

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB

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TRIP REPORTS

2587 Mackintosh Hut

Easter 9th - 10th April 2023

The plan for an Easter tramp had been to visit parts of the Kaimai Ranges, but due to damaged roads leading north from Hawkes Bay because of Cyclone Gabrielle, a possible local alternative was sort.

Perhaps we could go to Mackintosh hut in the southern Kaweka Range taking very indirect routes. As it turned out the Napier - Taihape Road was just opening up as far as Kuripapango and access to the Kaweka Lakes car park was still open, although the road narrowed in places due to road subsidence.

With reference to NZ Topo Map BJ37, the tramp crossed a low flowing scoured out Tutaekuri River and on up the Rogue Ridge. There was low cloud to the east, but upon reaching the top of the ridge we were rewarded with sunshine and great views to the west in the direction of the Kiwi Saddle Hut on a distant ridge line.



After a lunch break our party continued along the narrow ridge line up and down over rocky outcrops of The Tits and Kaiarahi above the Cooks Horn Basin to the east.

As the day progressed the wind was increasing and our party was pleased to be gaining some shelter going down the Mackintosh spur track. The top half of the track had a large number of trees down making progress slow.

Six hours later we were at the Mackintosh Hut. Our party had thought the hut may be full with hunters, but as it turned out there was only two hunters. A number of our party decided to tent around the hut.

Pohokura

Talking to the hunters who came in on the more direct route from the Kaweka Lakes Road, we found there was a substantial slip on the northern side of the foot bridge that crossed the Tutaekuri River.

Other remarks seen on the track signs suggested there was damage on the track that went back to the Kaweka Lakes car park below the Cooks Horn Basin via the old Kaweka Hut site.

Which way do we go? We opted to try the track back to Kaweka Lakes car park below the Cooks Horn Basin via the old Kaweka Hut site. This route also had scoured out streams, small slips, steep access in and out of streams, and over grown sections of track.



Lunch was had at the old Kaweka Hut site, but we were all briefly startled by a falling tree nearby. Also the odd deer was heard roaring close to the track.

Five hours later our party arrived back at the club van left at the Kaweka Lakes car park, a little tired, but thankfully no one was hurt or startled by gun shots.

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It was a good variation of scenery and terrain with some added challenges with negotiating severely scoured out streams, courtesy of Cyclone Gabrielle a few weeks earlier. This in some places meant slips or vertical drops that were over two metres high/deep! New alternate little sections of track needed to be trod on and quite a few downed trees needed to somehow be traversed.

Such an interesting way to get to and from a hut that some may be capable of reaching in just 2 or 3 hours by way of the fastest track. By taking indirect

tracks, it took so much longer; a focus on the journey more than the destination.

The weather held out beautifully. All in all, a great weekend in the Kaweka Ranges.

RW

Party: Paula Kasper, Simon Whittam, Flynn Grimstone, Murry Alderson, Nic Walkerdine, Robyn Wilson, Derek Boshier

2588 Te Angi Angi

Tuesday 25th April 2023

Today, Anzac day, we had a later time to leave Havelock North of 10am. This allowed time for anyone to attend an Anzac day service and also low tide was at 3.30 pm.

It was the most perfect day for a beach walk, sunshine, no wind and the tide was low in the afternoon to see the large area of this marine reserve.

Eleven of us started our beach walk from the Aramoana car park and we headed south towards Blackhead. Just as we started we were entertained by a seal who was enjoying the sun then we watched it disappear out to sea.

The first 20 minutes of walking was on a sandy quad bike track, then a very short distance walking on clay like beach stones. The tide was now receding as we walked the firm flat sand to Blackhead.



This was our turnaround point stopping for lunch around 12.30 pm, where we were again entertained by seals swimming in the surf. From this point to the car park we were able to explore the marine reserve looking for any creatures of interest in the rock pools. A variety of birds were also visible.

Pohokura

Families with children were using nets hoping to catch a crab. There were mainly snails, shells and seaweed plus a patch of eelgrass (a dead eel was seen) and large beds of Neptune's necklace.



The next hour we continued north towards Pourere along the wide expanse of sand where there was evidence of bike and car tracks along this designated area. Nine of the group walked for an hour then returned to the van by 3.45pm. A short time for refreshments then we were on the road to home arriving at Havelock North at 5pm.

The day was enjoyed by everyone which included 3 visitors for this club outing. Approx 4 hours of walking .An hour and 10 minutes driving each way, thank you Simon for driving.

JL

Party: Murry Alderson, Christine Lawrence, Barbara Phillips, Simon Whittam, Denise and Lindsay Dalziel, Daniel Haddock, Susan Lopdell, Robyn Wilson, Steve Borrett, Janice Love

2589 Te Mata Park	Wednesday 3rd May 2023
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The Sunrise hut tramp was postponed, instead we walked Te Mata Peak. The day was a little dull as we left the picnic area at 9.15 am but from here on it was warm enough for tee shirts. We spent time at the little and big Redwoods which both have new information boards of interest. The little Redwoods are 49 years old and the big Redwoods were planted around 1927.

Pohokura



The destruction of Gabrielle was very evident as we started off on the yellow track. Large chain sawed pine trees on either side of the track is visible evidence of the work that has been done to clear the track. Thankfully only one Redwood was uprooted in the storm at the Big Redwoods. It is lying prone which attracts children and adults to walk along it as well as inspecting the root base which has been turned into a teepee-like shelter. From the Redwoods we followed the blue track which we call the 'Goat track' . The track had a steep ascent, some slippery moments and a short but steep rock climb.



It was here that Joan spotted a small frog which seemed a long way from a pond. Onwards and upwards we had great views to the ranges on one side and the Tuki Tuki valley on the other. Our morning tea break was at the summit where we sat in a sheltered spot from a north- easterly breeze before returning to the carpark after 2 1/2 hours.

JL

Party: Juergen Grossklaus, Steve Borrett, Peter Berry, Glenda Hooper. Joan Ruffell, Layla (4 legged tramper), Denise Dalziel, Janice Love (organiser)

2590 Totara Flats Hut

w/e 5 – 6 May 2023

On the weekend of 6 – 7 May we drove down to Holdsworth to walk into Totara Flats Hut for the night via the Gentle Annie Track. The weather was overcast but we were very lucky with no rain at all. From Holdsworth Lodge, we crossed the bridge and continued up the track toward Donnelly Flat. Nic, Simon and Jude decided to divert from the path and take the mountain track up to the Mountain House Shelter. It was not as steep as we thought it was going to be. We ran into a large group of girls from Napier Girls High School who were doing the 3 day loop walk over the weekend. Apparently around 50 Napier Girls were there split into 3 groups.

The rest of the group continued on to climb the Gentle Annie track. We then met up with the rest of the group about 3 quarters of the way through to the hut. It was a gradual descent through classic Tararua tree roots. You did have to concentrate walking. Few up and downs but the final descent was very steep until you crossed the first creek. After that it was about another 20-30min flat walk alongside the creek, one more bridge crossing and then we happily arrived at the hut. I recall it was about 4 1/2 hours to get there.



Pohokura

Totara Flats Hut is a 26 bed hut and bright and roomy. A covered veranda, large enough for shelter if needed wraps around the sunny sides. The common area is large with several tables, and two kitchen areas encircle a fireplace.

On Sunday we walked out to the Waiohine Gorge Road end. We passed through Little Totara Flats. Really pretty views looking down on to Totara Flats. We then walked through quite dense bush. The track was challenging in some places being quite muddy and steep. There were some lovely lookouts along the valley with two swing bridges to cross, the first at Makaka Creek, which is just before the junction going up to Cone Hut. The second is at Clem Creek.



