themselves out we headed homewards, stopping en-route for an ice-cream.  
GH

Party: Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Susan Lopdell, Marion Nicholson, Garry Smith, Judy McBride, Dave Cormack, Rodger Burn.

### #2034 Ruahine Crossing - Opawe Track

4 May 2008

With a 6.00am Pernel start and driving down south to Dannevirke we were looking at all the snow on the Ruahine Range wondering if our clothes and equipment was up to the mark, no panic, coming up to the Kumeti Rd end there was no snow where we were to tramp. The trip schedule had the route planned from West to East crossing the Ruahine Range, we did it in reverse because of daylight hours and also the gradients were in our favour. Leaving the Kumeti Rd end at 8.10am we started up the Mangapuaka Stream bed, (the Kumeti Hut is gone), turning off to the left up a steep bush track to gain a ridge line. The bush looked as if it had been logged, burned and was now regenerating, the weather was fine with a cool wind as we continued climbing this ridge westward into leatherwood country. There was leatherwood everywhere, thick as, you could certainly not stray from this track. We past the track turn off to Keretaki Hut which was further south and once our track gained Matanginui Trig that hut could be seen in the distance on a north facing slope.



Our party had lunch in sunshine on Maharahara Trig where we could see far down on the western side to our truck on the Opawe Rd end waiting for us. The track dropped down leaving the leatherwood behind, then through all sorts of pungas, ferns, beach, totara, rimu plus kereru birds feeding on berries. That section of track from Maharahara Trig down had two really steep sections, the Opawa Hut had been removed and the other alternative section of track shown on the map further north was also gone. We arrived at the truck by 2.45pm and once loaded up headed back through Ashurst, the Gorge and north home to Hastings where the weather changed to rain. Many thanks to our driver - Dave Blake.

RG

Driver: David Blake

Party: Maureen Broad, Anne Blake, Peter Brown, Ken Nugent, Graeme Hare, Randall Goldfinch.

<b>#2035</b>	<b>Clive Embankment to Waimarama Road</b>	<b>Wed. 7 May 2008</b>
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We all met at Clive and, with a bit of car juggling, set off along the Clive Walkway. It was a beautiful day and we made good time even though the path was still being laid. There were lots of birds in the swamps and time passed quickly. Under the Haumoana bridge and the sun got hotter and hotter as we walked along. We passed several orchards with lots of apples still on the trees. They looked very yummy, so, when we were sitting having lunch, we were delighted when one of the owners drove her tractor over and gave us a big bag of fruit. There are some lovely people about. We soon got to River Road, squashed into the cars that we had left there and drove back to Clive to pick up the rest of our vehicles. Good day out with lovely company.

JM

Party: Graeme Hare, Lyn Gentry, Marion Nicholson, Marge Munson, Alistair Shaw, Bob Carter, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride

<b>#2036</b>	<b>Tahuhunui Range – Hogget – Timahunga Station</b>	<b>18 May 2008</b>
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My hopes for a good day were upheld by the forecast and the real thing. We parked the truck just before the Taruarau River bridge on the Taihape Road next to the fisherman's cottage. We emerged to find a good frost, to the extent that the ground was frozen solid in the valley.

The 16 of us (biggest group I have been out with for a while) set off led by myself, with no prior local knowledge, so was going by what I had asked from others before the event. The bulldozed road was easy to pick up from the valley but where the route went from the open terrace was not obvious. Some in the party had an idea of the route which was duly found, so were off up climbing. The group became very spread out so we regrouped in the first saddle and it was there that three separated under Ken's care to stop at the junction of the track down to Timahanga.

The rest of us moved on and had a snack stop where the open clay pan area finished. It was then down to the saddle for the route up to the Hogget. The day was really clear but a little windy on the top and 360 deg. views were enjoyed.



After regrouping at the rocky outcrop before the crest, we found we had the urge to actually get to the point "Hogget" which gave vistas to Ngamatea Station, Mt Meaney and beyond and a look into the southern end of the Kawekas which sported some early snow.

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Lunch was consumed out of the wind in the shelter of the rock outcrop. Soon it was time to move on down the Tahuhunui Range to where the track goes down a spur to join the logging track which was opened when the area was logged in the 1970's. Last time I was there this junction was obvious, but is rather obscure now and, as Ken's sub group had agreed to turn off there, they had already found the vague entry (for future reference it is at GR 874 962). So, on down the spur and across the plateau, through a magnificent beech forest on the logging track and out to civilisation and the truck which Graeme and his truck party of three had moved from the starting point, up through Timahanga Station to meet us all.



Thanks to Allan for driving and Graeme for the truck relocation, and to Jack Roberts for permission to use his farm road through the Station.

JM

Party: Hamish Hunt, Sue Taylor, Christine Snook, Ken Nugent, Brent Hickey, Randall Goldfinch, Peter Stedman, Marjorie Musson, Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Tina Godbert, Andy Fowler, Roy McPherson, Anne Cantrick, Alan Petersen and John Montgomerie  
Truck party: Graeme Hare, Helen Hare and Robyn Madden

**#2037**

**Karioi & Mt Pironga**

**Queen's B/day 30 May – 2 June 2008**

We left Pernel's at 7:30pm Friday night. Alan drove us to the Arapuni Dam. They have finished the strengthening work and we were able to drive over the dam and camp on the other side near the public toilets. Not such a good idea as the local roosters were crowing at 4.00am to let us know that morning was nearly here.

