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President's Report

In my last report I mused about the state of tramping in the 21st century and possible futures for tramping clubs. Some recent issues of *Wilderness* magazine have also explored this theme and it is interesting to read that, in some parts of New Zealand, people can now find shorter tramping activities that are organised through the internet. Overseas visitors and people on tight schedules find this method very useful as they can take part in tramps at very short notice without the need to find a club outlet and fit in with its timetable. Many people may also be uninterested in the responsibilities and commitment needed to be part of established clubs and have developed this version of tramping that suits them.

Of course there is a counter-argument that says clubs are the places to go to for safety reasons, and also to gain training and experience in order to tackle more demanding tramps. Also, in many cases costs can be lowered by sharing with other club members such things as transport, equipment and accommodation. It is probable that both forms of organisation have their place these days – although HTC is organised along fairly traditional lines it is good to see a steady inflow of new members over the last few months and I hope they will continue their association with us.

One of the advantages of clubs is the social interaction between members. Here in the HTC many lifelong friendships have been forged (as well as marriages and other close relationships) and, in my opinion, is what gives the club a highly supportive environment that we all value. Recently we marked the death of life member Jackie Smith after a long illness and, as we go to print, we are saddened to receive news of the death of Shirley Bathgate – tributes to both appear later in this issue. On a more joyous note we were all delighted to receive news of the birth of Anne and David Blake's daughter, Keri – congratulations to you two.

Bad weather over the winter has (as usual) forced changes to some of our trips but trampers will not be deterred for ever and our programme has continued. A recent outing to Taupo to celebrate mid-winter was a great success and the mid-week group has sometimes had nearly 20 people turning out. The club dinner at the end of June was relished by over 40 members – thanks to Raewyn Ricketts for organising that and to Peter Berry for entertaining us. An extra winter challenge for the club has been to carry on without the secretary who has been enjoying a lengthy European trip! Hope you've had a great time, Helen and Graeme, and that we haven't overlooked the details that you usually cope with.

Happy tramping for the upcoming warmer months.

Christine Hardie

TRIP REPORTS

#2145

Mount Kahuranaki

Wed 13 April 2011

A pleasant drive up Kahuranaki Road took the truck to the station of the same name owned by the Greenwood family. Thirteen trampers alighted and, after some instructions about gates, were soon making for the summit in cool, misty conditions. The sun quickly burned off the mist and panoramic views of the Tukituki Valley appeared. Unwanted clothing was soon removed and, at the first smoko halt, shade was sought. The ascent was on the north-eastern side with the highest point of Kahuranaki being 646 metres above sea level, Mt Erin 490 metres and Te Mata peak 399 metres. On reaching the top, the south-eastern side was where we had lunch complete with an unlimited vista of the Mararetotara Valley and beyond. The descent was made the way we had come up with the track being quite hot in the afternoon sun. Some people

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made quite a mission of filling any available plastic bags with giant mushrooms. After the return to base the bounty (magic mushrooms?) was shared out. A tired and happy lot climbed into the truck after an enjoyable day, the truck being in the capable hands of Christine Hardie. The club's thanks go to Carrie and Martin of Kahuranaki Station. AS

Party: Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Glenda Hooper, Penny Isherwood, Christine Hardie, Helen Hare, Graeme Hare, Alan Brown, Garry Smith, Keith Thomson, Roger Burn, Philip Mardon, Alasdair Shaw

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Whirinaki Forest Park @ Easter Weekend

22 – 25 April 2011

A Party: Okahu Roadend to Mangakahika Hut to Moerangi Hut and River Road

A full truck pulled up at the end of Okahu Road after having to travel the long way round (4½ hrs) via Taupo because the Pohokura Road entrance bridge was out. Our party of eight headed off in light drizzle down the wide, easy track. At Skips Hut we stopped for an early lunch, enjoying the usual misty Whirinaki conditions. When the B party soon caught us up we moseyed back onto the track and up the easy saddle over to Rogers Hut where we admired the historic building complete with stained glass window. From Rogers we left the mountain bike-motorway track to enjoy the river winding below us, a couple of whoo ducking in the rapids, and the majestic forest with its ferny under-storey. It was still drizzling when we arrived at Mangakahika Hut at 4.30, six hours all up.

That evening we had a good discussion about the next day, the possible routes over the high point, Maungataniwha, and how to avoid leatherwood on the top. The next morning was still cloudy but the mist seemed to be a little higher up. There was a check to see whether the party wanted to push on or not and the majority was keen. We headed up the stream behind the hut which had had a major flood down it a few years back, leaving tree trunk laden shelves and mounds. At the first fork, ¾ km from the hut, we looked up the ridge we were to take. It would be off-track from here, all the way to Te Waiotukapiti Hut with some tricky navigation required. The ridge went straight up – hmmm, nothing ventured, nothing gained – four wheel drive engaged, scrabbling away up over steep roots and moss. Monique soon took the lead, displaying her “tree monkey” prowess (she's an arborist). Bluffy bits appeared above us and we climbed up them until we got to one tricky bluff where for about 10 metres I was just hanging on to moss with my hands and trying to put my feet on any tufty bit of grass. The adrenalin was pumping – with the top in sight I thought, “Feasible to get up but I'd hate to reverse this; potentially a bit dangerous,” and let out a large sigh of relief when we were all safely there. The last ones up were left with hardly any footholds. The difficulty eased off and we stopped to regroup. David said he'd been stung multiple times in some tender areas by wasps after the people in front had disturbed a nest! He seemed to be okay so we clambered up the next steep sections using trees as ladders. After another 20 minutes of toil we were strung out a bit and there was a call from behind to come back. We found that David was reacting badly to the stings and said he was feeling woozy. He'd taken antihistamine tablets and we fished out some antihistamine cream to rub on. He sensibly handed over leadership and we started heading back down. It was three hours since we'd left the hut and we'd gone about 3km. I was anxiously examining the map trying to see if there could be another way down as none of us fancied the bluffs. We'd been heading down for about half an hour, sticking closely together and David seemed to be managing, when Monique said, “I can see the stream down through the trees”. A quick check of the compass and – oops - at the last knoll we'd mistakenly dropped off the main ridge on the south side! The way to the stream looked steep but feasible. Fifteen minutes later we were all in the creek and it didn't take long to descend back down the creek to the hut.