Murray and Robyn walked back up the Gentle Annie Track to drive the van around to pick us up at the Waiohine Gorge Road end. We were so happy to see that van as it was getting decidedly colder and we had been waiting for close to 2 hours or so.

A really great weekend to go on.

JH

Party: Murry Alderson, Robyn Wilson, Derek Boshier, Nic Walkerdine, Susan Lopdell, Anne Doig, Glenda Hooper. Simon Whittam (leader) Jude Hay, (co-leader)

2591 Rough Block

Saturday 20 May 2023

Once again the planned tramp, this time to Boundary Stream, could not go ahead because the park was closed, so instead we went to the Rough Block at the Cape Sanctuary. The Rough Block is situated about 7 kilometres NE of Ocean Beach and is within a predator proof fence. John volunteers there and he agreed to guide us on the Saturday, combining a walk through part of the sanctuary with a check for invasive weeds.

We had the luxury of a 9 AM start and had driven to our walking point by just after 10. The day was fine and there were great views out to the triple peaks (Te Mata, Mt Erin and Kahuranaki) from an angle not usually seen. To start with we walked down a steep bulldozed track through patches of kanuka to the valley floor. Amongst the kanuka in the valley are ponga and some bigger trees including, hinau, titoki, pigeonwood and one large maire. Time was spend collecting some of the many hinau seeds on the ground to grow at the nursery. Some of the bigger trees have kaka nest boxes attached to them which, at this time of the year, housed mainly geckos and weta.

Lunch was had beside the stream and after lunch we followed the stream up, coming to a very picturesque canyon like section. There was a couple of forays by members up the slopes in the canyon section, the first to check out where a kaka-like eggs shell had come from, (but in hindsight John thinks it was a morepork egg). The second was up to check out a tree that they thought might have been a maire - the jury is out on this.



After awhile we climbed out of the canyon following a track up a slope and back on to the farm track not far from where the van was parked. To finish off

a great day out we drove along to the aviary hoping to see some kaka and kākāriki there. Unfortunately, except for a solitary kākāriki, there were none to be seen, probably due to the NZ falcon (kārearea) we had seen flying about as we drove along the road.

GWH

Party: John Berry, Peter Berry, Steve Borrett, Paula Kaspar, Susan Lopdell, Anne & Kerri Blake, Denise & Lindsay Dalziel, Barbara Hamilton and Glenda Hooper.

2592 Morere - Mahia - Wairoa

King's birthday 3-5 June 2023

Sat 3rd: Drove along the Napier- Wairoa highway seeing the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle, with scoured out waterways, hillsides full of slips and the Waikare Bridge lying twisted and broken in the Waikare riverbed. Stopped briefly in Wairoa, heading north, turning onto the Waiaata Road to visit an old remnant of Forest and Bird Reserve with one of the largest specimens of Puka, supposedly in the North Island. Continued on to the Morere Hot Springs Reserve – hot pools were closed to a septic tank issue as was the shop and accommodation in the old shearer's quarters- these are now owned by a Maori Trust. We parked the van just past the entrance on Tunanui Road and our party of nine set off just after 10.00am.



The Ridge track is wonderful with the nikau palms predominant along with matai, tawa, rewarewa, kohekohe and rimu. There was some black beech on the eastern side with lancewoods in various growth stages. Lunched in dappled sunshine with views over the surrounding countryside. After a good 2.5 hr

walk, returned to the van and set off to the Mahia Beach. Drove past the houses and parked the van in the small carpark at the start of the Mokotahi Hill track, a 30 minute trek to the top, with views over the Mahia isthmus. Our accommodation for the night was at the Mahia Beach Holiday Camp, dining at the Sunset Café.

Sun 4th: Away @ 9.00am up the winding Kinikini Road to the start of the Mahia Peninsular Scenic Reserve, one of the few remaining lowland coastal forests. Initially climbing up to the lookout with good views of the peninsula, then descending to the stream running through the basin- very slippery papa rocks which caught a few unawares. Drove around the other side of the peninsula to the Whangawehi river mouth and the beginning of the Te Aratia Walkway – a lot of effort went into developing this. Started in 2020 with 250,000 plantings of native shrubs, 150 ha riparian margins retired and 30ha in bush blocks protected. We wandered for 4-5km along the limestone track which followed the stream, about 1.5 km short of the shelter. We were unable to start at the Kinikini Road entrance as this was closed due to poison being laid- a few are wanting to return to complete this walk.

Mon 5th: All packed after a night at the Vista Motel in Wairoa and Susan had found the James Carroll Walkway 5 minutes away. James Carroll was a prominent Maori politician who was born in Wairoa and educated at Te Aute College, the first Maori to hold the position of Prime Minister (in a acting role from 1909 to 1911). All walked to Memorial Park, read the info boards and walked to where James was born alongside the Wairoa River on the North Clyde side – this site is marked by a very old cabbage tree which was planted in. Into the van and all disembarked at Whakamahia Beach- vast quantities of logs littered the beach, with most of the party spending time fossicking



amongst the debris. Susan had wandered up to the station entrance at the far end of the beach and chatted to the fisherman who had caught two trevally. Stopped off at Pilot Hill (where in the past, pilots assisted coastal boats through the river entrance and up the Wairoa River to berth near the Ferry hotel), a good viewing point to see the Wairoa River Mouth. Continuing our way back towards Napier, we detoured, lunching at Mohaka Beach, before travelling along the old Coast Road, rejoining the State Highway at Kotemaori. Good weather, enjoyable company and a wide area of the Morere /Mahia districts, explored over the long weekend. My thanks to Peter, Simon and Lex who shared the driving.

SL

Party: Peter Berry; Lex Smith: Dave Mulinder; Paula Kaspar; Glenda Hooper; Susan Lopdell; Stephen Borrett; Anne Doig: Simon Whittam.

2593 Napier Hill

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Twelve walkers plus Layla met at the Centennial Gardens on the Napier Hill. Fortunately no rain this time, as it was cancelled the week before, owing to the very wet and miserable day.

Walked up to Priestly Tce and headed up to Sturms Gully where it was quite damp underfoot. So enjoyable being in Nature and to hear the Tūī. Continued up to the Lookout to a magnificent view of Napier.

Oops one of our party took a wrong turn from here but was soon remedied with a mobile phone call. As Graeme jokingly says we are allowed to lose 15%!!! There was plenty of head counting after that!!!! Carried on down lots of steps to Karaka Road. More steps up to Thomson Road and we had a snack up at the Water tower there. Headed on down towards Shakespeare Rd and crossed over to Hardinge Road and had well deserved hot drinks, food and relaxed outside in the sunshine at AVK cafe.

More steps up to Chaucer Road North and along Napier Tce and down more steps and streets and finally back to our cars.

An enjoyable 9 km walk with stunning views and plenty of history on the Hill

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Walkers : Christine Hardie, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Anne Cantrick, Joan Ruffell, Alistair Shaw & Layla, Graeme Hare, Pete Hewitt, Susan Lopdell, Pete Hansen, Heather Stephenson and Lynn Walch (organiser).

2594 Mangahao River - Burn Hut

17 – 18 June 2023

This weekend had been set aside to visit Barlow Hut, west of Tikokino in the Ruahine Ranges. This would have meant numerous river crossings up the Makaroro River and the following day trying find our way up a little used track, up to the Parks Peak track and back down to the Makaroro River at the old Yeomans Mill site. As it turned out the heavy rain forecast did eventuate and the decision was made to head south west to the western side of the Tararuas behind Shannon and visit the Burn Hut.

The weather, at low altitudes, around the Manawatu was indeed fine, but on the tops there was strong easterly winds, rain and low cloud.

