



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 **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace** (corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace) starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 14 July



LARAPINTA TRAIL

Rick Bolch and Darcy Mawson spent two weeks in mid-2013 walking this very scenic 223km track that follows the Western MacDonnell Ranges out of Alice Springs in Central Australia.

Supper Duty: Ian or Diane Roxburgh, Joy Schroeder, Yvette So

Tue 11 Aug



WHAT'S THAT IN MY BILLY - a tramer's guide to freshwater critters

Angus McIntosh's talk will traverse issues related to NZ freshwater environments by introducing a number of the animals trampers come across in their travels. Angus is a freshwater ecology researcher and teacher at the University of Canterbury
See <http://www.biol.canterbury.ac.nz/ferg/> Angus is also a photographer
See <http://www.ecologylive.com/> so you can expect plenty of photographs, and maybe some video from above and below-water.

Supper Duty: Geoff Spearpoint, Pam Steele, Liz Stephenson

New Venue for Peninsula Tramping Club Nights

PTC club nights are now held at the **Baptist Church Hall at 286 Oxford Terrace**, on the corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace, just south of the Avon River and Kilmore Street.

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.

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| 12 Jul
Sun | WORSLEYS SPUR - GOVERNORS BAY
Margot Bowden 332 7020 | Maps BX24,M36 |
| ■ | Easy walk up Worsleys Spur to the summit road, then down to Governors Bay for lunch. A possible slower return journey by the same route.
Start: 9am Top of Worsleys Road. | |
| 18-19 Jul
Sat-Sun | MAGDALEN HUT MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS
Geoff & Mary Korver 355 3905 | Maps BV21,K33 |
| ■ ■ | Easy-moderate tramp to the new hut just off the St James Walkway. Come and celebrate a Mid-Winter "Christmas" with a lavish Saturday night meal.
List closes 11July | |
| 19 Jul
Sun | MT TORLESSE
Merv Meredith 322 7239 | Maps BW21,L34,35 |
| ■ | Popular moderate trip to this near-2000m peak on the Torlesse Range. Walking up the Kowai River to the hut before the serious climbing begins. Though not tricky it is still a 1100m ascent from the hut. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd | Approx cost \$13 |
| 25-26 Jul
Sat-Sun | MT THOMAS - BOBS CAMP – PINCHGUT
Gary Huish 332 7020 | Maps BW23,M34 |
| ■ ■ | Easy-moderate circuit in the Mt Thomas area. We start out from Mt Thomas, head down Cattlepeak Ridge past Bobs Camp and arrive at Pinchgut Hut for the night. Returning up the Pinchgut Ridge to Mt Thomas.
List closes 18 July | |
| 26 Jul
Sun | FLAGPOLE
Stuart Payne 337 2275 | Maps BW21,L35 |
| ■ | Easy-moderate ramble in the foothills behind Whitecliffs to this 900m viewpoint.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd | Approx cost \$10 |
| 1-2 Aug
Sat-Sun | REDCLIFFE SADDLE - TRIBULATION HUT
Keith McQuillan 384 6164 | Maps BW20,BX20,K35 |
| ■ ■ | An easy trip on the south side of the Rakaia to the scenic reserve by Redcliffe Stream. A track is marked from the road up the true right of Redcliffe Stream to the public conservation land at the base of Rat Hill and continues to the 6 bunk Tribulation Hut.
List closes 25 July | |

- 2 Aug Sun** **MT BINSER** **Maps BV21,L33,L34**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 ■ **Moderate** trip to the low peak of Mt Binser in the south-east corner of Arthurs Pass National Park. The track is followed to Binser Saddle before turning south. The route is then unmarked through bush and on to the open tops to the low peak at 1753m.
Start: 7:30am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$22**
- 8 Aug Saturday** **QUAIL ISLAND PLANTING** **Maps BW20,K34**

 Enjoy a few hours on Quail Island planting natives as part of the Quail Island/Otamatua restoration project. The planting season covers the first four weekends of August. We will help on Saturday 8th. Tools and the free launch trip are provided. Take lunch, water and gardening gloves if you have them. Book with Kerry Moore 359 5069, moorekj@xtra.co.nz by Thur 6 Aug
- 9 Aug Sun** **MT CLOUDSLEY** **Maps BW20,K34**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 ■ **Moderate** walk up this 2100m peak on the Craigieburn Range. Ascending Long Spur from behind Castle Hill Village.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$16**
- 15-16 Aug Sat-Sun** **HANMER BASE CAMP** **Maps BU24,25,M31,N31,N32**
Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239
 ■■ We went to Hanmer last year and it was popular, so we will go back this year—doing it in style, staying again at the Forest Trust Camp on Jollies Pass Road. We have three bunkrooms booked in the modern Ensor Lodge, plus our usual kitchen and lounge, the Reid kitchen, which has just had the heating ungraded. Friday night, drive up there when it suits. A full range of trips on offer from an easy few hours to moderate hard all-day. Be in early to book a place.
List closes 5 August
- 16 Aug Sun** **CHILDREN'S BAY - NGAIO POINT - ONAWE PENINSULA** **Maps BX25,BY25,N36**
Maureen Thompson 377 2482
 ■ **Easy** trips to various walkways around Akaroa Harbour.
Start: 9:30am Halswell School 437 Halswell Rd **Approx cost \$10**
- 23 Aug** **BLACK HILL, RAKAIA** **Maps BX20,K35**
 ■ **Calum McIntosh 376 6133**
 A **moderate-hard** trip, hopefully in good snow, to this 2067m peak. Up the south bank Rakaia Road, to start up a farm track behind Redcliffe Station and over Redcliffe Hill. A round-trip south to point 1934m and down it's spur back to the farm track. Ice axe and crampons required.
Start: 7:30am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$20**
- 29-30 Aug Sat-Sun** **AVALANCHE – CROW** **Maps BV20,K33**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
 ■■ A classic **moderate** trip ascending Avalanche Peak from Arthurs Pass then following the ridge before dropping down a scree slope to Crow Hut. Sunday, walk out to Klondyke Corner
List closes 22 August
- 30 Aug Sun** **CHARING CROSS** **Maps BU 24,M32**
 ■ **TBA** Please contact **Gary Huish 332 7020** if you would like to lead this trip.
Easy-moderate tramp to this 999m peak in the Tekoa Range behind Culverden in North Canterbury.
Start: 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$16**