Saturday. It was so early that we decided to drive on before breakfast and found a nice picnic spot in the mist next to the Hamilton Lake. Breakfast was at 7:45 and we were on our way by 8:15. Our first climb for the weekend was Mt Karioi. From the car park on the edge of a farmer's property we headed along a poled route winding up to the bush line. Alan came with us to the first high point where we had our early lunch, then he went back down to the truck and drove around the coastal side of the mountain to pick us up. He tells me that the road is very narrow and windy. The other nine of us carried on along the tops up and down ladders and chains to almost the main high point where we had our second lunch. There was a little mud but the going was good so long as you kept an eye on your feet. The supposed 5-6 hour walk took us four and a half hours. It was fine to the west and low cloud and murk to the east. We could see as far as Kawhia Harbour to south and Raglan Harbour to the north. There was no wind in the morning.

On the way into Raglan we called into some of the little beaches where there is great surf for the crowds of keen surfies. Sue dared Alan to go in for a swim. He stripped down and went in, and Sue

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took off. Afraid!! Then on to Raglan for an ice-cream and to the camp ground for a nice hot shower. We all went into the Raglan Club for dinner and the Super 14 final. Go the Crusaders.

Sunday. Awoke after a few showers during the night, but there were a few patches of blue sky in the morning. Left camp at 7:15am and drove round to Kaniwhaniwha Reserve in the Waipa District. There were two choices for the day, one - up the track to the hut at the top of Mt Pirongia and back down to the shelter at the end of Greys Road. Two- a 6 hour return walk to the tallest native tree in N.Z. also calling into the caves on the way back. It turned out that the group divided into two - five brave souls went up to the top into the cloud while the other five went on a lazy wander along to the 66.5m tall Kaihikatea. Having already been to the top on another occasion I decide to go caving. Quite disappointing as the system was not much bigger than the average house, but the tree was quite the bee's knees. As I predicted the others had a bit of mud and lots of tree roots to negotiate, and rain, and ended up coming straight down and not going to the hut. We camped up at the shelter where there is good seating and an information board. Some went to bed early, some played cards and others just talked and talked.

Monday. The morning didn't look promising with drizzle but decided to go and have a look at the No 3 & 4 Waikato River Trails. After an hour and a half drive to the Whakamaru Dam we set off in clear skies with our raincoats in case of showers, on the first part, which was to be one and half hours then lunch. This part of the track took only three quarters of an hour so we sent Alan on his way and we continued on No 4 track. This track took us a lot longer than we expected, but breaking through the trees to a grassy spot there was Alan lay out on the grass as if he had had a big walk. The track was not up to the standard of the previous ones that we did last time we were in the Waikato at Arapuni. We had a nice lazy lunch in the sun, but a few spits or rain soon got us moving. After refuelling at Taupo we arrived home at 5:15 after doing 823kms. Thanks to David for helping out with the driving.

CS

Party: Christine Snook, Alan Peterson, Hamish Hunt, David Blake, Anne Blake, Randall Goldfinch, Susan Lopdell, Marion Nicholson, Brent Hickey, Ken Nugent

**#2038**

**Kaweka Ranges from Makahu Saddle**

**15 June 2008**

The Trip of Many Options!!

We embarked in pitch black at Pernel's at 6.00am and disgorged to a bright morning at Makahu Saddle at 7.30am and could then see who had been in the truck with us - a full truck load which was good to see. Our first impression at the saddle was that there were no other vehicles and then we noticed the new super loo DOC had put in.

### **Black Birch Option**

Five of us chose the easier option and wandered along the Ngahere track coming out near to Little's Clearing where we noticed another new loo! Well done DoC. After a brief inspection we ambled along the track noting the occasional ice patch before stopping at the turn off to Black Birch Biv for a snack. From there we ambled along the track with a team effort pulling contorta out and leaving the debris in our wake.

An interesting discovery was a tramper's boot, in good condition, on the track - probably fallen from a motor bike, waiting for the owner to return. We arrived at the clover patch at midday for an enjoyable lunch soaking up the sun and views. The opportunity was taken to brush up on our compass skills before attacking the contorta in a frenzy with Rodger's pruning saw before ambling back to the truck. Arrived back at 3.00pm to get the Clibbornette set up for the others who returned shortly afterwards.

RB

Party: Rodger Burn, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Christine Snook.

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### **Mad Dog to the Don ....and Out Again Option**

A fine winter trip in Pohokura –“to Back Ridge” – attracted a jolly crowd that filled the truck. Thinking that a team bulges at the seams if over 8 people, we asked permission to take a splinter group and go astray – the organisers agreed with dismaying alacrity and, after grabbing a couple of the fit and foolish, we persuaded Mary to add some brains to our bunch.

Andy and I had not been down to the Don and were quite keen to fill in that blank on the map – because we hadn't been down to the Don! Once done not oft repeated – even mad keen Mary admitted she'd usually only be lured down there by the call of a kiwi transmitter. So the team was made up of three Don virgins who didn't know better and a trio of old hands who should have!

We started with clear skies, a gusty breeze, clouds started blanketing the tops as we reached Dominic Biv but lifted again and the wind abated as we climbed higher and, though cool, it was clear views to Ruapehu. A sunny romp along the tops before we headed down Mad Dog. Dried celmisia flowers poked photogenically through small patches of snow and the colours between were grand. We had a first lunch half way down Mad Dog then puffed up from Studholme Saddle. We pounded down the ridge toward MacIntosh and stopped for a second lunch on the clay pan at the MacIntosh junction - too aware of the distance still to travel to detour to the hut.

The track down to and up from the Don was according to Peter much improved – good – they can work on the gradient next – no seriously it was in good nick and passed steadily. We could see why the Don can be hard to cross, despite a dry week it was up to our knees and disappears just downstream into a hungry looking gorge. The final lope along Matauria was jolly with space to walk side by side through the pines. Back to the truck in time to meet the Back Ridgers emerging from the scrub and to enjoy a welcome cupper from the Clibbornette.