David was feeling pretty ill but didn't need to be evacuated. A few minutes later the B party walked into view and we all had lunch together and discussed options. We decided to head back down to Rogers Hut as a big group. Once we got to Rogers, David was gradually improving but decided to stay there with Debbie and the B party while the rest of us followed the mountain bike track north to Moerangi Hut. It was drizzling on and off and we were thankful for the easy-to-follow, bulldozed track as the light gradually faded. We walked the last hour with head torches – all up, I think we took about 2 ½ hours. The hut was empty but had hardly any firewood. We settled in for the night and the next morning we had a leisurely start in order to collect a good supply of wood. The easy mountain bike track continued into a heavily trapped area where the tui, bellbirds and kaka were raucous. The mountain bike track was getting to be a bit of a plod so it was suggested we take a long-cut by heading down to the Mangamate Stream. We lunched at the stream before getting wet boots and joining the main Whirinaki River track. Having thought we had plenty of time - with

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my estimate of the long cut only adding half an hour - it turned out more like an hour and we started to worry about being late for our rendezvous with the truck. Greg (bless his young legs) took off like a hare into the distance to placate any impatience at the car park. We all marched into the River Road carpark bang on 2p.m. (our meeting time) and five minutes later the truck rolled in. Perfect....all aboard and all well! Off to the culinary delights of the Taupo Stag Diner truck stop where Jason helped out behind the counter to satisfy the burger-eating HTC hogs.

Thanks to David H for planning such an adventurous trip - I hope we make it next time - to the rest of the party for their great company and to David B for safely driving us such a long way. AF

Party: David Harrington (leader), Debbie Harrington, Monique Weir, Murray Alderson, Anne Cantrick, Greg Pederson, Andy Fowler, Jason McKinley.

B Party: After the long drive around we chatted to a hunter whilst getting ourselves ready and were surprised to hear that there was no-one at the huts. Out went the tents! We set off along the track which is now the Minginui Mountain Bike Trail (22kms) with many more footbridges and bridges across the waterways enabling very easy travel in mainly beech forest. Next, continued on towards Rogers Hut with a steady climb over another saddle into the Whakangutuwhio Stream catchment, arriving at the hut mid-afternoon. Rogers Hut is an historic hut built mainly of native timbers and still in good condition. Had an early meal, lit the fire and settled down reading magazines and attempting crossword puzzles. It wasn't long before we had a visitor, a little field-mouse attacking an empty packet behind the stove - it was too much for David who leapt out of bed and deposited the food wrapper in the fire.

Next morning we awoke to a dry but overcast day and set off towards Mangakahika Hut, two to three hours away, following a well benched track with a long, gradual climb before following the stream to the hut. On arrival we could see people on the veranda and, lo and behold, it was David's crew who had aborted their trip because of wasp stings and difficult terrain. We heard of their exploits over lunch and our team headed back to Rogers for the night. We began preparing our meals before the other party arrived and six decided to carry on to Moerangi Hut whilst Dave and Debbie set up camp under the beech trees. Our night was rudely awoken by a torch being switched on and someone exclaiming that a rat was on the bench and it wasn't moving only to be then informed that it was a shadow from the billy on the bench and to go back to sleep! How could I, my heart was racing so madly?!

Sunday a.m. saw the Easter Bunny arrive followed by Dave and Debbie who were returning to the truck via a ridge west of the mountain bike track. Set off about 9.30am, arriving at Skipper's to find a note saying that all three of the remaining group (including Pam) had gone out via the normal route. We drove around to Whirinaki River to pick up the A team then set off for home with a brief stop to visit Russell and Annette Berry at Waitapu and a meal stop at Stag Park (what a wonderful waiter we had - thanks, Jason).

A good weekend despite a shortened trip; still wonderful to wander in Whirinaki Forest Park. Thank you to David Blake for all his driving. SL

Party: David Blake, Brent Hickey, Penny Isherwood, Susan Lopdell.

#2147

Kaweka Flats

Wet Wed 11 May 2011

Our Wednesday group usually "chickens out" if it's raining but on this occasion it didn't look too bad - more of a mist - and it was very warm. As leader I had to make the decision to go ahead and my mind was finally made up when I received an email from Graeme saying how he would be at Pernel with his raincoat. How can one resist such an invitation?

This is such a lovely walk ending up in the beautiful tussock around the bivvy. We pushed on a little further for lunch where we found shelter amongst the manuka. There were lots of fungi around, all shapes and sizes, so Graeme was having fun with his camera. The rain got heavier as the day went on and we were a little concerned that the stream level would rise up but we had no problems negotiating it and, as usual, we had a great view from the top. A new member in the group, Annetta Key, appeared to have a good time and kept up well with the rest of us, so a warm welcome to her. Christine H did her usual sterling job of driving. On the trip in we had spied two young dogs with no collars which ran in front of the truck for about a kilometre. This is the heart of kiwi country and dogs running loose are a big threat so they were reported to DoC on the way home and Eddie Te Kahika was going up there on the Friday to deal with them.

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Lyn Gentry has taken up playing the banjo or ukulele (or both) and kept everyone entertained in the back of the truck; he is very enthusiastic. As usual, a great day in spite of the rain. BC

Trampers: Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Judy McBride, Penny Isherwood, Lyn Gentry, Graeme Hare, Annetta Key, Janice Love, Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman

#2148

Herricks to Dead Dog Hut

22 May 2011

We left Hastings at 6.30 on Sunday morning and made our way westwards past Maraekakaho to the private farm road through Thorn Flat, arriving at the bush edge beside Herricks Hut around eight. After booting-up and drinking tea we all ambled off to Herricks where we left Pam and Helen who planned to spend the day exploring nearby. The rest of us started on the sidle track that leads to Dead Dog Stream. This track is well maintained by DoC and passes through good stands of kanuka, some of which have diameters of 40 cm or more. Every now and then green hooded orchids were spied beside the track while, overhead, kereru, tomtits and other common bush birds were seen and heard in some cases.

The stream was reached at around 10 o'clock, clear but flowing a little higher than I had hoped. From this point to Dead Dog Hut the stream path, as depicted on the map, resembles a large U. Numerous stream crossings were made as we headed upstream and, after 80 minutes walking and only half-way around the U bend at a particularly deep crossing with a number of the party feeling the cold (or too numb to feel anything), we stopped for a confab. It was decided that five of the party would return back to Herrick's while another three plus the four-person A party ahead of us would continue on upstream to the hut. Stream travel was found to be considerably easier past this point and we were also able to find a number of overland routes that avoided some stretches of the stream. We had lunch at a lovely sunny spot almost opposite the hut at 12.15 and then went over to the cold shade on the other side of the creek to inspect the hut itself.

We started the return trip just before one o'clock and found even more overland diversions than we had on the way up. After one especially "interesting" diversion way up above the water some of us decided the stream was the nicer place to be and could only be coaxed out of it when the diversion could be seen to be safe and easy. We were back at the sidle track at around 2.30 and, along the track, Mike investigated an old boot hanging to one side and found it contained two weta, a large spider and a (now dead) queen wasp! We were greeted back at the truck at 4 o'clock with a lovely brew of hot bacon hock soup made by Des on the Saturday and warmed up by Pam and Helen on the truck's gas ring. Great Stuff!! We made it back to town before six. Many thanks to Lex for driving and to all for coming and saying you had a good time (particularly our newcomer Alice). GH

Party: Penny Isherwood, Alice Symes, Susan Lopdell, Rodger Burn, Mike Lusk, Ros Lusk, Lex Smith, Helen Hare, Graeme Hare, Pam Turner, Anne Cantrick, Jason McKinley, Des Smith, Glenda Hooper

#2149

Boundary Stream to Shines Falls

Wed 25 May

This proved to be a popular mid-year fixture with a turnout of 18 people looking for a relatively easy day.

