



Peninsula Tramping Club (Inc)

FOOTNOTES

August 2021

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New Member Enquiries: Contact **Stan Wilder, 260 2340**, to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters.

Our Club

The PTC caters for people of all ages who tramp for recreation. We run trips regularly, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. In addition to the monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are also held every month.

Club Nights

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St. and Oxford Terrace)** at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 Aug



Glaciation

Dr Heather Purdie from the University of Canterbury will talk about the current state of New Zealand glaciers with a focus on the implications of the current rapid glacial recession on recreation and tourism.

Tuesday 14 Sept



The Summit Road Society's Ohinetahi Reserve

Anne Kennedy will get down to the nuts and bolts of how the Ohinetahi Work Party each Tuesday, year-round, maintaining and steadily improving the 150 hectare Ohinetahi Reserve which extends from above Governors Bay to Crater Rim. Maintenance includes the never-ending battle against pest plants.

Social Events

Wednesday
18 August



Heathcote River Loop, Magic Masala

This circular walk along the Heathcote River takes us through Risingholme and Hansen Park. Depart from **Magic Masala Indian restaurant** at **6pm**, getting back to the restaurant at **7pm**. The restaurant is at 132A Opawa Rd, on the corner of Hawford Rd. Parking on Hawford Rd. Reasonable prices. We've reserved a table for 18 people. Book for the meal by noon on Monday 16 August.

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President's Notes

It's great to see the daylight hours gradually lengthening again - more hours to have fun in our great outdoors.

Exec received one good idea from a member about how to use Leo Manders' bequest. We are hoping that many members will be discussing ways of using the \$10,000 (a great topic for discussion in mountain huts or during lunch stops) and will forward more suggestions to us.

Soon you will all be receiving an email with our **Emergency Guide** document attached. This outlines when you should activate a PLB, how to assist the rescuers with information and observations, how to prepare for a helicopter rescue and safe practice around helicopters. Please all read this document carefully. I suggest you save this document on your mobile phone and know how to access it quickly in an emergency. A copy will also be placed in every club first aid kit. Having a black and white checklist of what to do in a very stressful situation should be a great help to the people managing it.

Go well and go safely

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Membership: We welcome **Pauline Watson** to the club

Quail/Otamahua Planting Day Saturday 7 Aug

We're helping to re-forest the island. Numbers limited to fifteen for this worthwhile outing. Spades provided. Take gardening gloves and the usual things you'd take on a day trip. Meet at 9am on the Diamond Harbour jetty. Meet 9am at the Lyttelton—Diamond Harbour jetty. Email Stan Wilder, sswilder54@gmail.com phone 260 2340



Deadline for the Sept newsletter: Please send trip reports, notices, etc. to Kerry Moore moorekj@xtra.co.nz by Sunday 29 August

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday, 24 August

TRIPS

Day Trips

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. Our website www.ptc.nz has maps of these meeting places. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, or if the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip.

Weekend Trips

May leave on a Friday night (usually for base camps) or Saturday morning. Please book with the trip leader by the closing date. Be certain you want to go on the trip when booking, as it is not fair on the leader to withdraw after the closing date (good excuses excepted). Numbers on some weekend trips are limited, so book promptly.

Bike Trips

The Club has a mountain biking section, '**Fat Tyre Fanatics**', that heads out on casual day-trips throughout the year. For details about club biking trips, contact **Chris Leaver** 03 322 6445, or newptc75@gmail.com.

- Saturday** [Quail Isl planting](#)
7 Aug **Stan Wilder 260 2340**
● A short day of planting. Tools and transport provided. Take garden gloves if you have them. Meet on the Lyttelton--Diamond Harbour jetty at 0900. Launch leaves Q Isl at 3.30pm
Names to Stan by Thursday 5th Aug
- Sun** [Manuka Hut](#)
8 Aug **Diane Dixon 359 9170**
● Lake Emily to Manuka Hut – an easy 10km round trip in Hakatere Conservation Park
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat,Sun** [Carlyle Hut](#)
14-15 Aug **Kevin and Heather Hughes 332 6281 ptc@nivek.co.nz**
●● Easy-moderate tramp up Carlyle Stream to this unusual hut on Glenhope Station, below the Poplars Range
Book by 8 Aug
- Sun-Wed** [Ice Lake](#)
15 Aug **Raymond Ford 022 318 0872**
●●●● A fairly rugged, moderate walk to Butler Hut then to Top Butler and Ice Lake
Book by 8 Aug
- Saturday** [Sugarloaf](#)
14 Aug **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
● An easy-moderate climb up 1359m Sugarloaf near Cass
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Saturday** [Doctors Hills](#)
21 Aug **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
● So-named because a local doctor used to wander there, this easy trip inland from Waikari gives views of Pyramid Valley and Moa Swamp
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- Sun** [Mt Manson](#)
22 Aug **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
● This moderate trip starts from the Craigieburn Ski Road. The vehicular hight gain makes for a short, steep climb to this 1860m peak at the northern end of the Craigieburn Range. Snow may be present, so take an ice-axe.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat,Sun** [Rough Creek--Lake Christabel](#)
28-29 Aug **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
●● Moderate trip up Rough Creek near Lewis Pass to Lake Christabel Hut.
Book by 22Aug
- Sun** [Christchurch 360 Dunes and Wetlands](#)
29 Aug **Helen Harkness 384 2890**
● This 16km sector of the **Christchurch 360 Trail** will commence at Pages Road and finish at Lower Styx Road.
Meet at 8.30am at the corner of Pages and Wairoa Road, by the Pages Road bridge into New Brighton.