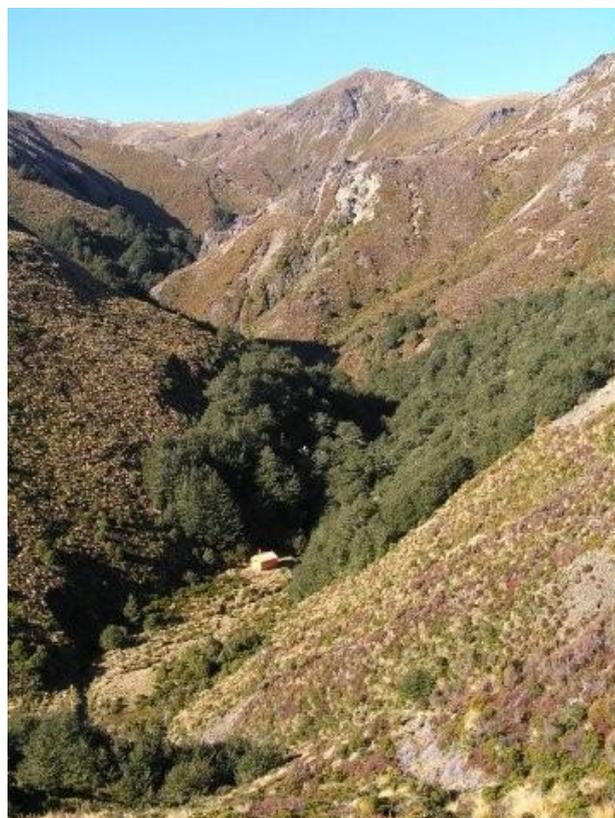
Altogether it was a 7 ½ hour round trip.  
TG

Party: Peter Brown, Mary Gray, Gerald Blackburn, Tina Godbert, Andy Fowler, Jenni Banks.

### **Kaweka J and Back Ridge Hut Option**

On what promised to be a beautiful clear day 18 trampers headed off to Makahu Saddle to spend the day exploring in the Kawekas. Seven of us in the 'B' party headed up the slopes of Kaweka J and made good time getting to Dominic Biv to refuel and also enjoy the view from the toilet. Arriving at the top of Kaweka J we had an awesome 360deg. view including Mounts Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe.

Two of our party headed toward North Kaweka looking for a spring while the rest of us found the ridge we needed to head down to Back Ridge Hut. We set off down an undulating ridge speculating on where the hut might lie and how daunting the neighbouring ridge looked – the one that we would have to climb to get back to Kaweka J. Part way down we enjoyed seeing a couple of NZ falcon, one of which sat on a rocky outcrop and watched us having a break. During a steep descent down off the ridge we spotted the orange of Back Ridge Hut amongst the trees and eventually arrived at a 1950's style hut framed in a unique mecanno style. It is sited beside a small stream in a perfect location on a warm day but probably a bit of a freezer on a bad one. After a lunch break we headed back up to Kaweka J and, after a short stop at the cairn, returned to the truck.



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Overall an awesome day of great weather, company and exploration.

SB

Party: Sheryl Baylis, David Blake, Anne Blake, Graeme Hare, Karen Riddell, Max Neumegen, and Sonia

<b>#2029</b>	<b>Ballard Hut - almost</b>	<b>28 &amp; 29 June 2008</b>
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We left Pernel's at 6.00am knowing that the weather forecast was not that great and arrived at Pink's carpark to a very cold, fine, misty drizzle.

We had an uneventful walk up to Middle Hill Hut. At this stage the hills beyond the hut just had a light coating of snow. We had a break at the hut and then headed up Camp Spur – there was no snow on the ground but the snow laden canopy was melting freely – almost like rain. As the ridge got steeper and higher there was more and more snow on the ground. We stopped at the tree-line for lunch and layered up with extra clothing. Out of the tree line we were into waist deep snow drifts - it was very exhausting breaking the trail through the snow. The weather, at this stage, was still clear but we could see it closing in upon us. On reaching the top of the ridge we headed towards the highpoint, Whetu. We were probably only 10 minutes away from Whetu when the weather closed in completely with sleet, very poor visibility and very strong winds. The decision was made to head back - figuring that if we headed on to Ballard's Hut we would probably be stuck there for several days. As we tramped back through the trees to Middle Hill the effect of the bad weather was not nearly so noticeable. We shared the hut with two young hunters from Auckland who, much to our appreciation, had the fire going when we got there.

There was a brilliant frost overnight but within half an hour of our rising it was snowing again. We had a leisurely morning walking back down to the truck – leaving the snow behind after 10 minutes. A hot swim at the road-end along with an attempt to recruit new members from the Napier Boys High School group in residence finished the weekend before the drive back to Pernel's.

PB

Party: Peter Brown, Anne Blake, David Blake, Randall Goldfinch, Christine Snook

<b>#2040</b>	<b>Gold Creek Hut</b>	<b>Wed. 2 July 2008</b>
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A party of 6 set off from Pernel's at the fairly early time (for us) of 7.30 arriving at the Hall's farm just on 9.00am to be greeted by the ever cheerful Mrs Hall. After a hot drink we made our way over farmland to the junction to the track and the Ruahines.

The weather was good and the tops were covered in snow and signs were of strong winds higher up. The track is in good condition with not too much evidence of use and Mike made a number of stops for things of interest. The higher we went the windier it got although we were shielded from it by the trees and wind chill was not a problem. We reached the high point (942 metres) at midday and dropped just off the tops for lunch. We had to pile on the bushshirts etc and after a 30 minute lunch we ambled back down the track, through the farmland and to our cars for a hot drink and a chat with Mrs Hall's nephew who was quite keen to join our club - we do need some younger members.