Seven folk, Susan, Anne, Robyn, Flynn, Nic, Murry and Simon were willing to try this track into the Burn Hut, with none of us having been to the hut before. We were going to attempt going in and out via the northern route from the No. 2 Mangahao Reservoir.

Approximately 2 1/2 hours road travel from Havelock North to Shannon and then about 40 minutes on a very winding unsealed, rough road that climbs into the ranges we arrive at our starting point. The road, behind Shannon, was put in to facilitate the construction of a hydro power scheme that was completed in 1924.

The track starts by walking across the top of the dam structure and then east following the Mangahao River for about 50 minutes before climbing steeply up a bush lined ridge on the way the cloudy tops. At around 700m the track breaks out of the bush and gives way to Leather Wood vegetation which affords some shelter but now there is the mud to contend with. For us about a third of the track was very muddy. Very occasional glimpses of the hut and the Manawatu coast line are seen through cloudy tops.

After about 4 hours we all arrive wet & muddy at the Burn Hut. But it's going to be a tight squeeze inside the hut entrance, accommodating wet coats, muddy boots, wet packs and trying to transfer gear from the packs to the main room. Seven folk in a 6 bunk hut.

Pohokura

But wait, there's more. Another group of 4 (from Wellington) arrive within the hour. Can we all fit inside the hut? Two of the group of four end up tenting and the two sleep on the floor.



But the biggest surprise is just 20 metres away. A loo with a broken door that's wired open to stop it breaking any more. Fortunately for us the loo entrance faces south west and wind/rain is coming from the east. But it's certainly a cool view!

With 11 folk in a 6 bunk hut for tea the place warms up just a little. No fire place here. I'm guessing nobody really wants to think about making an outdoor visit during a very wet and windy night that means putting on and off gear for a few minutes exercise.

A brief orange sunset is seen through the shifting cloud but an even better vista appears briefly the next morning. A clear view of the coastline from Foxton all the way up to Taranaki with the whole of snow covered Mt. Taranaki clearly seen.

The next morning the weather has eased slightly but coats are still needed. All eleven trampers from the day before have contributed to enhancing the

muddy track through the leatherwood, but eventually the muddy track comes to an end and we break out into a little sunshine below the cloudy tops. We all exit the track safely and a little tired by early afternoon.

The general Mangahao area should be worth coming back too again sometime as it intersects the Te Araroa trail and has tracks to the south, one of which goes to Burns Hut. However rivers need to be negotiated, and it was rivers we were wanting avoid this wet weekend.

Party: Susan Lopdell, Anne Doig, Robyn Wilson, Flynn Grimstone, Nic Walkerdine, Murry Alderson, and Simon Whittam

2595 Kahuranaki / Maraetotara Gorge Walk

2 July 2023

On the 2nd of July we started a little later than normal for a Sunday morning hike, meeting at 9am. Eleven HTC members met at the van and we picked up three more members at Arataki Honey carpark. From there we headed to Kahuranaki Station where we parked up and after informing the Kahuranaki station manager that we were there, we started our walk along the gravel road track winding up through the hills.

The cows and the bulls in the paddocks were particularly interested in our group as we set off with the weather being slightly overcast with a slight breeze at the bottom.

As we walked up the views were of northern Hawkes bay and we could see all the way to the Kaweka Ranges. Half-way up the breeze picked up and the temperature felt like it dropped a few degrees. By this time the group had split up into fast group and leisurely walking groups.

The last 500 metres to the top became cold and windy which meant by this time the wind jackets and warm hats were well and truly on.

As we approached the top, the clouds were high and the view was a stunning 360 degrees from the trig (648 metres above sea level). The trigs are created for surveyors to help them to determine the location of objects and properties. There are a few buildings with large



telecommunication poles at the summit.

We set up for lunch in the nooks and crannies of the buildings as the wind by this time was gale force level and with an icy temperature to it.

The way down was to follow the same track down and as we did the wind was behind us (thankfully) which meant we had a faster walk down.

Once we got to the van, we decided it was still early, 130pm, so we decided a quick walk through the Maraetotara Gorge walk which was about 15min drive on the south side of Mt Kahuranaki.

The track wasn't signposted very well but lucky Glenda and Pete knew where they were going. As we walked through the track it was clear that the recent cyclone had damaged the track and made it slippery and difficult to see. After 10min walking down half the group decided the track has been decimated and they walked back out. A few others decided to do some bush bashing to see if they could find the original track which they did in the end.

After that we headed back to base dropping the Arataki Honey carpark members off. Home by 3pm was nice. Good day out had by all.

Party: Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Susan Lopdell, Jude Hay, Anthea Chiappa, Anne Doig, Robyn Wilson, Murry Alderson, Nic Walkerdine, Steve Borrett, Daniel Haddock, Simon Whittam, Paula Kasper

2596 Matariki: Pureora Forest Park	14 – 16 July 2023
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On the meeting night it was a ladies tramp in a private vehicle, but after the Kaweka weather forecast for the weekend, our party swelled to five and taking the van; which left Pukahu @ 7.00am, stopping in Taradale to collect Susan, then travelling over the Napier Taupo Highway with the scarred hillsides, derelict houses and huge piles of silt on the roadsides, a sobering reminder of that fateful day February 14th.

Once past Taupo, it was onto SH30 to our accommodation at the Pureora cabins, south of Barryville (it was on the Thursday I received confirmation that we had managed to get a six bunk cabin).

We settled in, cup of coffee and discussed our plans for Friday afternoon.

Pohokura

Into the van, turning onto Link Road then Arataki Road, driving up to the YMCA camp where we parked. On with the parkas as light rain began to fall, we walked past the camp and followed a slightly overgrown track into the bush where we were greeted by a DOC sign stating track was unmaintained. After 90mins navigating our way over streams, through supplejack, we came across the track. Continued climbing up towards Mt. Titiraupenga, steps appeared and a bench seat, then a large windfall saw us turning around and retreating to the van. Back to the cabins and relaxing evening - hot showers!

Saturday, up early and set off to the start of the Timber Trail - this was the last we saw of Simon and Nic! (Refer to Simon's tale of the intrepid twosome). The three ladies wandered through part of the Totara walk, detouring to view the old tractor and sled which have been well preserved. Walked through a section which was private land and in the past had been milled extensively. A number of cyclists past us as we continued to the turnoff to Mount Pureora, stopping briefly at the shelter for a snack.

There was plentiful birdlife - kaka, tui, keruru, tomtits, grey warblers, magpies, paradise ducks, waxeyes. The track up to the top reminded me of the track to the A Frame Hut in the Ruahines - a water course, lots of tree roots, some boardwalks and a lot of mud. As we climbed higher, into tussock country, we encountered very cold and windy conditions.



We managed to get a great view of Mt. Titiraupenga and decided to drop back down to the shelter for a late lunch, and where Anne had left her gloves. As the light was beginning to fade we wandered back along the Timber Trail at a good speed. The lads arrived about 5.30pm? Due to the cabins being fully booked, the hot water quickly ran out and some had a very lukewarm shower.

Monday dawned and a request from the lads after their 42km day yesterday, to have an easy day. We set forth to the Pureora Forest Tower – a 10 minute walk to a 12 metre tower giving views of the forest canopy; Poukani Totara- a

42 metre+ tree about 1800 years old: two Steam tractor sites, and erred on the side of caution when attempting to visit the buried forest- a large tract of the road was under water and decidedly muddy.

Set off to Taupo and parked just past the harbour and walked along the recently beautified waterfront to a café for lunch. I was back home about 3.00pm.

Thanks for the company visiting one of my favourite places.