- Sat,Sun** [Youngman Stream Hut](#)
4-5 Sep **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●● Easy-moderate tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in the upper Ashley. We will exit via Lillburne Hill and Tarn Hut
Book by 29 Aug
- Sun** [Hinewai](#)
5 Sep **Norman Burden 021 0228 9141, normanrichardburden@hotmail.co.nz**
● This easy-moderate trip visits a 980ha botanical reserve occupying most of Otanerito Valley in south-east Banks Peninsula. The area has over 12km of tracks and is privately managed for the protection and restoration of native vegetation and wildlife
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- Sun** [Foggy Peak, Castle Hill Peak](#)
5 Sep **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
● A popular pilgrimage to 1741m Foggy Peak and on to 1998m Castle Hill Peak if you feel energetic. EM, M if you go up CHP.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat, Sun** [Kaikoura Base](#)
11-12 Sep **Names to Diane Mellish 337 5530**
●● Lots of options in this area such as a day climb of Mt Fyffe or easy walks around the peninsula
Book by 29 Aug
- Sun** [Mt Philistine](#)
12 Sep **Raymond Ford 022 318 0872**
● Alpine climb, starts from a carpark just over Arthurs Pass, ice axes and crampons essential.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat - Fri** [Abel Tasman tracks](#)
Variable **Names to Alison Maccoll 021 023 233 693 by 30 Sept**
●●● Marahau to Totaranui via Inland Track Then return either on water taxi or walk the Coastal Track – 3 or 6 days leave Fri pm
Register your interest early so preferred options can be sorted out.
- Sun** [Brasenose--Flag Pk--Stony Bay Peak](#)
19 Sept **awaiting leader**
● The cars do the hard work so the effort to climb 785m Brasenose is minimal. We skirt a pine forest to reach Flag Peak then get on a nice ridge track to reach 806m Stony Bay Peak
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- Sun** [Mt Oxford, East Spur circuit](#)
19 Sept **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
● A moderate walk from Mountain House car park on a good track to this prominent 1364m hill overlooking the plains
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

- Sat,Sun** [Discovery Stream--Sudden Valley](#)
25-26 Sep **Peter Umers 359 9118**
 ●● A moderate-hard circuit up the Hawdon Rr and Discovery Stream to camp above a waterfall. On day 2 we go along the Polar Range to descend into Sudden Valley and back to the Hawdon
Book by 19 Sept
- Sun** [Og Gog Magog](#)
26 Sept **Graeme Nicholas 357 0047**
 ● These Ogs come in a row and they all line up so we can knock them off in one easy-moderate walk. We'll be looking into the Waimak Rr before it reaches the gorgy section.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat,Sun** [Mt Arthur--Flora Hut loop](#)
2-3 Oct **Awaiting leader, names to Diane Mellish 337 5530**
 ●● A popular moderate circuit in karst country with rock shelters, an open tussock plateau and tops with superb views, combine to make this an interesting tramp
Register your interest by mid Sept
- Sun** [3 Peaks of Binser](#)
3 Oct **Awaiting leader, names to Diane Mellish 337 5530**
 ● Moderate-hard trip in the south-east corner of Arthurs Pass National Park. We go up the Binser track to the saddle before turning south up a spur. The route is then unmarked through bush and onto the open tops. There are three peaks, ranging from 1753m to 1860m with a deep saddle between the low and middle peak. Possible round-trip depending on conditions. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat-Mon** [East Hawdon--Mt Valiant](#)
9-11 Oct **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ●●● A moderate trip over 3 days to East Hawdon Biv and on to Mt Valiant. We could return along Savannah Range to Woolshed Hill
book by 3 Oct

