



Monthly newsletter of PTC. Affiliate of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

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OUR CLUB consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from ‘easy’ to ‘hard’, day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members’ skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.

CLUB NIGHTS are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park (entrance on Riccarton Ave), starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 8 Apr **Transalpine trips in NZ Wilderness areas**
 Nina Dickerhof will be talking about transalpine trips in the Olivine, Hooker, Landsborough and Adams Wilderness areas
Supper Duty: Witold or Dorota Giejsztowt
Tony Greaves or Ann Schofield
David or Siobhan Grimshaw

Tue 13 May **Tramping in Patagonia**
 Ruth Barratt will tell us of her tramping trip to Patagonia in South America. Ruth describes day and multi-day tramps which she undertook in February 2012 in Torres del Paine the National Park of Chile and Los Glaciares National Park, Argentina.
Supper Duty: Jean Hallam
Bill Hambidge
Helen Harkness

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. 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

For up-to-date details on biking trips please contact

Rick Bolch ph 980 5156 email rlbolch@paradise.net.nz

5-7Apr **KOROPUKU - BIG TOPS – TOWNSEND HUT** **Maps K33,BV20,21**

■■■ **Kerry Moore 359 5069**

Sat - Mon A **hard** trip in APNP up the Taramakau past Lake Kaurapataka to Koropuku Hut via Big Tops then on to Townsend Hut and down to the Taramakau.

List closed.

5 April **Wilding Pines Saturday—see Notices**

6 Apr **MT HERBERT FROM PURAU SADDLE** **Maps M36,BX24**

■ **Bruce Cameron 365 8210**

Sun An **easy** walk on the Monument Track to the 919m peninsula high-point starting from about 400m. The route is from Purau Saddle along ridge, over Little Herbert to big Herbert then down Diamond Harbour track exiting onto a spur past a waterfall in a loop on farm tracks back to the old youth hostel and cars.

Start: 8am. Princess Margaret Hospital (Hackthorne Rd end)

Approx cost \$5

NB, daylight saving ends, clocks go back an hour 2am Sunday

6 Apr **HUT SPUR - JORDAN SADDLE** **Maps K34,BV20**

■ **Penny Webster 349 3693**

Sun **Moderate-hard** long day, tramping up and beyond Bealey Spur to Hut Spur behind historic Bealey Spur Hut and dropping down to Jordan Saddle. Jordan Stream is followed to Turkey Flat on the Waimak River and then to the road. **Please contact Penny to confirm details**

Start: 7am Church Corner (across from church)

Approx cost \$23

NB, daylight saving ends, clocks go back an hour 2am Sunday

13 Apr **MT BARRON** **Maps K33,BV20**

■ **Gary Huish 332 7020**

Sun **Moderate-hard** trip in Arthurs Pass National Park to this 1700m peak west of Otira. Expect a long day. Check with leader if ice axe and crampons required.

Start: 7am Church Corner (across from church)

Approx cost \$26

Please phone Gary

13 Apr **TIROMOANA BUSH - KATE VALLEY WAIPARA** **Maps N34, BV24**

■ **Margaret Clark 348 4993**

Sun **Easy** coastal trip east of Waipara, through bush and wetlands to a remote beach. Great views to Pegasus Bay and Banks Peninsula. Nice walk and pleasant day out.

Start: 8am Placemakers, Cranford St

Approx cost \$11

- 18-22 Apr** **CLYDE RIVER - GARDEN OF EDEN** **Maps I38,BW17**
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Easter Raymond Ford 351 9496
 A hard trip to this ice plateau forming the headwaters of the Clyde and Perth Rivers.
List closed.
- 18-26 Apr** **BLUE LK, WAIAU PASS, THOMPSON PASS, D'URVILLE** **Maps K34,BW20**
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Easter Kevin and Heather Hughes 3326281
 Up to 7 days of moderate tramping in the Nelson Lakes area. We'll take the water taxi to Sabine Hut, tramp up the West Sabine to Blue Lake, over Waiau Pass and up to Lake Thompson, returning to Lake Rotoroa via Thompson Pass and down the D'Urville Valley. This 4-5 day tramp may be extended to 6 or 7 days using D'Urville Hut as a base if people can take the 3 days off between Easter and Anzac day.
List closes: Sat. 6 Apr
- 20 Apr** **PORT ROBINSON – GORE BAY** **Maps BV26,O33**
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Easter Sun Dan Pryce 379 1976
 Easy coastal walk in North Canterbury. The walk features beaches and headlands. Partly closed now but still interesting. We will do another local walk as well with a picnic lunch in between.
Start: 8am Placemakers, Cranford St **Approx cost \$20**
- 17-21 Apr** **OUTER MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS BASE CAMP**
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Easter Leo Manders 356 1731
 We plan to stay at an isolated farm property, tramping, fishing, boating or just plain relaxing. Trip dependent on sufficient numbers to spread the cost. email leomanders@paradise.net.nz
Canceled—insufficient numbers
- 25-27 Apr** **AHURIRI - CANYON CREEK** **Maps G38,39,BZ14**
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Fri–Sun Chris Leaver 322 6445
Anzac Moderate trip up Ahuriri Valley crossing into spectacular Canyon Creek, through beech forest, an impressive gorge to the upper valley's waterfalls and grassy flats. A rock bivvy has stunning views of Mt Barth.
 Leaving Chch Thurs evening for Duston Downs back packers, Omarama,
List closes: Sat. 19 Apr.
- 27 Apr** **RAKAIA GORGE WALKWAY** **Maps K35,BX20**
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Sun Margot Bowden 332 7020
Anzac This easy walking trail leads through native forest, past volcanic geology with breath-taking views of the gorge and Rakaia River below. At the top of the track there is a bluff lookout. Excellent lunch and picnic spots along the way.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx cost \$14**
- 4 May** **MT BARROSA** **Maps J36,BX19**
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Sun Sue Piercey 384 9567
 A moderate trip in the Clent Hills area inland from Mt Somers on the Ashburton Gorge Road. Open tussock country with good views all the way up this 800m climb to a 1364m peak.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx cost \$22**
- 3-4 May** **ZAMPA** **Maps M31,BT23**
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Sat Sun Kerry Moore 359 5069
 Moderate hike near Cannibal Gorge at the top end of the St James Walkway is 1710m Zampa. Below it is a good-sized tarn where we will camp. We can return via Henry Saddle and Trovatore.
List closes: Sat. 26 Apr.
- 6 May** **TRIP PLANING EVENING**
Tue 7pm 5 Patchett Place, Cashmere
Have your say on where we go during the next tramping year.