At this stage the wind was really racing over the tops with ominous black clouds and it wasn't until we got back to SH50 that the rain started. We were home before 6.00pm - another great trip.

RB

Party: Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Keith Thomson, Mike and Roz Lusk, Rodger Burn

**#2041****Stoney Creek****13 July 2008**

Nine little trampers left Pernel's at 6.30am after a false alarm on a flat tyre. There were grumbles about not leaving earlier enough!! Weather looked a bit dodgy when we arrived up the Takarere Rd (just before Tarawera on SH5) and parked up in recently logged forest road. Down into Stoney Creek, brrrr, last time this was a summer trip. Who was the donkey who suggested this as a winter trip? We pushed up the Ohane Stream keeping to an uncut, unmarked trail along the riverbank, which meant lots of crossings or wading up to the next trail. Not long up and we heard a blue duck "whio". He sat nicely on a rock while we all goo-gahed at him. A bit further on we smelt some sulphur in the air...false alarm! Then up to a sharp bend and just further around we found the hot spring. A little mud bath full of smelly rotting leaves. Some of us put our hand up the hot crack - in the rock. No one was game to immerse in the warm mucky water - so on we went. A few dramas, Christine falling in hole and got a dunking, cutty grass slices drawing blood on others. We came across a hunters semi-permanent bivvy so had a nosey.

Shortly after that I relented (just before the mutiny) and 9 little trampers headed up a sharp spur to the top ridge. Quite a haul. There are some wonderful 'podo' trees up there. One old rimu we tree-hugged but it took 6 to encircle its big butt. We walked along an old trail with a few old preserving jar lids about half a metre above the ground (nailed by a very short person!!). Got to the trig point grassy knoll and had lunch, lazed in the sun, no wind, admired the view, planned future tramps and watched bits of the highway way down below. Time to go 9 little trampers.

The going a bit rough and there was much discussion about which spur to go down to get back to the truck. Lots of native birds around. David did a tomme tippee. Part way down a steep sidling I did an even more spectacular tomme tippee, lost my glasses, cut my forehead and made a bloody mess. Found my glasses very close to Hamish's big clumsy boot. Whew that was close. We kept on down and down onto easier country - found the old track so sidled around a bit in the kahikatea groves then into the creek. I bashed straight across through all the rubbish direct to the truck while the other little trampers went round the right way.

So, after cleaning up etc, etc, all 9 little trampers went wee, wee, wee, all the way home. It was a tougher day than anticipated and a good test for a couple of visitors.

AP

Alan Petersen (leader and reporter herein), Christine Snook (leader's boss), Peter Brown (the bosses boss), David Blake (the club's trip boss), Anne Blake (David's boss), Hamish Hunt and his big lunch, Ken Nugent (trampers both), Jenny & Phillip (new chums getting away from work bosses). Thanks to Alan for driving. "That's OK"

**#2042****Waipatiki Beach to Aropoanui & Beyond****16 July 2008**

This was a on again/off again trip but eventually five keen bods met up with Susan at Napier airport and drove through to Waipatiki beach. The beach was deserted, the sky was blue and, after our usual hot drink, we were away at 10.00am along the track cut into the base of the cliff.

Susan soon spotted a large seal basking of the rocks but it was the only one we were to see. We soon arrived at the mouth of the Aropoanui River and found that to proceed further we had to endure wet feet which we did with typical stoicism.

Our plan was to carry on along the track to the Waipapa Stream waterfall but further on we were blocked by a very large slip which had taken a fair bit of the track away although, with favourable tides, we could have skirted this bit by going along the beach.

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We doubled back to the Aropaoanui River, past the homestead and up the hill where we had lunch. Further along, up the hill, we cut through the Waipatiki Scenic Reserve and returned to our cars at the beach.

Another most enjoyable mid week tramp.  
RB

Party: Bobby Couchman, Susan Lopdell, Graham Ede, Alasdair Shaw, Graham Thompson, Rodger Burn

# HTC BIKE TRIPS



## Kahuranaki Station Cycle Ride

**28 May 2008**

It was nice to see a clear blue sky, after all the recent rain, as we left from the Waimarama Bridge junction at 9.00am. The first few km's to Euchre Flat are deceptively easy. Then we climbed steadily affording us superb views of the Tuki Tuki River and valley to our right with the autumn tonings of the trees were just great. We had some long sweeping down hill runs before the biggie up to Kahuranaki station where we stopped for smoko.

Onwards - the road was, at times, shaded by trees which caused a marked drop in temperature and after 19km's we stopped on the tops to enjoy the sun before appreciating the mainly down hill return lap returning to our cars

A most enjoyable cycle ride enjoyed by all.  
RB

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Joan Ruffell, Raewyn Ricketts, Bob Carter, Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn.

## Tuki Tuki Circuit to Clifton

**11 June 2008**

Yet another Wednesday treat, a perfect sunny winters day after a white frost, and eight of us met outside Summerset Village wrapped up warmly against the wind we create while zooming down hills at 45km/h!

We cycled over the bridge to Waimarama and then turned down River Road towards Haumoana where we were met first by Heather and Bob Carter and later by the Gentrys. The fields along the way were white carpeted but we all warmed up rapidly on the several uphill stretches. On reaching Raymond Road we branched off past Haumoana School and then cycled round to Clifton Cafe where we treated ourselves to coffee and goodies - sitting outside in beautiful sunshine admiring the sun sparkling on the sea.

Eventually the group (minus the writer who had another outing planned later) returned home via Lawn Road with Mr and Mrs Lyn, completing the round trip a distance of 50km.

RR

Cyclists: Raewyn Ricketts, Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Alasdair Shaw, Jim Hewes, Bob and Heather Carter, Lyn and Lyn Gentry.