After a Taradale pick-up we arrived at the Boundary Stream car park at about 9.30am. After a drink and discussing our options we were soon on our way. The truck party - Christine, Lex and Garry - was to do the loop track and then head around to the picnic area on Heay's Access Road and meet up with the rest of us who walked through. Fifteen of us took off along the loop track pleased to get out of a very strong wind. We stopped to admire features of interest such as some magnificent matai and rimu trees and, lower down, a healthy profusion of tree ferns. The track was, as expected, in good condition and mainly quite dry. After smoko we eventually dropped down the last steep section for lunch at Shines Falls.

The falls were looking their best after recent heavy rain and made for a good photo stop. Shortly afterwards we met up with the track party and wandered back in small groups to the truck for afternoon tea. A good day was had by all and for the few who had not seen the falls before this was something special.

Thanks to Lex for driving.

RB

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Party: Penny Isherwood, Bobby Couchman, Marion Nicholson, Raewyn Ricketts, Christine Hardie, Judy McBride, Cherry Dunkerley, Glenda Hooper, Sue Taylor, Christine Turner, Lyn and Lyn Gentry, Mark Hutchinson, Keith Thomson, Garry Smith, Alasdair Shaw, Lex Smith, Rodger Burn

#2150

Northern Kaweka – Queens Birthday Weekend

4 - 6 June

A Party: The weekend got off to an early start with a few hardy soles gathering pre-dawn at Lex Smith's residence in Havelock North. The sky was dark as we packed into the truck with those awake enough to talk quickly focusing on the long weekend's dicey weather forecast.

After pick-ups in Taradale and an uneventful drive, we arrived at The Gums on Makahu Road, said goodbye to the B party and set off up the steep track then an undulating climb past an old biv toward Makino Hut. A quick lunch was had there before descending down to the Makino River, across the three-wire bridge and the start of the long steady climb of 750 m to Mangaturutu Hut. The gradient of the climb proved too much for the heels of one of the members who quickly exchanged his relatively new stiff boots for the greater flexibility afforded by shoes. However the damage was already done and the tender heels were well blistered and worn.

Although the weather had managed to hold, with only a few light showers, the wind was picking up with increased gusto and cooler temperatures as the afternoon wore on. With progress to Mangaturutu Hut behind schedule, bodies exhausted, daylight quickly fading and the weather closing in, it was decision time. The group got together, talked through the options and made the joint decision to push on to Te Pukeohikarua Hut. The three-hour journey was really one of two halves: the first half in fading sunlight passed relatively quickly with easy travel, rested legs and renewed enthusiasm. The onset of darkness, combined with strong winds, heavy rain and varying terrain proved much more challenging. Te Puke Hut was reached after 7p.m. and was a welcome end to a tough first day. Upon arrival at the hut, Monique assumed responsibility for lighting the small stove, wet clothes were quickly shed, and brews and hot meals gratefully consumed. Six tired trampers hit the sack, listening to the familiar sounds of heavy rainfall on a tin roof and wind buffeting at the door while dreaming of waking up to receding river levels and glorious sunshine.

The next morning didn't bring bright sunshine but it did bring the opportunity to re-assess our plans. The original trip scheme had us bush-bashing south toward a point named Ngakawekaiti, down to Omarukokere Biv and up along a spur to Venison Tops and Kelvinator (Tira) Lodge. David, Anne and John went ahead to check out the travel while Deb, Monique and Greg stayed at the hut. Due to the rigors of the previous day, the sorry state of knees and feet and heavy overnight rainfall, the decision was made to abandon the day's bush-bashing and instead to make our way to Tira Lodge by the more conventional tracked mode of travel. This saw us back-tracking to Mangaturutu Hut for a leisurely lunch and then an easy down and up to Venison Tops. Afternoon saw the sun shining, pain receding and the day's travel completed by mid-afternoon. After a brilliant time spent exploring Venison Tops and reading the FMC Bulletin in the sun, it was considered that maybe the hut's moniker was perhaps a little undeserved.

The final day back out to Makahu Road was going to be a long one. After a hearty breakfast and some creative heel bandaging, courtesy of Anne, we were away by 8a.m. for an initial steady descent then easy flat travel before steeply rising again up out of the bush line towards Whetu which stands at 1650m. The morning's weather had started out clear but, as soon as we ventured onto the tops, the wind picked up and blew in a wet, misty clag. Views were obstructed as we made our way eastward down Camp Spur to lunch at Middle Hill Hut. Having made surprisingly good time for the morning, a good rest was had at Middle Hill before the final easy one and a half hour journey out to the waiting truck at Makahu Roadend.

Although the main objective of the tramp was not realised, it was a good trip nonetheless and a good introduction into the varied terrain of the Kaweka FP.

A Party: David Harrington, Debbie Harrington, John Montgomerie, Monique Weir, Anne Cantrick, Greg Petersen

B Party: I think that the proposed route may have deterred more from coming out on the weekend but a hardy group of three set off on their adventure. After dropping the others off at the saddle car-park on Makahu Road we returned to the Middle Hill car-park and quickly changed into warmer gear as the

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temperature was icy. This was accompanied by continuous bird calling which we later learnt was a falcon. We wandered alongside the Koaro Stream initially then slowly began a gentle ascent mainly through beech forest, reaching Middle Hill hut in two hours. Stopped for a snack then continued to the Camp Spur junction (30mins) and slowly began the plod up to the tops. As we ascended it got windier and we stopped to don more gear before we left the bushline. Once outside on the tussock tops the full brunt of the weather attacked, a pack cover was blown off and one of the party lost his balance. With the knowledge of having to tramp for another hour and a half in these conditions it was a general consensus to return to the hut. With a brief stop to attend to Susan's severe leg cramps, we arrived to find an Auckland Tramping Club party of four in residence. Spent the rest of the day chatting, collecting firewood, cooking dinner and were just about to dive into our sleeping bags when another two groups arrived.