- 10 May** **WOODED GULLY - PINCHGUT HUT** **Maps BW23,K35**
 ■ **Stan Wilder 980 5291**
Saturday An **easy-moderate** cross-over trip inland from Mt Thomas. With two cars we can place a car at each end. Come along and enjoy an interesting day in a varied area. Please ring Stan the day before, or earlier, if possible.
Start: 8am Placemakers, Cranford St **Approx cost \$8**
- 11 May** **DOMES** **Maps BV20,K33**
 ■ **Gary Huish 332 7020**
Sun **Moderate-hard** trip in Arthurs Pass National Park to this 1938m peak. The unmarked route follows the long ridge east of the Bealey River, initially through beech forest then open tops. With luck there may be a little snow higher up. Probable round-trip.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx cost \$22**
- 17-18 May** **PEEL FOREST BASE** **Maps BY19,J37**
 ■■ **Dan Pryce 379 1976**
Sat-Sun **Easy-moderate** walks including **Little Mt Peel** on Sat and **Coal Hill** on Sunday with lots of other walk options. Staying at **Peel Forest Eco Lodge** Sat night www.peelforestoutdoors.org.nz Pot luck dinner Sat night. The lodge will be a great experience in an attractive area. Option to come down Sat or Sun only but try hard to stay Sat night and enjoy the party!
List Closes: Mon, 5 May.
- 25 May** **HINEWAI** **BY25,N36,N37**
 ■ **Mary Korver 355 3905**
Sun This **easy-moderate** trip visits a 980ha botanical reserve occupying most of Otanerito Valley in south-east Banks Peninsula. The area has about 12km of tracks and is privately managed for the protection and restoration of native vegetation and wildlife. Looking for a good supportive turnout to visit this special area in our own back yard.
Start: 8am Princess Margaret Hospital (Hackthorne Rd end) **Approx cost \$14**
- 31May-2Ju** **MOLE TOPS, ELLA RANGE** **Maps BS23,M29,30**
 ■■■ **Liz Stephenson 0276 332 038 or Dan Pryce 379 1976**
Sat – Mon A **moderate** trip to this impressive area of tarns in the Matakītaki, D'Urville area on the edge of
QB wknd Nelson Lake NP
List Closes: Sat 17th May.
- 31May-2Ju** **NELSON BASE CAMP** **Maps BQ25,26,O27**
 ■■■ **Organiser Dan Pryce 379 7065 Leader TBA**
Sat – Mon The plan is to stay at a motor camp in Nelson and run day trips, with the option of some overnight
QB wknd tramps. Possibilities are Dun Mountain, Maungatapu Track, Mt Arthur tablelands, and a range of shorter walks—something for all levels of fitness in sunny Nelson! Ring Dan to book a place.
List Closes: Sat 17th May.
- 2 Jun** **LAKE RUBICON - BOBS KNOB** **Maps BW21,L35**
 ■ **Leader TBA**
Mon Popular moderate round-trip up to a ridge below the Torlesse Range, with good views of the
QB wknd latter, taking in Lake Rubicon. An enjoyable tramp not far from town.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx cost \$12**
- 7-8 Jun** **BROKEN RIVER HUT** **Maps BW21,K34,L34**
 ■■ **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
Sat Sun A **moderate** trip near Castle Hill starting from the Avoca incline, descending to Broken River and on to the hut. Possible round-trip returning through No Mans Land.
List Closes: Sat 31 May.