August 2008

### **Crownthorpe-Matapiro Road Cycle Ride**

**25 June 2008**

Due to work commitments, holidays and sickness we had an unusually low turn out for this ride. We left the cars at Pukehomoamo School and cycled off into a strong headwind. There were ominous black clouds hanging over the local ranges and, after a pretty undulating stretch, we reached the Crownthorpe School where we stopped for a snack.

At the junction with Matapiro Road our past efforts were rewarded and we sailed along with a strong tail wind on a relatively flat return lap to return to our cars at Pukehomoamo School.

A most enjoyable ride of 35km and we avoided any rain too.

RB

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn

### **Pakowhai Park - Clive Stopbank - Te Awanga**

**9 July 2008**

Rodger and Alasdair cycled from Havelock North and met Peggy, Lyn Gentry and me at Pakowhai. Off along the cycle / walk track we went and, with a tail wind, made good time to Hohepa. After talking to the men working on the track we set off along an incomplete section of the stop bank to Clive. It was a very rough ride and a herd of cows were a bit too interested in us. Next we went over the Clive bridge and on to the walkway which led to the Haumoana bridge. This part is now completed so we made good time. Bobby arrived; riding on the stop bank track from Havelock North then came Bob who lives in Tuki Tuki Rd. We all continued to Haumoana by road and then out to the river mouth. We followed a track, then the main road, to Te Awanga where we stopped for a lunchette. Lyn took us on a shortcut to his house, from there we continued on to Raymond Road and back to Haumoana bridge. The Havelock North riders took the stop bank track to River Rd while Peggy and I battled the wind all the way home to Hastings.

JM

Cyclists: Rodger Burn, Peggy Gulliver, Lyn Gentry, Alasdair Shaw, Bobby Couchman, Bob Carter

### **Pakowhai Park – Havelock North – Twyford**

**23 July 2008**

While the rest of the country struggled with rain and gale force winds we were once again being smiled on by the weather gods. 5 cyclists left Pakowhai Park at 9.00am on a beautiful Hawke's Bay day and met Judy and Marion at Bennett Road. We travelled on down St Georges Road to Havelock North and our numbers swelled to 12. From Havelock North we travelled down Middle Road to School Road and then back along St Georges Road into Hastings. By cycling down Norton Road, Tollemache Road etc we found ourselves out the back of Flaxmere. So far the expected head winds had not arrived and everyone was in good spirits, chatting constantly. It was lovely to have Christine back and we enjoyed hearing about her overseas life. We continued through Twyford and onto the stopbank which took us back to Pakowhai Park. The time was 12.30pm and this was a perfect place for lunch. After coffee and food Mr Lyn headed off for golf and the Havelock people continued on down Ruahapia Road and home. A great trip of about 44km.

PG

Cyclist: Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn, Bob Carter, Joan Ruffell, Marion Nicholson, Jim Hewes, Christine Hardy, Mr and Mrs Lyn Gentry, Peggy Gulliver

## Tour of the Bays 50km Circuit

6 August 2008

A beautiful sunny day, a hint of frost and a lazy southerly wind saw seven enthusiastic cyclists leave Royston Hospital carpark at approximately 9.00am. The route followed the annual TOUR OF THE BAY course down Highway 50 into Valley Road, onto Raukawa Road joining up with Maraekakaho Road and back to Prospect Road.

It was reasonably challenging over the back of the course with a head wind to contend with. We met Peggy at the Highway 50 Junction about 3/4 hour later. Morning tea was had and enjoyed a few kms along Valley Road, with lunch at the Raukawa Hall. Evidence of the recent flooding was everywhere with a lot of mud in some paddocks, those poor little lambs we saw! We were very fortunate in having cycling guru Max Neumegen with us and at lunch time we all benefited from a discussion on cycling etiquette and bike maintenance. Thank you Max.

The return journey was a "breeze" with some of the ladies hitting 50kph with the tail wind. We arrived back at our cars about 1.30pm after an exhilarating and educational ride.  
JH

Cyclists: Peggy Gulliver, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Bob Carter, Max Neumegen, Jim Hewes.

# CLUB NEWS:

## PERSONAL LOCATOR BECONS

The club has purchased three Personal Locator Beacons, PLB's, (to replace the existing 121.5 Mhz EPIRB's) through the generous funding of \$2205.00, granted by Pub Charity.

They have a GPS built into them so that, on activation, the precise location is known to searchers. In addition, Search and Rescue authorities will contact by phone any one of three nominated and registered persons to clarify if a PLB is likely to be in an approximate area.

Therefore, if you wish to borrow one of these PLB's, please notify trip dates, party members and destination to **all three** of the following:

David Blake	<a href="mailto:dblake@vodafone.net">dblake@vodafone.net</a>	835 3284
Glenda Hooper	<a href="mailto:hoopberry@orcon.net.nz">hoopberry@orcon.net.nz</a>	877 4183
Graeme Hare	<a href="mailto:GRHMHARE@xtra.co.nz">GRHMHARE@xtra.co.nz</a>	844 8656

Also, for all trips or borrowings, please record uplifting and returning in the register book in the truck.

The PLB's are Kannard 406 XS-3GPS, weigh 295grams, have both 406 MHz and 121.5 transmissions, are simple to use, travel in a pouch and have a battery life of 6 years.

We purchased ours with FMC discounts from [www.aviationsafety.co.nz](http://www.aviationsafety.co.nz).

## Photo Competition

After many years of sterling effort in organising the annual Photo Competition Jim Glass has decided to retire. We thank him for his wonderful efforts over the years. Roz Lusk has kindly offer to take over the running of this event.

## **FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE**

8 – 9 November

Wakarara Camp

Tuition fees, accommodation and food will be covered by NZ Land SAR.

