

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB.

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7th May, 1936.

EXPLANATORY NOTE :-

The club has now been in active existence for more than six months and may be said to have found its feet. The fortnightly fixtures continue to be well attended so that, although we are faced in Hawke's Bay with considerable road distance to suitable tramping country, we have, so far; managed to keep transport costs to a very reasonable figure. The notification of trips has necessarily been rather hurried at times and one of the objects of this bulletin is to give members an outline of the proposed tramping list and the club-room fixtures so that they can make their arrangements a little more in advance.

We propose to bring out the bulletin at intervals of two months giving a summary of the club's activities and such information of interest on tramping matters as is possible within its modest compass.

SUMMARY OF PAST TRIPS :-

From October, 1935, to April, 1936, sixteen trips have been made with an average attendance of over twenty persons. Our luck with the weather, during a very broken summer, has been phenomenal and no trip has fallen through.

The coast has been reached at Red Island, Waimarama, Rongā-ika and Waipatiki, the Ruahines at Otumore, Rangī-o-te-Atua and the northern range behind Big Hill, the Kaweka Trig and the Black Birch range. River trips have also been made along the Makaroro, Ngaruroro and Mohaka, and an Easter Party visited Waikaremoana. A number of private parties have also covered a fair extent of country, the most ambitious being a seven-day trip from Kuripapanga to the Chateau by way of the Manson Country, the northern Kaimanawa and the Waipakihi River.

One handicap peculiar to this district is that Saturday night is late closing night in Hastings and we fully expected to be limited to day trips but, recently, the demand for week-end trips was met by altering a couple of fixtures, and these were well attended and most successful.

EASTER TRIP - WAIKAREMOANA :-

About nine o'clock Friday morning saw the departure of what looked like a gang of shearers, but were really twenty-four members of the club in Gordon McCutcheon's lorry, for Waikaremoana.

Apparently the Wairoa road was new to most of the party judging from the way a lot of gazing heads protruded from the lorry.

Reaching Waikaremoana about six, camp was pitched below the hostel. Some turned in early while others awaited the arrival of a party coming later by car.

Next morning the party climbed Ngamoko, skirmished their way back to camp for lunch, then, in the afternoon, took the lorry to the outlet and went up Panekirikiri to perform photographic and acrobatic feats at the lookout. The day ended with what was alleged to be a dance in the community hall at the camping ground.

On Sunday a visit was paid to Aniwaniwa Falls and Waikare iti for the exasperating sight of a number of boats securely padlocked to the bank. The afternoon was spent in the launch on a trip round Waikaremoana and, in the evening, another hobnail dance was held in the hall.

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On the return trip the party visited the power house at Tuai, but, fortunately, refrained from indulging their curiosity to the full.

A stop of some hours was made at Wairoa trying to diagnose some ailment that was affecting the lorry but without success and the journey home was a protracted one, including even a little tramping on the grades; however, the party kept in great spirits and one visitor is reported to have said that it was the most enjoyable part of the trip. Napier was reached at 1 a.m., and Hastings, an hour and a half later.

FIXTURE LIST.

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<u>DATE.</u>			<u>LEADER.</u>
May 10th	No. 17.	<u>Kahuranaki.</u>	(10) H. Angus.
May 24th	No. 18.	<u>Smedley</u>	South end Wakarara Range (11) Lloyd Wilson.
June 7th	No. 19.	<u>Omahaki</u>	And Climb Cattle Hill. (12) Jack Agnew. Mr. Wilson.
June 23rd King's Birthday.	No. 20.	<u>Ruahine</u>	(15) Ian Powell.
July 5th	No. 21	<u>Titikura</u>	Explore the Maungaharuru Range. Geof. Piesse
July 19th	No. 22	<u>Kereru</u>	Te Wakaari (Pa site). N. Elder.

LOST TRAMPERS

Searches from Aloft

CODE OF SIGNALS

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of New Zealand and aviation branch of the Defence Department have devised a code of signals to assist in searches for lost trampers. The arrangement arrived at will require trampers to make certain additions to their packs. These include strips of reddish or orange cloth at least eight feet long, and a bottle of Condy's crystals with which to make signals in the snow.

The first signal is that to be made either to aircraft or ground parties by a party lost or in distress. This consists of smoke signals or flashes from a mirror at the rate of six a minute. Having attracted attention from the air by this means, the party may make additional signals in the following code by means of the strips of cloth, or, in their absence, other suitable material: Party in need of help, L; in need of a doctor, ll; in need of information about a route. X; not in need of help, T.

The following signals have been designed for aircraft wishing to communicate with ground parties:- To acknowledge having read the ground signals, the searching aeroplane will signal by repeated circling and (or) the dropping of coloured papers; to indicate the direction of the lost party should take, aeroplanes will circle overhead and then fly in general direction the party is to take, this manoeuvre to be repeated several times; to advise land searchers of the location of the lost party aeroplanes will circle over the party and drop coloured paper; to advise that searchers on the ground are to return home, aeroplanes will fly over the search area with coloured streamers attached to the struts or wing-tips.

It has been considered unnecessary to provide for a message from ground to air indicating that a lost party is in need of food, since the wants of the party would be already known. If it should be deemed necessary to drop food supplies, these should be wrapped in small parcels and dropped with coloured streamers attached.

chocolate, etc.

Dry rations,
Rice, sugar,
tea, etc.

Oatmeal, 2 oz. rice, 1 oz.
Rest by leader.

Partly by Leader. Partly by Leader.