SL

A tale of the intrepid twosome, Simon & Nic's long excursion.

We took the same route as Susan, Anne and Paula up to Mt. Pureora (1275M), but went on ahead with the idea of ultimately trying to get to Bog Inn hut and return in a day. With tired feet and heads we did return to our cabin about 10 hours later.

The Timber trail track used by cyclists and trampers had started through low land forest. As it gained in elevation the gradient was moderated with plenty of switchbacks. At the start of the Toi Toi track up the North Western side of Mt. Pureora we again see a DOC sign saying the track was no longer maintained.

About 40 minutes later we were at the top in what was misty, windy conditions with just a hint that the sun was trying to break through. No view to speak off. We circled around the trig for a few minutes until we found the entrance to a heavily overgrown obscured track and a hidden DOC sign again saying the track was no longer maintained. This track heads down Mt. Pureora in a south easterly direction ultimately linking up with the Timber trail which has sidled around the mountain lower down. The top two thirds of the track is hard going, bush bashing and negotiating large washouts where once were wooden steps. The track has become a small stream.

Back on the Timber trail we head further south for about an hour losing elevation until we see the turnoff to Bog Inn hut. Just off the timber trail are four eBikes and helmets in the bush. Who will we see?

The closer we get to the hut the boggier it gets. How close to the hut are we really. Two different signs give the same time for two different distances along the same track.



Here we are at the hut around 1:15pm having left at 8am. The hut is built with rough sawn timber and dates back to early 1960's. I see few items of gear left under the roof at the back door. A gently rub of the walking pole across the corrugated wall brings out surprised visitors from the hut. A family of four were the owners of the eBikes and were just finishing their lunch.

As the family leave I remark to the husband his day pack is a later version of mine and comment I think the pack sells for around \$600. Well my comment didn't go down to well with the wife when she heard about the cost. And then the husbands tries put a positive spin on it by saying he got a good discount, and look how well this older version of the pack (mine) has lasted.

As the day goes on the weather has improved and we retrace the track back to the Timber trail after a quick lunch break. The eBikes are gone, but now at the track junction are two small groups of trampers who have been out overnight, stopped having a break.

The track climbs back up to point where we came down from from Mt. Pureora. From here we sidle around the mountain at 970m, seeing and hearing numerous small water courses draining off the mountain. On this part of the track we see and hear many Kereru enjoying the native tree tops. At one point we get a brief glimpse of the western side of Lake Taupo.

The downhill return to the low land forest is uneventful, but I'm looking forward to a good rest. It's getting quite dark in the forest, but we exit it just on sunset.

Perhaps two years before the club had a tramp in on the Waihora Lagoon track about a day's tramp to the south of Bog Inn hut. Looking of the topo map and seeing Bog Inn had raised my curiosity about what it was really like.

Thank you Nic for going the distance to find out.

SW

Party: Simon Whittam; Susan Lopdell; Nic Walkerdine; Paula Kasper and Anne Doig.

Ad Hoc Tramps

Blowhard Bush

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Peter and Glenda help out Forest and Bird with the trapping at Blowhard Bush so they decided to combine a trap check day with a tramp. Four others were keen so a group of 6 left Pukahu at 8 AM in the van arriving at the Blowhard carpark about an hour later. There was another group of trap checkers already at the carpark, they were going to check the traps in the northern part of the reserve while we were to do the ones on the south side.

For the first part of the day we followed the trap line, rebaiting the traps and removing any catches. This trap line took us from the shelter along part of the troglodyte track and its interesting geological formations, along the southern edge then steeply up to the top of the reserve.



While Peter & Glenda dealt to the traps on the road at the top of Blowhard Ridge the others, (after doing return a brisk walk along the road just for fun) , went to take in the great view of the Kaweka Range from the look-out. Reunited we all started back down the Tui Track, with a few deviations, to complete the trap line. In the 4 weeks since these traps were last checked the mouse traps had not caught

Pohokura

anything but in the other 39 manual traps there were 4 rats and 1 hedgehog. The five automated traps recorded catches of 1 possum and 6 other smaller pests (probably rats).

Upon completing the trap line we had a late lunch at the shelter and then did a short walk along the Tui Track and the Rewi Track loop, to view its magnificent trees and enjoy the very vocal bird life (Robins, Whiteheads and Tui). Of the 6 on the walk, three had never been there and 1 had been there once about 10 years ago.

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Party: Peter Berry, Glenda Hooper, Denise and Lindsay Dalziel, Jeurgen Grossklaus and Barbara Hamilton.

Mangakuri and Kairakau Beaches

Wednesday 19 July

Eight of us set off from Pukahu at 8.30 AM to travel to the coast east of Elsthorpe to do a number of short walks in the area. Our first port of call was Kairakau Beach where we walked north along the beach from the baches towards where a small waterfall is.

The tide wasn't low enough to get all the way to the falls but on our return a local told us of the track up to the top of the cliffs that tower above the beach so up we went. It is a steep ascent; 138 vertical metres over 350 horizontal metres and took just over 30 minutes and the view from the top was great.



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After descending we drove to Mangakuri Beach, had lunch and then walked north towards Kairakau. At first we walked along a sandy beach but that soon turned to a sea of rocks. The rocky terrain required lots of concentration and was slow going and after 30 minutes we decided to turn back. The final walk was through the magnificent trees in the Elsthorpe Scenic Reserve. A short 20 minutes' walk but these towering trees there are definitely worth a visit. These 4 short walks filled up our day nicely and we were back at Pukahu around 3.30p.m.

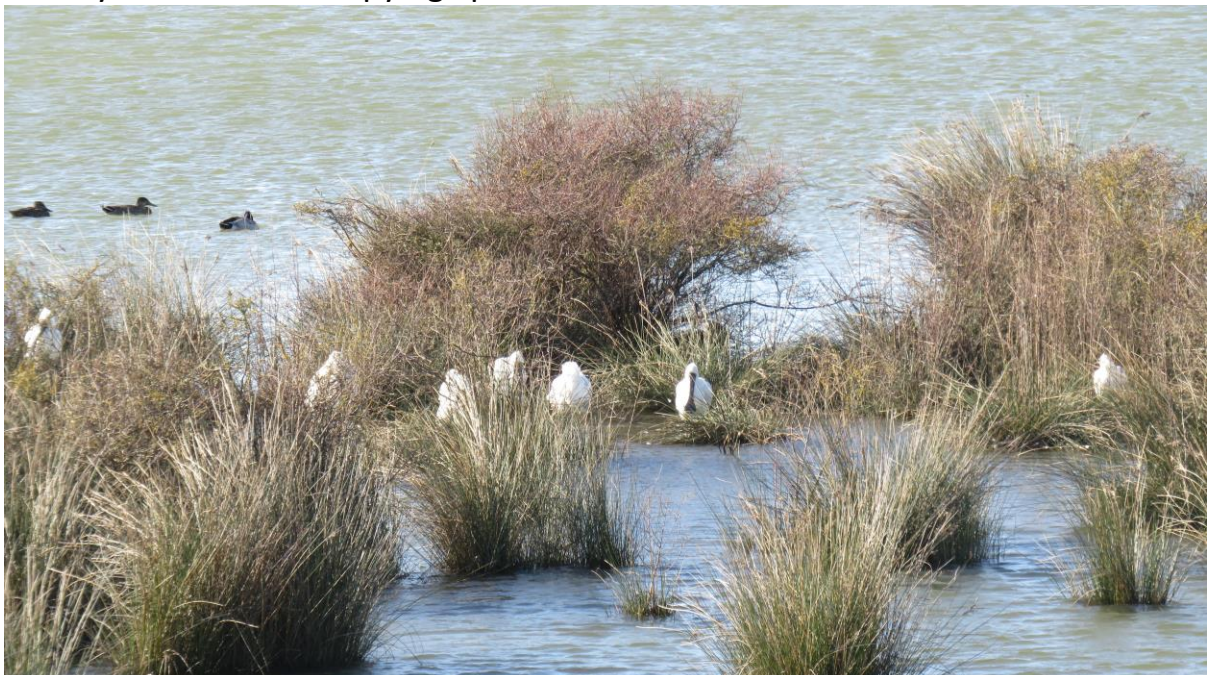
Party: Janice Love, Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Barbara Phillips, Steve Borrett, Juergen Glossklaus and Paula Kasper.