The truck fare will be met by the club.

Minimum of 12 and a maximum of 20.

Register with: John Montgomerie - [j.montgomerie@paradise.net.nz](mailto:j.montgomerie@paradise.net.nz) or phone 8777358.

What you learn at this course could be very useful at home, at work, in the hills, on a search , or Kaweka Challenge.

## **Social Weekend**

Mark the weekend of 13 & 14 December on your calendar for the Club Christmas social gathering at the Mohaka River.

## **A Tribute to Deborah Turner (abridged)**

Our dear friend and fellow trumper, Deborah Turner died at about 4.00pm on Sunday, 6 July 2008, at Cranford Hospice.

Deborah was born in England. She studied Music and Classics. On completion of her Degree, she travelled to Melbourne with 2 friends and for several years taught at a private girls school. She travelled to New Zealand to visit distant relatives, who were, by chance, friends of Pete Turner's parents. She was invited to experience Kiwi farm life – met Pete and soon they were married. Life on a "Back Blocks" farm was far distant from her background of Classics and Music.

I am not sure when Deborah joined the Heretaunga Tramping Club – about 1994/1995. The truck would sometimes pick her up at Puketitiri for a trip in the Kawekas or sometimes she would drive into town to join the Truck – such dedication. She was a pleasant walking companion with a great interest in the outdoors and always had something interesting to say.

Deborah has been on the Kaweka Challenge Committee representing HTC, for many years and she worked very hard to promote and advertise the event locally and nationally. It became tradition that Deborah was the Team Leader on Kaweka J initiating different themes for the Kaweka J site such as Art Deco, Under the Sea, and Fairies. To the great surprise of the intrepid Course One and Two competitors, they would find the Site Personnel dressed up, with banners and music to greet them – in all weathers! In recent years, Deborah has driven around to Base at Kuripapango on Sunday, to greet the finishing competitors with enthusiastic hugs and hand shakes. At the end of the day she must have been as sweaty and muddy as the competitors! As a District Councillor, she was able to initiate the formation of a parking area over the road – a great asset to the event. This year she was not on top of Kaweka J but was at the finish to greet all competitors on both Saturday and Sunday. Quite a feat, as she moved with care, having had one lung removed (due to cancer) about 5 weeks previously.

Another tradition was the attendance of many HTC members at each opening night of the Puketitiri Pantoperal Players performances, held yearly at the hall at Puketitiri Domain, usually on very frosty nights. Deborah would adapt and rewrite shows such as the Pirates of Penzance, Ali Baba and his Forty Thieves, Oklahoma and then persuade local farmers, their families, DOC workers etc that they could sing, dance and act, which they did with great style, aplomb and humour. Part of the tradition was Pam Turner's hospitality in opening up her house for HTC to stay over night but that is another story.

After a lovely singing evening held at Pam's several years ago, Deborah wrote the HTC Chorus into the next Show. But the cast didn't know until about 15 extra policemen stood up from the audience and joined in the singing – they looked at us with amazement!! Deborah greatly enjoyed the joke and

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we loved being part of the Show. Last year, on the 29th July, the Pantoperal Players and the HTC Chorus put on a special performance of parts of all the Shows in celebration of Deborah's 60th Birthday. It was a great day but Deborah looked very thin and had a very persistent cough which was later to be diagnosed as cancer.

It has been our privilege to be Deborah's friend and we extend our sympathies to her family.

Robyn Madden

**A Poem for Deborah Turner**

Sailing the ocean  
or scaling great heights  
traversing the globe  
discovering the sights  
**always, experienced with passion**

Chasing a dream  
not stopping to pause  
or peddling a bike  
to highlight a cause  
**always, actioned with passion**

Chairing a meeting  
or airing strong views  
making the baking  
or making the news  
**always, presented with passion**

Remembering a phrase,  
a time or a place,  
an event or a quote,  
a name or a face  
**always, recalled with passion**

Writing a letter....  
a song, a poem or prose  
a lyric, a line  
a script for the shows  
**always, penned with passion**

Searching the archives  
for acts from the past  
playing... acting  
rebuking the cast  
**always, inspired by passion**

Creating words  
on a scrabble board  
or winning a prestigious  
crossword award  
**always, achieved with passion**

Campaigning for environment  
community or youth  
unwavering commitment  
for speaking the truth  
**always, expressed with passion**

Drench guns and cow horns  
spoons and pot lids  
music made magic  
for generations of kids  
**always, produced with passion**

Farewell and thank you  
my Quirky friend  
you ... who loved life  
right to the end  
**always, driven by passion**

You enriched the lives  
of each of us here  
you will be remembered  
for daring, to share....

**Your passion**

By Barbara McKay

### **From the Archives**

Owen Brown has once again been delving into the past and has come up with these snippets from old Pohokuras ....

#### **Pohokura - its origin**

(Pohokura No. 140, December 1978)

On the arrival of the Takitimu canoe, the newcomers, finding the land already inhabited, proceeded further down the east coast to find a suitable site for settlement. The most venturesome of them was Tamatea, known as Pokai Whenua - Tamatea the Map Roller - from the scope of his explorations.

On reaching Heretaunga he set off up country to pick up the lie of the land, eventually coming to a pa called Otupae. Here, while he sat and rested, he put down the calabash which always accompanied him. In the calabash were his two pets, Kahu o te Rangi the crayfish, and Pohokura, the lizard. When Tamatea came to pick it up his pets had escaped.

Pohokura's outlines are visible today in the Ruahine Ranges, while the moaning of Kahu o te Rangi who lurks in the valleys of the Kaimanawa Ranges can still be heard when bad weather is approaching.