On Sunday morning we decided to walk out to the truck and then go in to Te Puia Hut as there were four other ATC parties in the area so we set off along the track. We passed 15 to 20 trampers coming out so we were pretty certain of a bunk when we got there. Temperatures were very cool so we maintained a steady pace, stopping to chat, take photos and a few snacks on the way and arriving at about 2.15pm. Had a late lunch and, after much dithering, set off for the hot pools - it was great to see that that horrible climb up the narrow ridge has gone and it is now like a main highway. Had a good long soak but did draw the line at joining Lex and Bruce's dip in the Mohaka River. (Yes, I let the team down!) The hut was three-quarters full and we wiled away the evening talking to fellow trampers including a club member who was spending the weekend deer hunting. On Monday morning we cruised out to the truck with time for another hot pool soak and drove back to wait for the others at Middle Hill car-park. We were home at a reasonable hour after a very pleasant, leisurely tramp. A big thank-you to our driver and for the pleasant company. SL

B Party: Lex Smith, Susan Lopdell, Bruce Finn.

#2151

Gold Creek

Wed 8 June 2011

Another good turn-out for the Wednesday group's trip to Gold Creek Hut. We parked at Hall's farm and crossed the paddocks to the start of the track. We followed the track uphill through mainly beech forest. It is a very pretty walk with plenty of bird life and, for those who were interested, lots of rotting logs to turn over and see what was lurking underneath. In places the recent winds had knocked the trees about a bit but it was still an easy walk. We stopped for lunch above the steep descent to Gold Creek Hut and five bods who were keen to see the hut went on down. They found the hut clean and tidy and in good order. In the meantime the rest of the party returned the way they had come and arrived back at the truck at about three o'clock. We filled in the time waiting for the others in the shearers' kitchen drinking cups of tea and it wasn't long before they arrived. Our thanks to the Hall family for permission to park and cross their farm and the use of their facilities. JM

Party: Lex Smith, Rodger Burn, Janice Love, Penny Isherwood, Bobby Couchman, Graeme Hare, Bruce and Christine Turner, Peter and Glender Hooper, Aneta Keys, Marg Musson, Mike Lusk, Pam Turner, Judy McBride

#2152

Ohurakura Farm Walk

Wed 22 June 2011

Maybe it was the good weather forecast in a bleak week or just that most had not been here before but we had a turnout of 17 leaving Pernel's at 8a.m. with a pick up at Taradale before arriving at Maunganui Station at the end of Ohurakura Road in good time. Marion had very kindly baked a cake which was duly delivered to the station manager and we were soon on our way up the 4WD track into blustery conditions and a cold, clear day with the track showing signs of recent heavy rain. After a couple of stops we reached the tops around lunch time.

However this was not the best spot for lunch so we dropped our packs and walked along over tussock to the Meridan Energy wind and atmospheric monitoring module for a look-see. Plans are for about 30 turbines in this area and there was certainly plenty of wind today at a level of just over 1000 metres. We then carried on further until we could look down on SH5, the Taupo Road where the trucks looked like toys before returning to a sheltered spot by a tarn for lunch. Then it was all downhill back to our truck and a welcome hot drink. Thanks to Marion for getting access here and Christine for driving. RB

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Party: Penny Isherwood, Marion Nicholson, Janice Love, Annetta Keys, Judy McBride, Sue Taylor, Betty Tucker, Christine Hardie, Marjorie Musson, Graeme Hare, Brent Hickey, Ken Nugent, Keith Thomson, Philip Mardon, Bruce Finn, Garry Smith, Rodger Burn.

#2153 Howletts Hut

2 – 3 July 2011

Nine started from our carefully chosen park on Kashmir Road via the overland route on a day that was not yet sure whether it should be the tail-end of the passing front weather or a clear day. Anyway, it was kind to give us only drizzle on and off! David Mulinder and his team of three from Dannevirke met us at the track start and, by the time we had reached the Longview-Daphne ridge junction, the original B duo and the Dannevirke crew were of the opinion that Daphne Hut should now be the goal for the day. The now seven-member A party trudged on down to the Tukituki at a fair pace and snacked at the river, the reason being it may be better to do so with warm dry happy feet than the opposite near Daphne! The river was very cold and, on reaching Daphne, most unbooted and wrung out socks before the 800m climb to Howletts. The tops were obscured in fog/cloud all day so no views but had cleared by the time we exited the bushline.

The last of us arrived at about 4pm to a warming hut (new fire box) made by the fast lot who got there earlier and had a relaxing time with no hurry to get dinner going. From just above the bushline it was continuous snow so there was the desire to warm and dry boots for the snow travel tomorrow! The tops, Tiraha and Sawtooth Ridge were gleaming in a fresh white coat and looked inviting – but will have to wait for another day! The temperature at 6pm was minus 3°C so a primus was needed to heat up the frozen tap. We were all in bed by about 7pm and dozing (with interesting noises from some!) when at about 8pm a headlamp appeared through the door followed by four people. As we and a solo guy from Dannevirke were the only tenants, there was space for all.

The new group from the Wellington Tramping and Mountaineering Club, (Tongue and Meats) had started on Friday with a night walk in to Rangiwahia Hut and left there at 7am to get to Howletts - a big ask in winter snows with short days. Coming off Tiraha just on dark, the woman in the group went for a skate on ice and lost her axe. Despite wearing crampons she slid/fell/crashed reputedly 100-150m and was quite hurt. It took them a further two hours to get to Howletts. In the light she assessed herself (she's a doctor) and found grazes, bruises, haematoma, headache and nose bleeds! She said she hoped she would wake up in the morning but had made it to the hut unaided so it did not seem that bad. They got away at about 7.30am so we lay low till they went. I asked them if they had tents and the answer was no – a bit risky? Keep an eye out for the axe if you are up there; her phone number is in the hut log book. We got away at 9am and took about four hours to get to the Longview Hut turnoff. Through the vegetation patches the snow was softer and travel was good but on the open tops it was very icy indeed in places so the axes came out. Cool was the day at about 3°C and a 20-30km wind from the west so there was about a minus five degree wind-chill. On the way I spent a little time on ice-axe arrest practice for the ones needing it.

The B party had decided to come from the junction on the Daphne overland track to take the ridge along to Longview. We met up at the hut sign, chatted and moved off down to the truck which Dave Heaps had shifted to the road end car-park for us – was great to have Ed and Dave out and I caught up on a million things. Thanks to Dave for the driving at the last minute. One thing that was absent was bird song, hardly any heard in two days! Very lucky with the weather for the Sunday along the alpine tops; it was just what we wanted and what the forecast said too!

JM

Party A: Jason McKinley, Bruce Finn, Mark Hutchinson, Ed Holmes, Dave Heaps, Anne Cantrick, John Montgomerie

Party B: Joan Ruffell, Maureen Broad, Dave Mulinder with three mates.

#2154 Bell Rock

Wed 20 July 2011

There was a heavy frost in the bay with fog drifting around as well. Nevertheless it promised to be a perfect day for our trip to Bell Rock. Thirteen of us set off on the bush track which is an easy walk and we enjoyed the forest and the birds. The second half is through farmland following a four-wheel drive track to the rock. Bell Rock itself is very spectacular, sculpted as it is by wind and rain, and it turned out to be a flawless

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day for us to enjoy it. The main group had lunch there and we all returned back via the farm track to the truck. It was so good to have next-to-no wind because it can really howl across there on a bad day. On the way home we stopped at Lake Opouahi for a cup of tea and were home by five o'clock.