Clive to Haumoana

Wednesday 2 August 2023

After leaving my car at the carpark by the Black Bridge transfer station we all met at the Evers-Swindell Reserve in Clive at 10 AM. There were 5 of us which included John on his first outing with the Club.

We made our way beside the Clive River along the shared pathway to the Muddy Creek wetland spying Spoonbills as we walked.



The wind was fresh, though the stopbank gave us some shelter as we followed the pathway along the coast to the Tukituki River. Walking up the path by the Tukituki River we had a cold head wind and we were pleased when we had crossed the bridge and were heading downstream with the wind at our backs.

There is a new shelter at the start of this section just downstream of the bridge - very tidy with a number of information boards.

We saw more Spoonbills as we approached Haumoana where we took a shortcut through to a coffee shop on Haumoana Road which became our lunch spot. While consuming the very good food available at the shop a southerly squall came through so we sat around for a while waiting for it to pass. However another customer kindly gave me a ride back to my car and I could then return back and transport all to Clive. It had stopped raining by then but it had become much colder and I think all were happy to forgo a cold walk back to the transfer station.

Party: Glenda Hooper, Susan Lopdell, Denise and Lindsay Dalziel and John Simcox.

HTC BIKE TRIPS



Cycle Ride	Camp David	26 April 2023
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Despite a dismal weather forecast an intrepid group of five cyclists left Rodgers place joining up on Mt Erin road with Bronwen.

The weather at this stage was good and we were full of optimism as we sped along quiet country roads to Mutiny road and stopping at the junction with Middle Road.

The wind had now changed and getting quite strong and road works made for slower progress and the dark clouds were looking very ominous so we stopped for a team talk, as rain as forecasted set in.

A collective decision was made to return via the Birdwood Cafe before we got too wet which was appreciated. Camp David can wait for another day.

Party: Christine Hardie, Bronwen Kerr, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Pete Hansen, Rodger Burn (organiser)

Cycle Ride	Local Ride	Wednesday 17 May 2023
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The Weather in Hawkes Bay of late has been quite mixed, not always the best for cycling but today was the exception, 18 degrees and not a breath of wind.

15 hardy cyclists gathered at the NCC Pumping Station in Te Awa Ave at 9 -30 a.m. mainly from Hastings group. A Napier group of four started at Burness Rd at 8-50am and rode to the start point. Christine informed us that her battery was not fully charged, but was determined to complete the ride.

This was a mixture of Pathways and roads and heading to Taradale first. An interesting stop was to look at the Waiohiki Bridge, two complete spans being demolished. Heading for Ahuriri , we chose a mixture of streets (just to confuse the Hastings riders). The water in the harbour was like a millpond, not a ripple.

Adoro was our much appreciated Coffee Stop. Some of the group then split to head home, while the rest cycled along the Parade back to the start

A variation of between 35 & 50 kms was achieved on a very satisfying day out

Riders: Sharon Wellwood ,Pam Pike, Christine Hardie, Rodger Burn , Bronwen Kerr, Des Smith, Graeme Hare, Alasdair Shaw , Joan Ruffell, Lyn Walch, Heather Stephenson, Jonathan & Karen Fry , Ray Manning (Leader)

Cycle Ride	Seafield Road Circuit	Wednesday 12 July
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Another nice Winters 18 degree day for cycling with a turnout of 10 bods. Setting out from HBRC Depot in Guppy Rd,we had two options for the group. (A . Seafield Rd Circuit) or (B. The flat easy ride), destination Snapper Park for rest and a Coffee Stop

The track via Water Ride was not in good condition, water, mud, and pot holes so Graeme and Lynn decided to pair off via the better surfaced pathways. Remainder 8 took the hilly option to Bay View.

To soak up some time, Graeme decided to give Lynn a Tiki Tour of his house at Summerset Retirement Village. Everybody arrived at Snapper Park about the same time.

So the wind started to get up, as predicted, on our return journey

Some took the short way home while others opted for via Marine Parade.
An enjoyable Day of up to 54 kms

Cyclists: Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Peter Hansen, Graham Hare, Joan Ruffell, Des Smith, Peter Hewett, Lynn Walch, Alasdair Shaw, Ray Manning ,
(Trip Leader)

Cycle Ride	Otane – Tikokino	Wednesday 19th July 2023
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Cycling Route: McCauley's Café, Otane, Argyll East Rd, Tikokino Rd, Tikokino Township, Yeoman's Mill Clearing, Makaroro River. Returned to Otane via Wakarara Rd, Makaroro Rd, Tikokino Rd, Waipawa Township, Racecourse Rd, & White Rd.

Five of us keen cyclists arrived at McCauley's Café, Otane, and started our ride at 09:30 hrs, in perfectly calm and sunny weather conditions. There was still evidence of an overnight frost on the shady sections of the roadside. This encouraged us to keep moving along at a reasonable speed in order to warm up. There is a steady climb to the highest point on Argyll Rd, so we regrouped at the summit before descending to the Argyll East School.

From there, it was all nice flat cycling conditions all the way to Tikokino, along The Brow Rd, and Tikokino Rd. We checked out the Tikokino Hotel to see if it was open for business before deciding on where we would stop for our lunch break. Judging by the line-up of half a dozen or more local cars parked up outside the pub at 11:30 in the morning, it was doing a brisk business. It was nice to see all this local support for their community pub, as H50 is still closed at the northern end of the Waipawa River Bridge. The normal heavy thru-flow traffic along H50 has all but disappeared.

We eventually decided to have our early lunch break at the local Tikokino, Holden Rd, public amenities area, where there was a suitable picnic table for us to use. Despite our lunch spot looking a bit neglected, we enjoyed relaxing with our hot drinks and nibbles there, whilst having a good catch-up and deciding on our return routes back to Otane.

Rodger, Peter, and Christine, decided to return to Otane in a relatively direct route, via H50, Makaroro Rd, Tikokino Rd, Waipawa Township etc. However, Des and Carolyn had another "Cunning Plan" They were intending to try and get to the other side of the Waipawa River and return via Ongaonga, by crossing two more bridges upstream from the closed H50 Waipawa River Bridge.

They both set off from Tikokino at around 13:30hrs and rode over the hilly gravel section of Holden Rd, before dropping back down onto Makaroro Rd. Riding in a westerly direction along Makaroro Rd towards the Ruahine Ranges on a nice sunny day, is simply stunning. In many of the roadside paddocks, there are large numbers of domesticated red deer. Some of the paddocks have well established native bush growing in them, making it a very natural environment to view the deer. They can be observed at very close quarters, as you ride quietly past them. If you use your imagination, it is almost like riding thru a wild game park, with views of deer peacefully grazing at every turn of the track. Well, sort of...

As we moved steadily on along Makaroro Rd enjoying the sun on our backs, we eventually had to descend steeply, and ride over the Makaroro River Bridge. There had recently been a massive, unstable looking landslide that had come down right across a large section of the tar-sealed road. At 14:00hrs in the afternoon, the steep section of road was in full shade. With the road covered in a film of mud and loose debris from the slip above the road, it looked extremely slippery, quite dangerous to cycle down.