On the Heretaunga Tramping Club's first outing to the hills east of Hastings, the party halted for a rest on a patch of bare rock. While sitting here they disturbed a lizard. Bearing in mind the legend of Tamatea Pokai Whenua, it was decided to adopt the lizard or Pohokura as part of the Club's monogram. The name Pohokura has also been given to the Club's magazine.

#### **Kuripapango - How it got its name**

(Pohokura 160, August 1985)

Makeo was a pa on Kohurau about ten miles from Puketitiri, The Kohurau Block includes the Blowhard and the pa was probably down towards the Tutaekuri. Raupirau lived at Kohurau about 250 years ago. His grandson, Rangipotahi went to investigate a fire which was seen burning at Kaimoko (Boyd's Bush)' He reported to his grandfather that from their speech, the strangers were from Whanganui, and because they had come under the cover of darkness, it was for no peaceful purpose.

Raupirau and his people attacked them and Mokotapuarau and Kuripapango were killed. This fight was called Whakaata-Marama, (which means the moon casting a shadow) so it appears to have been a nightly engagement, fought at moonrise or moonset.

Kuripapango is said to have been so named from his conspicuous black dog skin coat. I believe Te Iringa has some connection with this fight.

(Reprinted from an earlier contribution by Norm Elder, noted president of HTC for many years)

### Coming Meetings:

Date	Speaker/Topic	Comments	Hosts	Supper Help
3 Sept	Graham Newdick Yeoman's Mill	He has a lot of photos and history on Yeoman's Mill	Brent Hickey Glenda Hooper	Anne Cantrick Shirley Bathgate
17 Sept	Training Night & Social	Learn how to use our new locator beacons, and social.	David Blake Maureen Broad	Lynette Blackburn Anne Blake
1 Oct	Lloyd Jones Deer culling and other yarns.	Shirley highly recommends Lloyd.	Randall Goldfinch Mary Gray	Peter Brown Rodger Burn
15 Oct	Joan Wiffen About our very own dinosaurs	Bobby C arranged this very special speaker.	Jim Hewes Peggy Gulliver	Helen Hare Jenny Lean
29 Oct	Sue Taylor Galapagos Islands	Learn more about this unique place	Mike Lusk Robyn Madden	Susan Lopdell Ros Lusk
12 Nov	Mike and Ros Lusk Northland trip	Hear about their explorations.	Marion Nicholson Ken Nugent	Judy McBride John Montgomerie
26 Nov	Lex Smith South Island Trip	Hear about their South Island trip(s) and FMC	Christine Snook Joan Ruffell	Raewyn Ricketts Jeff Robertson
10 Dec	Baby Photo Competition Run by Anne Blake and Shirley Bathgate	Bring your photos of you as a baby. We'll have a competition to see if you can match them to the grown ups.	Jim Glass Liz Pindar	Anne Smith Graham Thorp
14 Jan	Social	A chance for a summer holiday catch-up.	Shirley Bathgate Anne Cantrick	Pam Turner Peter Berry
28 Jan	Teresa Hurst Forest & Bird	Blowhard Bush	Geoff Clibborn Randall Goldfinch	Mary Gray Peggy Gulliver

#### 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 AUGUST 2008**

Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons.

For pre trip enquiries contact the organiser or David Blake 835 3284



**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.

**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 10.00pm. 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:

**David Blake 835 3284**

**Graeme Hare 844 8656**

**Glenda Hooper 877 4183**

**20<sup>th</sup> August (Wed)**

Cycle the Yeoman’s Track to Ellis Hut.

Organiser: Jim Hewes 877 6784

**24<sup>th</sup> August**

**Taupo jaunt**

**\$ ?**

**Map**

Huka Falls to Spa Road, from Mountain Road climb Mt Tauhara to 1088m, De Bretts for a hot swim.

Organiser:

**27<sup>th</sup> August (Wed)**

**Bellbird Bush**

Tramp Pohokura Road to Blue lake via Bellbird bush and return over farm track to Opouahi car park.

Organiser: Bobby Couchman 877 8557

**3<sup>rd</sup> September (Wed)**

Cycle from Lake Lopez to Ocean Beach and surrounding areas.

Organiser: Peggy Gulliver 879 7763

**6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Pureora Forest Park**

**\$**

**Maps**

A Party from Bog Inn Road, over Weraroa trig & camp before Waihaha Hut. Sunday walk out to Western Bay Road.

B Party: Options, including climbing Mt Pureroa and overnighing camp at Kaikako, or Waihora lagoon/bay.

Organisers: A Party: Christine Snook & Alan Peterson 027 576 5058 B Party:

Driver:?

**10<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Wed)**

**Middle Stream**

**Map U22**

Tramp from North block road to Middle Stream area Ruahines

Organiser: Rodger Burn 877 6322

**17<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Wed)**

**Cycle Central Hawke’s Bay**

Cycle the Central HB around Onga Onga.

Organiser: Marion Nicholson 873 5935

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept.**

**Dead Dog Hut**

**\$15**

**MapsU21**

Walk up to Herrick's Hut, up Herrick Spur, down to Dead Dog , down river and over farm back to truck. (with farmers permission)

Organiser:

Driver Geoff Clibborn 844 6039

**24<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Wed)**

**Kaweka Flats Biv**

**Map U20**

Organiser: Judy McBride 876 9756

**1<sup>st</sup> October (Wed) Cycle the Tuki Tuki circuit.**  
Organiser: Bob Carter 875 1163

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October Lakes to Makahu \$ Map U20**  
**A Party:** Friday night Kiwi Saddle. Sat. Kiwi Mouth- Manson- Rocks Ahead for night. Sunday up Back ridge- over J to Makahu.  
**B Party:** Friday night Kiwi Saddle. Saturday Kiwi Mouth- Back Ridge Biv for night. Sunday Sterns Saddle- over J to Makahu.  
**C Party:** Friday night Kiwi Saddle. Saturday Castle Camp- Studholme Saddle Hut for night. Sunday up Mad dog Ridge- over J to Makahu.  
Organisers Jeff Robertson 021 027 61935 B? C: Mike Bull 843 6052  
Driver Alan Petersen 027 576 5058