Party: Rodger Burn, Bobby Couchman, Vivienne Waterer, Marion Nicholson, Marjorie Musson, Colleen Smith, Janice Love, Bruce Finn, Christine Turner, Sue Taylor, Geoff Clibborn, Lex Smith, Judy McBride.

#2155

Mid-Winter Social Trip

30 - 31 July 2011

Kinloch to Kawakawa Bay (Sat)

An eight o'clock start at Pernel on Saturday morning saw us arrive at Kinloch around 11am whereupon we demounted, derobed, rerobed and replenished ourselves with an early lunch. The sun was shining and so too were we as we made our way westwards along Lake Taupo shore on the joint walkway/cycleway to Kawakawa Bay. The track followed the shoreline for a while then headed gradually uphill through regenerating bush filled with flowering puakou (five-finger) being enjoyed by tui and bellbirds. Rewarewa, tawa and tree ferns on the flats near Kawakawa Bay along with the five-finger made up most of the larger trees. After 90 minutes the summit was reached where we stopped for a breather and to admire the view out across the lake to the west. We then took the track downhill to Kawakawa Bay – the track surface in this section was compacted gravel and very hard on the feet. The bay was reached at around two o'clock and we watched a flock of scaup swimming in the lake.



After a break there we retraced our steps, some of us using the old, almost-obliterated track which was much easier on our feet. We met quite a few runners (as well as eight or so cyclists) as we headed upwards then, as we headed downwards to Kinloch, they all re-passed us. On the trip back we came across a newly-dead rat and the general consensus was that the dog that had passed us earlier had caught it. Back at the truck, however, we learnt of the actual fate of said rat. Liz, who had made a more leisurely trip towards the summit, had seen a hawk fly off with the rat. For some reason the hawk then dropped it in front of Liz who, with her usual aplomb, squashed the poor little dazed, bloodied but not-dead creature with her big fat feet!



All were back at the truck by around four and we headed off to our accommodation (and hot pool) at the Taupo All Seasons Motor Camp where we were joined by Donna who had come down from Hamilton for the Sunday tramp.

Whakaipaipo to Kinloch (Sun)

After an enjoyable Saturday night (hot swim and nice meals in various eateries) we awoke to a humdinger of a frost complete with frozen swimwear hanging on the rails! We set off at 9.00am back to Kinloch where we parked in the domain and quickly changed into tramping attire. Today's track is also a cycle/walkway: 23kms each way (including a 9km headland loop track) with an all-weather surface carved out of pumice. It was officially opened by then Minister of Conservation, Steve Chadwick, in 2008.

We wandered past the Kinloch Marina, over the arched footbridge, along the lakefront reserve then did a big loop through another reserve to the start of the track. A gentle steady climb through regenerating shrubby bush along the eastern side of Whangamata Bay followed - tui aplenty as the pate was in flower. We regrouped after 45 minutes and continued on to the headland track junction where Randall and Maureen left us to do the 9km loop. The rest of us walked to the first lookout and we lunched there in sunshine with great views over to Kawakawa Bay and the sleepy hollow of Kinloch. By chatting to some locals we encountered, we gained information on other walks in the area. Some of us then back-tracked and continued to the next lookout where the views of the western side were unfortunately impeded by some tall trees. Everyone set their own pace on the return journey to the domain with all arriving 3.35pm. As Liz was turning 70 on the following Tuesday, we all sang "Happy Birthday" and consumed the birthday cake she had thoughtfully supplied before piling into the truck for our return to the Bay. It was another excellent "Winter Warmer" trip, with good company and Huey certainly turning on the fine weather for us. My thanks to Lex for all his driving and to my co-leader, Glenda for helping with the organisation of the weekend. SL

Party: Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Peter and Donna Berry, Lex Smith, Christine Hardie, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Randall Goldfinch, Maureen Broad, Christine Snook, Ken Nugent, Liz Pindar, Colleen Smith

Private Tramping Trips

Ahipaepae – Kaimanawa Forest Park

27 – 28 Nov 2010

Four of us arrived at the end of Clements Road with fine weather to greet us. From here we followed the track up along the Hinemaiaia Stream, crossed the swingbridge (not marked on the Topo50 map) and continued beside the stream in nice beech forest. An hour later, with temperatures rising, the track started climbing up the spur which took us to the main ridge above the Tauranga-Taupo River. From here onwards the rest of the trip was off-track.

We headed WNW along the ridge, dropping into a saddle and up the other side to the junction of two ridges. After lunch under a shady tree we headed west along the ridge to Ahipaepae Trig and then on down to spot 915 after battling through 200m of young horopito. Up to that stage bush travel was excellent with very little undergrowth. Here, we headed NNW into the head of Tiraki Stream and sidled it downhill for a couple of kilometres before we made camp. Lots of sika deer are in the area.

After a mild night, another fine hot day and we set off down the Tiraki Stream with open silver and red beech forest, and easy travel. A couple of hours later we came across an established but deserted hunters' camp. Here we followed a good cut track down on the true left of the stream and, a little while later, stopped at DoC's Tiraki helipad. A short distance further downstream, where a large side stream comes in from the true right, we climbed NE on to a broad spur and followed up to the 800m contour. Here, on a bearing of 55 degrees, it was a matter of walking in a straight line of three kilometers along a flank of a ridge back to the road end. Bush travel was good all the way. Back in the ute and five minutes down the road the rain came down so that was good timing.

DH



Party: David and Deb Harrington, Jason McKinley, Mark Hutchinson

HTC BIKE TRIPS



Onga Onga

Wed 20 April 2011

Nothing was planned for today but with a promising weather forecast we decided at short notice to do a cycle ride in beautiful CHB. On driving to Waipawa, we found that our club president had arrived first by 10 minutes which nobody could recall ever happening before - perhaps her watch was 10 minutes fast!!!