However, we both managed to make the decent to the bridge without incident. The Makaroro River Bridge was O.K. to cross, but there was evidence that it had sustained significant Cyclone Gabrielle damage, with a recently repaired washout on the far-side. After crossing the bridge, we stopped at the intersection of Makaroro Rd and Wakarara Rd to further discuss and finalize our respective options.

After checking the ebike battery level, and finding that it was getting lower than she was comfortable with, Carolyn decided to take the shortest route back to Otane. After turning left at the intersection, and continuing down the road a short distance, she found that the Waipawa River Bridge was impassable.

This was where our "Cunning Plan" completely unravelled on us, because on the Pendle Hill side of this Waipawa River Bridge, the concrete abutment had been completely washed away by cyclone Gabrielle. There was a very deep, gaping chasm, several metre wide, at the far end of the bridge. Carolyn had to abort our "Cunning Plan" to do the Ongaonga loop circuit back to Otane that we had both intended to do.

We had previously discussed the possibility of not being able to cross one of these two bridges, so to be honest, it did not come as any great surprise to either of us, to find that this bridge was still impassable five months after the cyclone had destroyed it.

This simply added to the challenge, and made the return ride even more interesting. It was just a simple matter of executing a plan “B” and ride in the reverse direction back along Makaroro Rd, to H-50, and continue back to Otane. Des executed this same plan “B” route, when he returned several hours later, on his way to Ongaonga, only to find the bridge impassable.



From the intersection of Makaroro Rd and Wakarara Rd, where Carolyn and I had split up, and gone in opposite directions, I continued my ride along Wakarara Rd, past the old Wakarara School camp, Glenny Rd, and on to the new D.O.C. carpark which is opposite Parks Peak Station at the very end of Wakarara Rd.

I continued down the gravelled access track, across what used to be known as the Yeoman’s Mill clearing, and then finally, down to the Makaroro River itself. This area used to be a lovely picturesque camping, picnic spot, but unfortunately it now looks like a bomb site.

All the surrounding pine trees have been cut down, and there are now random piles of forestry slash piled up all over the clearing. There is no trace left of any of the interesting old Yeoman’s Mill buildings, or any remnants of the steam boiler and old discarded sawmilling machinery that used to add so much character to the area.

Where we used to park up the old HTC truck, and head off on our tramps, has been converted into a holding paddock for an assortment of large, mean looking, cattle beasts. One of them was amusing himself by casually pushing a

very large tree stump around the paddock with his massive shoulders, as I cautiously rode past him.

The whole area has been heavily cut up with having the cattle beasts tramping all over it. I realize that it is all private farm land, but it would have been nice to have had it retained as an area that was attractive for public use. The gravel access track from the top D.O.C, carpark area, leading down to the river flats, is in very poor condition. It is looking quite neglected, with no obvious signs of any recent maintenance. With all the pine trees removed from both sides of the access track, the embankments are starting to look quite unstable.

As I started my return ride along the gravelled sections of Wakarara Rd, the forecast strong westerly winds started to come sweeping down off the tops of the Ruahine Ranges. I had one or two exciting moments as the strong crosswinds tried their best to push me sideways and off the road.

There was is a temporary Bailey bridge over the Mangataura Stream that has been put in when Cyclone Gabrielle badly damaged the old concrete Mangataura Stream Bridge. The approaches to the old bridge have been completely washed away.



Apart from finding out that the Waipawa River bridge was badly damaged at its Pendle Hill end, the return trip back to Otane was uneventful. I returned to my vehicle parked at Otane just on dusk, at around 17:30hrs. There was 17% of my battery power remaining, the distance covered was 108km, and the actual ride took 5hrs 4minutes.

My well-earned cuppa tea and sandwich tasted pretty good. As I sat on my camp stool beside the car reflecting on my days ride, I could not believe how much traffic there was buzzing up and down the main street of Otane. There

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are obviously a lot of locals coming home from their places of work at 18:00 hrs. I also noticed that there were several old wooden houses, with columns of thick grey smoke, from their open fireplaces, billowing up into the cold night air. Another good hard frost tonight, I mused...

Although it was a little disappointing that we could only muster five people to do this ride, it turned out to be a very enjoyable outing for all who participated. Thanks to everyone who came along and shared the good weather and companionship.

D.S.

Cyclist: Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Peter Hansen, Carolyn Catt, Des Smith (Organizer)

Obituary

Pauline Mahoney [1946-2023]



Pauline Mahoney [1946-2023] joined the mid-week group nearly ten years ago and participated on both tramps and cycle rides with us. She already had outdoor experience throughout New Zealand and her ability as a specialist nurse was extremely useful on at least two occasions when other party members suffered injury or collapse.

Pauline also had a track record of overseas trekking usually with her husband Brien and tramping friends to such places as the Himalayan region. The most memorable one was the subject of a club presentation: a mid-1980s trek that they were part of in the Annapurna region [familiar to many HTC members] was overcome by a snowstorm at high altitude. When one trekker developed cerebral oedema, help was sought but an avalanche en route to Jomson resulted in the deaths of four Sherpas. The bulk of the party remained stranded for several days but everyone else was eventually rescued. Once back in NZ, the Four Sherpa Trust was set up to commemorate and assist the families of the dead Sherpas, and for many years raised money to this end as well as for such things as rescue equipment for the Himalayan Rescue Association.

For nearly 20 years, Pauline and Brien also ran a not-for-profit travel organisation that contracted to the giant American company, Road Scholar, to cater for mostly retired people who wanted small group trips of natural and cultural value all over the world. In NZ these trips ran in the summer seasons and ranged from bird-watching to gardens to tramping/kayaking/rafting and other outdoor activities all over the country. Pauline organised the lot and there were usually a couple of dozen trips every time. She had to do ALL bookings for transport, accommodation, eating as well as DoC permits all of which require endless patience plus loads of phone time. Those of us who were involved close-up know what a colossal job it was and, in the early days, Pauline was still working!

Sadly, over the last few years, Pauline suffered health downturns that severely affected her life. She was diagnosed with amyloidosis [look it up, she used to say] and had to endure heavy duty medical interventions which she rarely complained about. A very accomplished woman and we miss her.

Christine Hardie

Club and Committee News

We welcome Denise and Lindsay Dalziel to the Club, they first came out with us on the Te Angi Angi tramp and have been out with us a few times since.



There has been a few changes on our committees; Anthea has resigned from all committees due to too many other commitments, Nic has joined the Fixtures subcommittee and Daniel has taken the lead on the Meetings subcommittee.

Eleven mattress covers have been purchased for Howletts Hut because DOC deemed the old ones did not meet their fire safety requirements. We are hoping that they and the fire bricks will be flown in before the Club trip in September.

Robsons Lodge is currently not able to be used due to damage from the cyclone so we have decided to delay the training weekend that we were to have in September. We hope to reschedule this in February.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Pauline Mahoney. Pauline joined the Club in 2012 and was a regular Wednesday walker and cyclist over the following 8 years. To Brien, her husband, we send our sincere condolences.

The Annual General meeting is on the 15 Nov immediately after the usual club meeting

ITEMS for SALE

The club has a number of useful tramping items for sale at discounted prices.

New Topo 50 Maps: \$5.00

Smaller white pack liners \$2.50

Metal HTC club badges \$8.00

Blue HTC caps \$17.00

Safety in the Mountains \$5.00

These all can be ordered from Penny Isherwood Ph: 0272669279 or

Email: p.isherwood@orcon.net.nz

Orders are collated in batches to save on courier charges so you may not get your maps straight away.

Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Chairperson	Speaker and Topic	Host/Supper
9 Aug	Anthea Chiappa	Photo Competition	H – Janice Love S – Nic Walkerdine
23 Aug	Colin Jones	Open Night	H – Anne Doig S – Daniel Haddock
6 Sept	Simon Whittam	Susan Lopdell Tasmania	H – Anne Cantrick S – Pam Turner
20 Sept.	Nic Walkerdine	Open Night	H-Marion Nicholson S- Liz Pinder
4 Oct.	Janice Love	Marie Taylor, Plant Hawkes Bay, <i>Te Araroa- Northland Section</i>	H-Jude Hay S-Penny Isherwood
18 Oct.	Daniel Haddock	Open Night	H-Fred Chesterman S-Clint Beckett
1 Nov.	Anne Doig	Hastings/Havelock North Forest and Bird, <i>Our 3 main Projects</i>	H-Anne Doig S-John Montgomerie
15 Nov	Simon Whittam	A.G.M.	H- Joan Ruffell S-Paula Kaspar
29 Nov.	Pam Turner	Open Night	H-Daniel Haddock S-Janice Love
6 Dec.	Lex Smith	Emma Greg, FMC executive, Palmerston North, <i>Projects/ my favourite tramp</i>	H-Nic Walkerdine S-Simon Whittam

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20 Dec.	Graeme Hare	Christmas Party	H-Susan Lopdell S-Anthea Chiappa
17 Jan.	Alan Peterson	Open Night	H-Brett Hickey S-Alan Berry

Meeting Sub Committee: We want ideas for club night speakers and activities.

Supper: Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy. Sweep floors, check that heaters are off at the end of the meeting. Do not drag the furniture as it marks the floor.

ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

If we are going to enjoy our weekend tramping and not hold up the rest of the party we need a reasonable level of fitness, the sort of fitness that would allow us to wander around on Te Mata Peak or the Taradale hills for five or six hours with an eight kilogram pack. If you take a few hill walks you will soon recognise whether you have the core fitness to manage a trip into the ranges or whether you would be better to do some training beforehand. Wednesday walks are not so serious but again, you need a moderate level of fitness to keep up with the team.

It is important too that we all acknowledge any health issues that might cause problems on a trip. If in doubt, we should talk with the trip leader beforehand to understand the level of difficulty on the trip and make sure you are aware of possible issues.

Trip Gradings

EASY ^(E) 4-5 hours tramping – suitable for beginners

MEDIUM ^(M) 5-7 hours tramping – suitable for those with some experience

HARD ^(H) 8 hours + tramping – more experience and a high level of fitness and confidence, including coping with adverse conditions is necessary.

GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS		
DAY TRIPS		WEEKEND TRIPS
Wear/Carry	Carry	
Pack and pack liner	Map & compass	All items listed for day trip plus
Boots and gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping bag
Socks	At least a litre of water	Sleeping mat
Parka and over-trou	Lunch	Food for three additional meals
Fast-drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or woollen jumper	Torch, spare batteries	Cooker, billy and matches or lighter
Long-johns & singlet	Sunscreen	Plate, mug, cutlery

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Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Additional warm clothes
Gloves/mittens/ Overmitts	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches, pencil, paper)	Toilet gear, small towel and toilet paper
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	Tent/fly if required
Cell Phone/money		
Medication		
Leave at vehicle: Complete set of clothing for the return		

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 contact” people listed below if a trip 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 ring one of the following:

Graeme Hare 844 8656 Glenda Hooper 877 4183 Simon Whittam 027 595 4567

TRIP LIST 2023

- ❖ Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons.
- ❖ Please note that the costs indicated below are just the contribution towards fuel. There may be additional costs such as hut fees, access fees, koha etc. and these must be met by those participating on the tramp.

For pre-trip enquiries contact the organiser or Simon Whittam 027 595 4567.

Please email trip requests to tramphtc@gmail.com



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

PLB on every trip: organisers need to ensure a PLB is included for each tramping party.

12 - 13 Aug Naenae Track and Makairo Track ^(M) \$25 Maps: BN34 & BM36

The Naenae Track is situated in the northern Tararua Range west of Mangamaire near the Pahiatua Track. The plan is to walk up the track to the Otangane Loop track and walk part or all of the loop before returning back to Naenae Road. On Sunday we drive to the west side of the Makairo Track in the Waewaepa Reserve and walk through to the saddle and back. We will probably spend Saturday night in cabins at Pahiatua.

Organisers: Simon Whittam 027 5954 567 and Peter Berry 877 4183

Wednesday - 09 Aug - CHB: Argyll East Circuit

Up College Road to Argyll East and then through the back way to Waipawa on sealed roads.

Leader: Alasdair Shaw 06 8776225

Wednesday - 16 Aug - Cycle from Clive to Clifton or Bay View

Always an enjoyable outing cycling beside the sea; destination to be decided on the day.

Leader: Roy Frost 021 02384519

Wednesday - 16 August Ad Hoc Tramp

The tramp location will be decided the Monday, before based on weather forecasts and who is keen to go. Email tramphtc@gmail.com by the Sunday to register your interest

Wednesday - 23 Aug - Cycle Havelock Hills

On roads and a bit of cycleway through Hastings environs and Havelock North heights.

Leader: Rodger Burn 06 8776322

27 Aug. Sparrowhawk^(H) / Gold Creek ^(E) \$15 Maps: BK36 & BK37

OPTION A ^(H) Walk through Hall's farm, up the Makaroro River to the start of the track to Sparrowhawk Bivy and return same way.

OPTION B ^(E): Walk through Hall's Farm and climb up onto Gold Creek ridge. Walk up the ridge track before descending down the track to the river and Gold Creek Hut. Return the same way.

Organisers: Simon Whittam 027 5954 567 & Glenda Hooper 877 4183

Wednesday - 30 Aug - HTC Anniversary Ride

Commemorate the founding of HTC in 1935 with a ride somewhere out of town; at #88 it's a lucky day

Christine Hardie 06 8449590

Wednesday - 06 Sept Te Mata Park

The icon of Havelock North: investigate any recent plantings and enjoy a few good hill workouts.

Leader: Janice Love 06 8775442

9 - 10 Sept Howletts Hut ^(M-H)**\$15****Map: BL36**

To Our club hut. From Kashmir Road car park via Daphne Hut and from there up to Howletts. Weather permitting back out via the tops through the Oroua and Pohangina saddles past Longview Hut. Those wanting an easier tramp can do a return trip to Daphne Hut.

Organiser: John Montgomerie 877 7358

Wednesday - 13 Sept Cycling Crownthorpe/Ohiti

Our usual route is to the church and back but this time we are offering a variation via Ohiti Road – main highway cycling involved

Leader: Rodger Burn - 06 8776322

13 September Wednesday Ad Hoc Tramp

The tramp location will be decided the Monday, before based on weather forecasts and who is keen to go. Email tramphtc@gmail.com by the Sunday to register your interest

Wednesday - 20 Sept CHB Cycle

Start at Otane then head along roads east towards Porangahau or south to Waipawa or both. A mix of flatland and hills

Leader: Des Smith 022 3706118

23 - 24 Sept Okahu Road end, Whirinaki^(ME)**\$35 Map:****BG39**

Drive through Reporoa onto SH38, turning into Okahu Road. From car park walk into Skips or Rogers Huts for the night. Fitter group may wish to walk to Mangakahika Hut. Returning same way.

Organisers: Jude Hay 0275174275 and Susan Lopdell 06 844 6697

Sunday 24 September - Daylight Savings Begins**Wednesday - 27 Sept - Mystery Ride**

Quite likely to be in the Napier/Taradale area.