**8<sup>th</sup> October (Wed) Longview Hut Map U22**  
Tramp to Longview Hut in the Ruahines  
Organiser: Rodger Burn 877 6322

**15<sup>th</sup> October (Wed) Napier Cycle**  
Cycle from Pakowhai Park to Meeanee then Church road to Marine Parade and return.  
Organiser: Jim Hewes 877 6784

**19<sup>th</sup> October From Triplex car park to ? \$15 Map U22**  
**New comers trip. Bring a friend, partner, or stranger. Anyone you can find.**  
Just make sure they have a packed lunch, rain coat, & warm clothes etc.( I want them safe. Club Captain, David.)  
Leaders choices Middle stream? Smith stream? Waipawa Saddle?  
Organisers ?  
Driver Geoff Clibborn.

**22<sup>nd</sup> October (Wed) Napier Tramp**  
Geo-caching in the Napier area. Learn a new skill or update your skills.  
Organiser: Geoff Clibborn 844 6039

**24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October (Labour weekend.) Kaimanawa- Kaweka Maps U19 & U20**  
Friday: Poronui- Omaru- Boyds.  
Saturday: Boyds – Te Pukeohikarua.  
Sunday: Te Puke...- via Ngakaweaiti- point 1247- up spur opposite Omarukokere biv to track & Tira Lodge (Venison Tops).  
Monday: Tira- Whetu- Middle Hill- Pinks carpark.  
Organiser: John Montgomerie 877 7358  
Driver Geoff Clibborn.

**29<sup>th</sup> October (Wed) Taradale Cycle**  
Cycle from Fernhill to the Puketapu and Taradale areas.  
Organiser: Peggy Gulliver 879 7763

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November SAREX**

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This is the likely date of a search & rescue exercise in the Ruahine rangers based from Wakarara camp.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November**                      **Cairn Trip**                                      **\$15**                      **Map U20**  
Come join the club president on the annual pilgrimage to the memorial cairn on top of the Kaweka's. A brief service will be held to remember past members. Various options for return journey to Makahu carpark.  
Organiser: Club President  
Driver: Geoff Clibborn.

**5<sup>th</sup> November (Wed)**                      **Waipawa Saddle**  
Tramp to Waipawa Saddle and maybe to our club hut - Waikamaka.  
Organiser: Judy McBride: 876 9756

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November**                      **First Aid Training Course.**                                      **N/C**  
Up skill & gain first aid certification at Wakarara camp.  
Contact:

**12<sup>th</sup> November (Wed)**                      **Southern Ruahines**                                      **Map U23**  
Tramp to the A Frame Hut (Travers Hut) and along the 4WD track, drop down to the Stansfield Hut.  
Organiser: Judy McBride 876 9756

**15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November**                      **Hazmobile Club Fundraiser.**  
The club fundraiser, come on Saturday in Hastings or Sunday in Napier. Get well fed and make money for the Club. Plus you get to see what poisons people keep in there houses & sheds.

**19<sup>th</sup> November (Wed)**                      **Cycle Awatoto – Taradale**  
Cycle from Pakowhai Park along stock banks to Ravensdown then along stop-banks to EIT and via Taradale to Dolbel Reserve for lunch.  
Organiser: Alasdair Shaw 877 6225

**30<sup>th</sup> November**                      **Wakarara Range**                                      **\$15**                      **Maps U21& U22**  
Walk from Poporangi Bridge in Gwavas forest, up the Poporangi Stream and onto Crag, across to Sugar Loaf and out to Rock Road.  
Organiser: David Harrington 839 5766  
Driver: Geoff Clibborn 844 6039

**3<sup>rd</sup> December (Wed)**                      **Havelock North walks**  
Walk the hidden areas of Havelock and surrounds.  
Organiser: Alasdair Shaw 877 6225

**10<sup>th</sup> December (Wed)**                      **Cycle to Kahuraniki Station**  
Cycle to Kahuraniki Station and tramp up the hill. A combination day just before Christmas.  
Organiser: Raewyn Ricketts 877 9377

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December**                      **Xmas family camp on Mohaka River**                      **\$**                      **Map V19**

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Camp at Everett's Camp if ford okay otherwise at Glen Falls, walk up to Organ Pipes, down to Copper Mine. Bring any kayaks, tubes or water toys you have.  
If driving take Waitara Road off Napier Taupo Road, then follow nose.  
Organisers: Social Committee.  
Driver: ?

**4<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Beach Porangahau & local area**                      **\$?**                      **Map ?**  
Organiser:?  
Driver:?

**11<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Te Wae Wae**                      **\$15.**                      **MapV19**  
This is a rarely visited area for us. On the map go to Tarawera & head east 23km.  
Organiser: John Berry 877 6205  
Driver?

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Mangahao, Northern Tararua**                      **\$?**                      **Map S25**  
**A Party:** Mangahao Road- gorge- Harris Creek Hut (gone) site- Mangahao Hut- Girdlestone Saddle- Dowling Falls- gorge- Ohau River to Poads Road.  
**B Party / Truck Party:** Burton's Track, and other sections of the walkways track that you feel the wish to do between Palmerston North and Burton's. (Te Araroa Track)  
Organiser. A Party: Susan Lopdell 844 6697                      B Party: Glenda Hooper 877 4183  
Driver: ???