Isobel pulled out at the start with the brakes on her new bike grabbing, and declined offers from Jim and Rodger to try and fix them. The rest of the team cycled along the back roads into a head wind to the Onga Onga general store where we enjoyed a lengthy coffee stop. The return lap was trouble-free and pleasant with (mostly) a tail wind to Waipawa where Christine T insisted we had our lunch at her place. How fortunate we are to have such sociable members in our club. We were all home by early afternoon. RB

Team: Christine Hardie, Christine Turner, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Isobel Holdaway, Maureen Broad, Jim Hewes, Rodger Burn

Awatoto to Bay View

Wed 4 May 2011

Thirteen cyclists met at Awatoto for an easy ride along the Rotary Pathway to Bay View. It was a lovely day to be out with only a slight head wind. Easy riding and no hills! At the port of Napier we could see all the recent slips scarring the cliffs plus a house right on the edge. The recent rains and storms have really left their mark. We regrouped and carried on to Bay View along more pathway and then it was on to the busy main highway to Le Quesne Road where we biked along to a picnic place on the beachfront to have a late morning tea. It was decided to visit a cafe on the way home for a light lunch which we did before realising that Bobby was missing. I had been counting heads all the way but, at the last section, had miscounted. We found out later that she had stopped to check out another café and, when she emerged, we had vanished so she carried on back to her car. Apart from that, we all had a good day out with great company. JM

Team: Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Lyn and Lyn Gentry, Bobby Couchman, Gary Smith, Isobel Holdaway, Joan Ruffell, Peggy Gulliver, Jim Hewes, Lex Smith, Marg Musson, Judy McBride

Otane – Patangata Circuit

Wed 1 June

Nine of us - including Christine Turner who had cycled over from Waipawa - met at Otane on a crisp morning. Mary had joined us to see what the cycling was all about and after the usual chatter (the men were in the majority for once) we set off along peaceful country roads to Patangata. Lex was using a new bike that had been bought for his wife, Anne, which really needed a bit of customising for his longer legs so we took our time. We arrived at Tamumu where we stopped for smoko before tackling a couple of hills on the return circuit along River Road back to Otane. We had a very pleasant lunch at McCauley's Café, enjoying the sun and the company before returning home - another trip with no punctures. RB

Team: Mary Gray, Christine Turner, Christine Hardie, Mr & Mrs Lyn Gentry, Alasdair Shaw, Lex Smith, Jim Hewes, Rodger Burn.

Waipukurau to Takapau

Wed 15 June

Eight of us met at Pernel to fit our new bike stands which can each carry four bikes and proved to be of benefit. We joined up with Christine Turner in Waipawa and carried on with our cars to Waipukurau. The first part of the cycle was into a strong head wind with cool temperatures along mostly flat deserted country roads. We passed the Hatuma Lime works and farms near Takapau which was nearly deserted and just like a ghost town. The return lap was a revelation - a strong tail wind which made the journey effortless. We were back at our cars in no time at all where we enjoyed lunch in the picnic area before driving back to Hastings. Welcome back to the Boots on Bikes team, Ray Manning and Graham Ede. RB

Team: Christine Hardie, Christine Turner, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Garry Smith, Ray Manning, Jim Hewes, Graham Ede, Rodger Burn

Havelock North to Camp David

Wed 13 July

In spite of forecast high winds we braved the country ride to Camp David. Eleven of us set out from Glenda and Peter's place on Te Aute Road on a perfect day: no wind and warm - just right for cycling. Glenda and Peter dropped away before we came to the hilly stuff and nine of us carried on.

Near the start we passed the farmer's paddock with large sculptures to which has now been added an impressive horse. We also stopped at the musterer's hut on the side of the road which is protected by the Historic Places Trust. These huts were scattered across the Heretaunga Plains from the days when the cattle were rounded up out of the bush and driven down to the Stortford Lodge cattle yards. After that we tackled the big hill with half of us walking it! By this time we had been joined by Bruce Finn who had no trouble peddling up the hill. Sickening! We finally arrived at Camp David where we had been given permission to have our lunch on the property which we duly did in the sunshine. We had the company of many swallows - we had spotted a pair of spur winged plovers, a shag and a pair of paradise ducks on the way.

After lunch we headed home as the wind had arrived. However, as it was coming mostly from the west and we were travelling mainly downhill, it did not present much of a problem. That big hill was great fun this time round. Whizzing down it made it all seem worthwhile to have climbed it. We arrived back at Glenda and Peter's home for a very welcome cup of coffee or Peter's soup. This is a very pretty ride and was enjoyed by everyone. A lovely day.

Team: Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Bob Carter, Bobby Couchman, Lex Smith, Bruce Finn, Christine Hardie, Alasdair Shaw, Peggy Gulliver, Judy McBride, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry

Seafield Road to Bay View

Wed 27 July

This trip was a standout in the mid-week calendar! Fourteen people turned up at Park Island in Napier on a sunny but breezy morning. Most of the regulars were there plus a few newbies. We powered up the first hill and into a strong head wind. Nobody was deterred though and we made good progress along Puketitiri Road with halts every now and then for everyone to catch their breath if necessary. Bruce's friend, Chris caught us up along the way - a real power cyclist.

After the flat comes a hill - as always - and we all chugged slowly up the gutbuster to the Seafield Road turn-off where we had a proper pause for morning tea. All the roads were in good nick and the traffic was light. After this short break we continued to wind around the next couple of corners and onto the big downhill. This is always an enjoyable section and, at over 50kph, it didn't take long to get down to the upper reaches of the valley. The intrepid organiser had conveniently forgotten about the next set of hills but Garry had the route memorised and was able to keep us all on track. It was really just a matter of focus to get through the ups and downs to Bay View. Along the way we admired the many salubrious new buildings on some of the lifestyle blocks.

The party breezed through Bay View at about 11.30 - a phone call from Glenda confirmed meeting arrangements and along SH2 we met up with her, Peter B and Susan L who had cycled out from Napier's

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Marine Parade to join us. From there it was a quick ride as the wind (now behind us) pushed us down the cycleway to Ahuriri. Lunch stop and it was into our old favourite, Café Ahuriri, where Mrs Lyn was waiting for us. A fine selection of lunch food was enjoyed and "Happy Birthday" sung to Glenda before the last part of the ride was tackled - a scenic detour through the Ahuriri Estuary and a quick sprint down Prebensen Drive back to the cars. Not so smooth for Richard who managed to suffer a puncture but he and helpers dealt to it very quickly and they were not far behind. At the car park we were met by Isobel, fresh off the plane from her tour of Alaska, Scotland and other parts of the northern hemisphere.

Everyone agreed that this was a fun ride as well as being a good workout. Well done, team.

CH

Team: Christine Hardie, Rodger Burn, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Marjorie Musson, Garry Smith, Ray Manning, Alasdair Shaw, Tony Lythgoe, Bruce Finn, Chris Robinson, Mr Lyn Gentry, Richard Waterer, Lex Smith, Peggy Gulliver, Glenda Hooper, Susan Lopdell, Peter Berry

Tour of the Bay

Wed 10 August

Well, this wasn't quite the full tour but we did cover at least 36km. Our rendezvous was the Ward-Muir farm on Raukawa Road where we got the usual effervescent welcome from Kay whose delightful soft Aberdeen accent has not changed despite many years in NZ. After introductions to new members, we were off accompanied by our host down Raukawa Road in perfect cycling conditions. We encountered the occasional hill before stopping for a lunchette at the Raukawa Community Hall.