8 Jun
■ Sun

BROKEN RIVER – AVOCA
Leader TBA

Maps BW21,K34

A **moderate** trip near Castle Hill starting from the Avoca incline. This descends to Broken River and follows the river to Avoca Homestead. Possible round-trip returning through No Mans Land and meeting up with the weekenders.

Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)

Approx cost \$17

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tues 15 Apr

Harry Ell Walk by Moonlight and Torchlight



Come and walk the Harry Ell walkway by the light of the full moon and head-light, followed by a pot luck dinner at Margot and Gary's house. Meet at 6.00pm at 5 Patchett Place, Cashmere Hills for the walk. Bring your headlight. Dinner at 7.15pm. If you are coming to the pot luck dinner please let Margot know by **Sunday 13 April**.
Margot Bowden Phone 332 7020 or margot.bowden@gmail.com

Tues 20 May

Card Evening



Enjoy a pot luck dinner followed by an evening playing cards hosted by Mary Jane and Brian Bonsell. More details in May Footnotes. Numbers will be limited. Contact Margot Bowden phone 332 7020 or margot.bowden@gmail.com



Annual Barn Dance

Saturday 21 June 8pm until midnight

St Peter's Anglican Church Hall

Church Corner, Riccarton

Called dances

With The Incredible Ceilidh Band

Mark it on your calendar today

NOTICES

MSC GPS Navigation Course Thur 15 May <http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz>

Deadline for the May newsletter Sunday 4 May

Next committee meeting 7:30pm Tue 29 April at Kerry's



Wilding Tree Control, Corner Creek

Saturday 5 April

The second of two outings to the hills to help control the wilding pine spread. A satisfying day out with PTC and other like-minded trampers and outdoors people. Tools provided. Transport by 4WD at no cost to you. Meet at 0740 in the Yaldhurst Hotel car park. Ring Raymond Ford 351 9496 ahead of time to enlist.

TRIP REPORTS

Pines in No Mans Land — 22 March 2014

Fifteen stout-hearted PTC pine hunters piled into an assortment of serious off-road vehicles—Subarus wouldn't cut it—and headed for No Mans Land via Flock Hill Lodge and Winding Stream.

ECan had the event well organised with clubs assigned to various areas and first-rate tools to eradicate pesky *pinus contorta*. After the usual “no green needles” demo and safety talk we hit the slopes of “area 3” aiming to make a clockwise sweep of our patch. Here anyone hoping to slay pines by the hundreds was disappointed. We had to search carefully to find them. After coming together for a lunch break we got down onto flat country where there were plenty of targets. Where a big tree had been cut down in past years its cones had remained and given rise to a host of seedlings clustered around the parent. At 2:30 the teams headed back to the vehicles, drivers carted us back to the starting point where we got into the vehicle we'd arrived in and headed for Chch. This was another satisfying day. We were Raymond Ford, Gary Huish, Grant & Anne Hunter, Nick Webb, Dan Pryce, Bruce & Sandra White, Chris Leaver, Merv Meredith, Mary McKeown, Geoff Price, Derek Gane, Barry Dench and Kerry Moore. **KM** 🏔️



Brasenose, Flag Peak, Berard — 30 March 2014

Fog slowed our drive to the Birdlings Flat turn-off to collect two trampers, then there was a hitch. Kerry had left his headlights on for just a few minutes and now the car battery was flat. Geoff dashed home to get jumper leads and did “mouth to mouth resuscitation” to get us mobile again. On to Akaroa, we collected Julie, then our three cars drove up the steep Lighthouse Road and parked where it meets Flea Bay Road. Our team of eleven made its way up the scrubby spur and had a break on 785m Brasenose. I found a drizabone hat pinned under a stone and took it along, finding it useful to mask barbed wire when fence crossing and fending off gorse as we make our way around a pine plantation. A vehicle track seemed to lead to 809m Flag Peak but when it started to descend we diverted up through more gorse for a lunch stop alongside an array of communications equipment. I put the hat down to sit on and a light-bulb went on in Dan's head. He'd left the hat on Brasenose two years ago and now recognised the brand—a happy reunion. Back on a proper track we headed towards Stony Bay Peak. Five of the group braved yet more gorse and a craggy climb to 709m Berard. From Stony Bay Road we diverted via farm tracks into Aylmers Valley. We passed walnut trees and gathered a few nuts then Liz bagged a good cluster of mushrooms. I found one and took it home only to reject it as too buggy. A five minute diversion led to an impressive waterfall, Newton Falls, where the club hydrophiliac, Liz had a quick shower. Further down we saw

that Aylmers Stream feeds the Akaroa water supply but I don't think the town will notice the slightly elevated salt content. Soon we were on Akaroa streets where Julie's car was waiting to take drivers back to collect their cars. Thanks go to Bruce for leading, his excellent local knowledge and arranging for us to cross farmland. We were: **Bruce Cameron, Dan Pryce, Sophie Toutain, Jill Fenner, Julie Wagner, Julie Davis, Liz Stephenson, Geoff Spearpoint, Henk Boer, Peter Umbers, and Kerry Moore.** KM 🏔️





Moses leads his people out of gorse country