TRIP REPORTS

Cockayne Alley Track – Cuckoo Creek Track

Sunday 11 July 2021

On a fine frosty morning our carload drove along Texas Flat, parked near the northern access to Hogsback Track and headed up the Cheeseman Ski Road, looking for the start of the Cockayne Alley Track. We didn't see a DoC sign but found a little track that got us on the right path. The ground crunched as we climbed up this forest track. It was hard to resist breaking the ice on puddles we came to. Near point 1265 we stopped amidst tussock and scrub for a cuppa and admired the view towards the Torlesse Range. Pushing on, the tussock track was quite flat and led to the ski road which we went down for about 1km. Much of the road was in forest, shaded and cold so we held-out for a sunny lunch spot. At Cuckoo Creek we stopped in full sunshine as a threesome and their border collie dog arrived, complaining about the vicious spaniards on the untracked shortcut they'd taken. The track takes its name from Cuckoo Creek and much of it is in forest, so fairly frigid. One little bridge had a thick patch of ice above the anti-skid netting which Kerry skated on but he managed to stay upright. Halfway down we passed the track junction leading to Dracophyllum Flat. The lower part of our track has lots of dracophyllum too. Thawed, sunny spots had sticky clay underfoot. 300m away, smoke rose from the huts at the ice-skating rink. We reached the car by 2pm so had plenty of time for a shop stop at Springfield. We were: **Dan Pryce, Kyung Sang Lee, Peter Umers and Kerry Moore** 🏔️ KM



On the Cheeseman Ski Road. The literal high-point of the walk

Mount Cheeseman Sun 18th July 2021

On the Friday, the Metservice forecast hadn't improved, so after a bit of dithering I put out a Communicator message cancelling the trip. I hate doing that when the situation isn't black and white. And then Saturday's forecast improved marginally. What to do? Better to try and then give up, rather than muse for days afterwards that maybe it would have been ok. So, I fired out another email. It's all on again folks!

Cheeseman – Izard round trip in winter should be scheduled for a 7am meet. It had been in Footnotes in error for 8am and I only brought it forward to 7.30am. Either way, no one turned up at Church Corner. Probably serves me right for cancelling too early. So, off to Sheffield to meet Rich and Lisa, then on to Texas Flat.

We started with a fair amount of cloud around but not much wind, despite the forecast. What snow there was, was at a higher level, so the first leg up from Hogs Back and on to the 1552m spur, was straightforward. Rich and Lisa were familiar with the area, but not in snow season, so for them, we were about to expand their horizons. Once up to the snow, as expected, it was a single layer and soft. Rich plugged the steps all the way, yes ALL the way, in 40cm-plus deep snow. After the slow plug, we arrived on the top ridge at 1.05pm in mostly sunny, almost calm conditions, so could stop right there for lunch. Yes, this was definitely the place to be. Continuing down in the dip and around to Izard wasn't an option, because of the soft snow and the time factor, but we were happy. At 1.45pm we set off to retrace our steps, pleased we had those steps to follow as the cloud closed in somewhat, eventually turning to light snow, then light rain, as we got to Hogs Back.

At the vehicle before 4.30pm and back to Sheffield at 5.10pm, we were happy with our day out despite the limited snow conditions, and pleased the weather cooperated.

We were: **Rich & Lisa Ainley and Merv Meredith.** 🌲 MM



Woodills Track--Currys Reserve—Purple Peak Track Sunday 25 July 2021

Our five walked from the Akaroa Recreation Ground car park to the north end of Rue Lavaud and up Woodills Rd to get onto Woodills Track, stopping to pick up damp walnuts from the many trees along the way. We admired the profusion of healthy young kawakawas and noted that the ageing macrocarpas are being culled. At Heritage Park we stopped in a useful shelter, out of the brisk NE wind for a cuppa. This park is a real treasure and is accessible from Long Bay Road.



The view from Heritage Park shelter

Skirting an air-strip we stopped to observe a macrocarpa milling operation before heading into the excellent Curry Reserve. The reserve has some choice podocarps and informative labels. A 2-minute side trip took us to the house site where Frank Worsley's family lived. We found a sheltered spot for lunch on Browntop Saddle then walked to Brocherie Flat on the Otanerito Bay side of Purple Peak. At the windy saddle below the clouded-in Stony Bay Peak we chose to head down the Purple Peak Track to Akaroa, away from the buffeting wind. After a café stop on Rue Lavaud, Kyung Sang drove us back to the city. This is an excellent circuit, suggested and reconnoitred by Sue Piercey. Sue was set to lead us but acquired a cold, so handed the task to Diane. Many thanks Sue and Di.

We were: **Diane Mellish, Kyung Sang Lee, Joanna Frampton, John Robinson and Kerry Moore.** 🌲 KM



We head down to Akaroa. Photo by John Robinson