The team fell into natural sub-groups: speedsters (with Bob Carter training for the Lake Taupo race in November accompanied by flyers Isobel and Joan) and the rest (strung out along the highway). We followed quiet country lanes where the spring lambs were a joy to see, then over the many hills to SH50 with its traffic. The circuit closed back at Kay's farm where we enjoyed a leisurely lunch on the patio while admiring the views before reluctantly leaving to return home. Thanks to Kay for her hospitality and she has promised to renew her membership!

RB

Team: Kay Ward, Christine Hardie, Christine Turner, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Peggy Gulliver, Joan Ruffell, Isobel Holdaway, Marj Musson, Lex Smith, Garry Smith, Bob Carter, Mr Lyn Gentry, Chris Robinson, Bruce Finn, Stewart Hislop, Ray Manning, Rodger Burn

CLUB NEWS

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Heretaunga Tramping Club will be held at the Harriers' Clubrooms, Sylvan Road, Hastings on Wednesday, 16th November after the regular meeting.

Nominations are needed for all positions.

New Baby daughter for Anne and David Blake

Keri Grace Blake was born on 27th June 2011, baby Keri and Anne are in good health. She weighed 7 pounds 10 at birth and was 52cm long. Labour actually started at the midwinter Xmas dinner on Saturday night and that was why we left early. Keri is now 7 weeks old and growing quickly. She is healthy, (mostly) happy and likes smiling at people, especially all her new friends in the tramping club. She loves wearing all her lovely new clothes and all the things that people in the HTC have brought around for her and her parents. She can't wait to meet you all.

Please note that our home address is 4 Ashridge Rd, Napier.

(Editor had this wrong on the club list and mail went missing.)

David Blake

Obituary: JACQUELINE MARY SMITH

7 Oct 1939 - 6 May 2011

Jackie joined HTC in the 1960s and was a hardy little tramper. We shared many hours of friendship along bush and mountain trails. Snow fights, water fights, camaraderie in outback huts - Jackie contributed to them all. On a personal note, Jackie and I took up fencing – no, not the building of barricades around paddocks but the spear-poking, martial arts combat type of fencing. Being somewhat vertically challenged, Jackie did not have the traditional stature of a fencer but her determination, deftness and skill made her a winner. Women were supposed to fence using foils only but one night, when competition was a bit dull, we stole the men's prized sabres: big, heavy, REAL weapons. With my height all I could do was slash around over Jackie's head while she scored many bulls-eyes on me, much lower down and well out of the legal target zone! That was quite a battle, which saw both of us nearly expelled from that club!

Jackie supported HTC working parties to the full, always the first to arrive and the last to leave. Be it picking sweet corn, harvesting pumpkins, digging potatoes or pulling pine-trees, she would head the telephone tree, ringing members to ask, "Are you coming.....why not?? I'll see you there." We could not escape with feeble excuses. In her professional Post Office position Jackie was invaluable, instantly knowing changes of addresses and who was where. Her fellow workers would vouch for her meticulous work habits and her cheerfulness. She would tootle all over town in her little VW, hand-delivering Pohokuras.

Jackie was HTC Treasurer for TWENTY-THREE years, a stunning achievement. She performed her duties quietly and methodically, and her books were a picture of accuracy. Former President, Alan Berry said how much he relied on Jackie's accuracy and what a pleasure it was to work alongside her. For her outstanding services to HTC Jackie was justly awarded Life Membership of HTC. This world needs many more Jackies.
Pam Turner

Obituary: SHIRLEY M H BATHGATE-HUNT (Petals)

1925 – 2011

Tramping Clubs would not be complete without members who could best be described as *characters*; people who are renowned perhaps for forcefully expressed opinions or maybe for adherence to traditional aspects of tramping technology or even quirky standards of outdoor attire. They may have the ability to spin yarns or sing ballads or maybe even something as wonderful as making a fire in a downpour. Whatever their idiosyncrasies these people are vividly remembered long after they have gone and Shirley is certainly one of them. For some years she has been the oldest actively-involved member of HTC with many years service on the committee to her credit and a special responsibility for the club's photo albums.

Petals came from a tramping family – her father, Dr D A Bathgate, was one of the founders of HTC and she often spoke of trips with him and with her brothers when she was young, most memorably with pack horses over Ngamatea. She later moved away from Hawke's Bay for her nursing career then marriage and family but kept up her tramping interests with other clubs in Manawatu and Southland. From her return to the Bay in the mid-1980s, Shirley was very active within HTC and went out on many trips. She became the club's most vocal environmental spokesperson, speaking out loudly when she felt that New Zealand's natural heritage was being compromised by governmental or overseas mis-management. Many politicians came to feel her wrath through numerous letters that questioned their policies.

In HTC Petals was a good friend to many of us. She loved the social side of the club and gave lavish dinner parties over the years. Her mini-mince pies were famous throughout the Antipodes and her snoring was second to none! She insisted on civil behaviour at all times and any transgressions were likely to be met with a stern, "Watch it, you!" Despite recent health problems which sapped her energies she still contributed to the club whenever she could. Happy Tramping, Petals – we will miss you very much.
Christine Hardie

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Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host	Supper Help
24 Aug	Dominic Salmon, HBRC	Waste Treatment and Disposal in Hawke's Bay	Sue Lopdell	Mike Lusk Raewyn Ricketts
07 Sept	Kerry and Bruce Popplewell	Walking in Australia	Mike Lusk	Des Smith Anne Smith
21 Sept	Members' Show and Tell	Trips Over the Last Year	Ken Nugent	Marj Musson David Blake
05 Oct	Training	Training Sub-Committee	Penny Isherwood	Geoff Clibborn Maureen Broad
19 Oct	Mike Lusk	Wasps and Other Stingers in the Bush	Alan Berry	Rodger Burn Mary Gray
02 Nov	John Cheyne	Kiwi Tracker Dogs tbc	Ros Lusk	Owen Brown Lynette Blackburn
16 Nov	Everybody	Annual General Meeting	Garry Smith	Committee
30 Nov	Glenda & Peter	Quiz Night	Randall Goldfinch	John Montgomerie Colleen Smith
14 Dec	Social	Get Together for the Last Night of the Year	Judy McBride	Jason McKinley Helen Hare
11 Jan	Members	Xmas/New Year Trip Reports	Bobby Couchman	Brent Hickey Liz Pindar
25 Jan	Penny Isherwood	Travels in Mongolia tbc	Pam Turner	Dave Harrington Anne Cantrick

Meetings Sub-Committee: Anne Blake, Christine Hardie, Marjorie Musson and Shirley Bathgate.

Please refer ideas for club night speakers and activities to us.

Supper: Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Marion.

Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

Even the easiest of club trips requires 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 cattle-stop via the roadside track with an eight kg pack should take about 70 - 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for five to six 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 and 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>WEEKEND TRIPS</u>
	Carry	All items listed for day trip plus
Pack and pack liner	Map & compass	Sleeping bag
Boots and gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least a litre of water	Food for three additional meals
Parka and over-trou	Lunch	Cooker, billy and matches or lighter
Fast-drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or woollen jumper	Torch, spare batteries and bulb	Toilet gear, small towel and toilet paper
Long-johns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, cutlery
Gloves/mittens	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches, pencil, paper)	Tent/fly if required
Overmitts		
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 your hot water from the Clibbornette.