Leader: Lynn Walch - 066506965

Wednesday - 04 Oct - Limestone Rocks

Frolic among the impressive formations inland from Lake Tutira; we hope it won't have to be postponed again.

Leader: Pete Hewitt - 06 8775188

8 Oct Wakarara Range - Poutaki Hut^(M) \$15 Map: BK37

A delightful tramp that begins by travelling through the Gwava forest towards the end of Leatherwood Road that is the beginning of the Poutaki Hut track. An estimated 4 hour return tramp that takes in a small stream and which climbs steeply up a rocky spur till the ridge is reached. Along the way we should have many view points out to the Ruahine range and farms. Aiming to eat lunch at Poutaki Hut before our return tramp down we should also be able to see much flora and fauna along the way.

Organiser: volunteer needed

Wednesday - 11 Oct - Flaxmere Parks and Reserves Cycle

Flat road riding for all: a guided tour round the streets of this large suburb and a look at the many reserves.

Leader: Scott Campbell - 06 8798554

Wednesday - 18 Oct - Kereru Kingdom

Start at Maraekakaho and choose the route we prefer: Kereru, Aorangi or Whakapirau; sealed roads unless you do the circuit.

Leader: Pete Hansen - 022 6210560

18 Oct Wednesday - Ad Hoc Tramp

The tramp location will be decided the Monday, before based on weather forecasts and who is keen to go. Email tramphtc@gmail.com by the Sunday to register your interest

20 - 23 Oct Southern Ruapehu^(MH) \$30 Maps BJ34 BJ35

Party A: From Ohakune Mountain Road, walk into the Whanganui Club's Mangaturuturu hut (3hr return) and drive down road to walk into Blyth Hut for Friday night. Saturday continue around the Mountain to Mangaheuheu hut. Sunday night at Rangipo hut and Monday walk out to the Tukino road.

Organisers: Susan Lopdell 06 844 6697 & Jude Hay 027 517 4275

Party B:^(EM) options:- Your choice of the old coach road into Viaduct, Mangaturuturu/ Blyth and Mangaheuheu huts over the weekend. Monday driving around to the Tukino Road to collect other party.

Organiser: Anne Doig 06 878 8694

Wednesday - 25 Oct Camp David [Aratika] Ride

Can start riding in Havelock North on the flat and go over the hills and far away to the camp or maybe start at Mutiny Road and go to Patangata. Back by the same route.

Leader: Rodger Burn - 06 8776322

Wednesday - 01 Nov Blowhard Bush

Fingers crossed for a windless day! Always a good walk through the lovely forest to the scrubby top. Interesting rock formations too

Leader: Joan Ruffell - 06 8776225

5 Nov Boundary Stream ^(E-M)

\$15

Map: BH39

Walk the Kamahi Loop track from Pohokura Road (2 hours) then drive up the road to the Bell Rock car park. Walk in to Bell Rock initially through a forest of broadleaf, horopito, fuchsia and matai then over farmland to Bell Rock. Enjoy these magnificent geological formations then return back over the farmland land past the Titi (Cooks Petrel) aviary followed by a short walk along the road.

Organiser: Glenda Hooper 877 4183

Wednesday - 08 Nov CHB Selection

Start in Waipukurau and follow the trails out of town and over the roads to Takapau.

Leader: Des Smith - 022 3706118

Wednesday - 15 Nov Maraetotara Valley

Start from Fred's farm if permitted and go to Mohi Bush along the roads; check on the pest control that we installed some years ago.

Leader: Christine Hardie - 06 8449590

15 Nov - Wednesday - Ad Hoc Tramp

The tramp location will be decided the Monday, before based on weather forecasts and who is keen to go. Email tramphtc@gmail.com by the Sunday to register

18 - 19 Nov - Cairn trip^(M-H)

\$Free

Map: BJ37

This is our annual pilgrimage to the highest point in the Kaweka Range to remember the 11 club members who died during or just after WW2. It is currently down as weekend tramp due to the uncertainty of access to Makahu Saddle. The actual route will be determined closer to the day.

Organiser: Simon Whittam 0275 954567

Wednesday 22 Nov - Cycle from Pakowhai Park

Hopefully the trails will be cleared by now. If not, we will go somewhere else.

Leader: TBD

Sunday 26 Nov - Hazmobile

Regional Sports Park

Organiser: Graeme Hare 0274 735328

Wednesday - 29 Nov - Tukituki Circuit

From Clive to Black Bridge and beyond or maybe the other way round from Havelock North. Roads and cycleways.

Leader: Joan Ruffell - 06 8776225

3 Dec Tauhara^(E)

\$20

Map: BG36

Tauhara is the large hill that can be seen in the NW as you pass Iwatahi going to Taupo on SH 5. The track to the Tauhara summit is about 3 km long with a 531 m ascent and a return tramp takes about 2 1/2 hours. There is a wonderful view at the top. To complete the days walking we will also take a walk in Opepe Bush, either a 1.5 km loop on the northern side of SH5 or a 3 km loop on the southern side.

Organisers: Peter Berry 877 4183 Paula Kasper 021 1706 254

Wednesday - 06 Dec - Bell Rock or Shine Falls

As long as the roads are okay we can check out either of these top Hawke's Bay spots north of Napier.

Leader: TBD

Wednesday - 13 Dec - End-of-Year Ride

Participants can choose their favourite cycle ride to revisit or maybe someone has something new! Happy Xmas, everyone

Leader: Santa Claus

17 December Christmas trip at Tutira^(E)

\$15

Map BJ39

Our last outing for 2023. Options walk the Tutira walkway loop - a trail passing through farmland and bush with great views, walk shorter walks, bring a canoe and have a paddle. All can enjoy a picnic lunch by the lake side.

Organisers: Janice Love 877 5442 and Joan Ruffell 877 6225

2024

January - Organised rides usually start late in the month [Jan 24th or 30th]. Informal cycles before then can be arranged by anyone who is keen

7 Jan Porangahau Beach ^(E) **\$15 Maps** **BM38 & BM39**
 Low tide at Porangahau Beach is just after 1.30pm. This will give us plenty of time to walk to the beach via the access from Blackhead Road and then head north, past Blackhead Point, toward Blackhead. The remains of the Maroro, a ship which ran aground in 1927, maybe evident just before the point and last time we saw fur seals just past the point.
Organiser: Anne Doig 878 8694

13 - 14 Jan **Putara Road^(E-H)** **\$25**
 Spend a weekend beside the Mangatainoka River. Fishing and walking options - more details in the December Pohokura

21 Jan - Khyber Pass^(E) or Tarn Bivvy^(H) **\$15** **Map BL36**
 Two options for the day both starting from the end of Mill Road assuming we have a summer this year.
 First the tougher option, walk up the Tukituki River to the Rosvells track, Ascend Black Ridge to Tarn Bivy and inspect its quaint open air loo before returning the same way.
 In the second and easier option, walk downstream on the river bank and in northern reaches of the Tuki Tuki River to the Khyber Pass. A pleasant way to spend a warm summer's day with a picturesque Khyber Pass as the reward.
Organisers: Nic Walkerdine 020 4130 5354 Anne Doig 06 8788694

Advance notice

Waitangi weekend - 3-6 Feb: Mangapura - Bridge to Nowhere.

Drive to road end at Ruatiti and walk to the landing and the iconic Bridge to Nowhere. A valley which was opened up and land offered to returned servicemen after WW1 - unfortunately very harsh conditions forced settlers off the land. There are no huts on this walk, so tents are required.

Note: Waitangi Day 6 February 2024 is a Tuesday