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 two 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 10.00 pm. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all enquiries about overdue trampers please telephone one of the following:

David Blake 835 3284

Graeme Hare 844 8656

Glenda Hooper 877 4183

Cancellations: If you cannot 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 weekend tramp) at the Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open at 7.30 pm; visitors are welcome.

TRIP LIST 2011



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 Ph 835 3284

Please email trip requests to dblake@vodafone.net.nz

27 -28 Aug Waikaremoana: \$25 plus cost of boat Map BG40
 Party A: boat across to the Narrows, up the Whareama range to Panekiri Hut, Sunday: out to Onepoto.
 Party B: boat across to Waiopaoa Hut (option of viewing Korokoro Falls) and climb up to Panekiri Hut. Sunday: out to Onepoto and the truck.
 Party C: plenty of walks from 30mins to 2-3 hrs available for truck party.
 Organisers: (A): David Harrington Ph 8395766
 (B): Mike Lusk Ph 877 8328

31 Aug Wed Tramp: Lake Tutira and Table Mountain
 Organiser: Bobby Couchman Ph 877 8557

7 Sept Wed Cycle: Pakowhai Country Park to Dolbel Reserve
 Via interesting back country roads.
 Organiser: Alasdair Shaw Ph 877 6225

11 Sept Historic Track Kaweka Range \$15 Map BJ37 or U20
 Taking in some or all of the old timer's track from Whittles woolshed to Mahaku Saddle; this track headed west to the crest of the Black Birch Range then veered north to Little's Clearing. From there it headed west again, some of it on the road and some on the Ngahere Loop track to the Makahu Saddle. (See route 51 in Norm Elder's "Route Guide to the Ranges West of Hawkes Bay")
 Organisers: Graeme Hare 8448656 & Alan Berry Ph 877 7223

14 Sept Wed Tramp: Manawatu Gorge
 Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 9931

21 Sept Wed Cycle: De CHB
 Likely lunch at Oruawharo Homestead.
 Organiser: Christine Turner Ph 06 857 5227

24 - 25 Sept Yeoman's - Parks Peak \$15 Map BK37
 A Party: The aim is to go along towards Ellis Hut, take a spur up to the main track along the ridge and follow that to Parks Peak for a kip. The following day return via Barlow Hut.
 B Party: From Yeoman's mill head straight up the main ridge to Parks Peak Hut for the night; return via Barlow Hut.
 C Party: Up track and down to Barlow for the night.
 Organisers: A: Jason McKinley B: C:

28 Sept Wed Tramp: Bell Rock and Lake Opouahi
 Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756

5 Oct Wed Cycle: Fernhill to Dartmoor Road and Sacred Hill
 Secure parking at the start; lunch at picnic area by the Tutaekuri River.
 Organiser: Alasdair Shaw Ph 877 6225

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9 Oct Kuripapango \$15 Map BJ37
 From the water gauge at Kuripapango up to 4100, down to The Lakes and Pan Pac forest (Kaweka Challenge route) then back to the camping area. (Permission needed from Dave Coe).
 Organiser:

12 Oct Wed Tramp: Manawatu Gorge
 Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 9931

19 Oct Wed Cycle: Maraekakaho to Whakapirau and Valley Roads
 The first bit may be car-assisted.
 Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

21 - 24 Oct Labour Weekend Kaimanawa FP \$25 Map BH36
 A Party: Umukarikari – Island Ridge – Thunder bolt – Urchin.
 B Party: An easier four-day trip in the Urchin area.
 Organisers: A - David Harrington Ph 8395766 B - Susan Lopdell Ph 8446697

26 Oct Wed Tramp: Travers Hut, Ruahine FP \$15 Map BL36
 Investigate the A-frame hut and then go along the tops.
 Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756

2 Nov Wed Cycle: Tuki Tuki Circuit from Havelock North.
 Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

6 Nov Cairn Trip \$15 Map BJ37
 Club President's annual Kaweka J trip; hopefully followed by wonderful afternoon tea at Pam's Farm!
 Organiser: Christine Hardie.

9 Nov Wed Tramp: Fred Chesterman's Farm on Maraetotara Road.
 Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935

16 Nov Wed Cycle: Maraetotara Road to Mohi Bush.
 Organiser: Lyn Gentry Ph 875 0542

19 - 20 Nov Tararua FP \$25 Map BP33
 A Party: Kaitoke up Quoin to Alpha Hut; down to Tutuwai Hut up to Mt Reeve; out via Waiohine Gorge.
 B Party: From Waiohine Gorge over to Cone Cut then to Tutuwai Hut and out to Kaitoke.
 C Party: Something in the regional parks.
 Organiser: A: Dave Harrington Ph 8395766 B: Sue Lopdell Ph 8446697 C:

23 Nov Wed Tramp: Yeoman's Track to Ellis Hut in the Ruahines
 Organiser: Bobby Couchman Ph 877 8557

30 Nov Wed Cycle: Local Pathways
 Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 9931

4 Dec Ruahines \$15 Map BL36
 A and B Parties: Ngamoko Road, Apiti Track, drop into Makaretu Stream and then Makaretu Hut; out via Happy Daze Hut to Ellison Road.
 C Party: Drive to Ellison Road and walk into Happy Daze Hut for lunch; return the same way.
 Organisers: This could be your chance to lead a great walk! Please offer to organise it.
 Driver: David Blake

7 Dec Wed Tramp: Matauria Ridge and Ngahere Loop Track in the Kawekas
Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935

14 Dec Wed Cycle: Pakowhai Park over Stopbanks to Fernhill
Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

17 - 18 Dec Christmas Party \$15 Map BJ37
Catch the bus to Kuripapango on Saturday afternoon. Bring a tent and festive food and drink to share for Sunday lunch. If you have any group games bring them along - you may also fish or frolic in the river.
Organisers: Social Committee

8 Jan 2012 Ohara Stream, Ruahine FP \$15 Map BK37
Walk Ohara Stream from Mangleton Bridge.
Organiser: Someone who has been there already.

15 Jan 2012 Te Kooti's Lookout \$15 Map BH39
This is a great trip that Graeme has wanted to lead for a couple of years.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

21 - 22 Jan 2012 Waikamaka Hut, Ruahine FP \$15 Map BK36
A Party: Up Waipawa River to our hut, over Rangi Saddle to Waterfall Hut, Waterfall Creek to the tops.
B Party: Waipawa River to Waikamaka and Waterfall Hut; return the same way.
C Party: To Waikamaka Hut for the night and return the next day.
Organisers: A Party: David Harrington Ph 839 5766 B Party: Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697