- 5-8 Sep** **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, PISA RANGE** **Maps CB12,F40,41**
Sat-Tue **Calum McIntosh 376 6133**
 ■■■■ Cross country skiing originated in Scandinavia thousands of years ago. It's the great-great-grandfather of all ski sports. If you are an intermediate down-hill skier with moderate tramping fitness you will enjoy cross country skiing. Phone Calum to discuss.
List closes 22 August
- 6 Sep** **HAMILTON PEAK** **Maps BW21,K34**
Sun **TBA Please contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip.**
 ■ We'll let our cars do the hard stuff, then walk up the Broken River ski field road. This will give us time to ascend this 1922m peak on the Craigieburn Range via Nervous Knob. Returning the same way. Take your ice-axe.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$17**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wed 8 July



Botanic Gardens Illuminations and dinner at the Pegasus Arms

The Press Night of D'Light Walk an amazing illuminated route, experiencing the gardens in a new light under the cover of darkness. Food and drink available. Meet near the Museum entrance at 6.15 pm. \$2 Entry. We will explore the Botanic Gardens then at about 7 pm head to Pegasus Arms, 14 Oxford Tce for dinner. Probably best to park near the restaurant. Bookings for dinner to Maureen. mothompson@xtra.co.nz or 021 266 5778 by **Sunday 5 July**. No need to book for the walk.

1-2 Aug



Elterwater Reserve, Ward Tree Planting

Sue (Johnston) has invited PTC to visit again for this tree-planting weekend at Sue and Dave Barker's farm. We will help plant natives around their delightful lake, wander the nearby hills and beach and wine-taste at Yealands on Sunday. Leaving Friday afternoon or early evening. Accommodation for 8 maximum, dinner provided on Saturday. Could be moved to the following weekend if weather dictates. Contact **Chris Leaver** ptc75@clear.net.nz

Tues 18 Aug



Mum's 24 Restaurant

Relax and enjoy a Korean or Japanese meal with your PTC friends. There are 4 menus as well as wine/beer and the meals are reasonably priced from \$8-\$25

See for yourself at www.mumsrestaurant.co.nz/menu

Meet at the restaurant at 62 Manchester St (between St Asaph and Moorhouse) at 7.00 pm. Bookings to Maureen by Sunday 16 Aug.

Contact Maureen Thompson, mothompson@xtra.co.nz or text/phone 021 266 5778

NOTES

Membership We welcome **Chris Moore** to the club

Deadline for the August newsletter Sun 2 Aug

Next committee meeting 7:30pm Tue 28 July at Gary & Margot's

Wasp Control You'll be pleased to hear that DoC is reporting success in trials using a BASF pesticide called fipronil. The product is used with protein baits unattractive to bees. Trials were staged at Rotoiti (Nelson Lakes) Bottle Rock Peninsula (Marlborough Sounds) Pelorus Bridge, Falls River (Abel Tasman National Park) and Craigieburn.

TRIP REPORTS

Mount Wall—7 June 2015



Approaching Point 1884

Mount Wall—7 June 2015

Peter Umbers, Darcy Mawson, Yvette So, Merv Meredith and me, Kerry Moore parked at the locked gate on the Broken River Ski Road and walked up to the field on a crisp frosty morning. On patches of snow we headed NW to gain the main ridge of the Craigieburn Range. When four of us caught up to Merv we stopped for lunch. The 2½km travel along the ridge was easy at first with a choice of snow or rock but nearer Mt Wall we were finding our way around craggy sections. Yvette and Darcy recalled exiting off 1874m Mt Wall before on its SW side then swinging east but we chose a snow-free direct easterly route for a marvelous extended scree run of 800m to Broken River. A 20 minute walk on the road got us back to the car and home to Chch with a little daylight to spare. 🏔️ KM



Mt Wall with the upper part of the super-scree

Stony Bay Peak - Mt Brasenose—Sun 28 June 2015

With five in one car this was a cheap trip. We parked at the domain in Akaroa, where there are toilets, and were away by 9.30am. We headed up Stony Bay Road by the BNZ and then up Purple Peak Road until we met the wide track up through farmland. It is a reasonably steep climb but we were up on the saddle in time for some morning tea. There was a chilly wind so we didn't linger long before following the rougher track through part of the Hinewai Reserve up to behind Stony Peak. We crossed to the peak and enjoyed the spectacular views across Akaroa Harbour. There were a number of other people up there as Stony Bay Peak is a popular place for Akaroa tourists to visit as it is only a short walk from the top of Stony Bay Road. We headed down through tussock with the occasional spaniard and gorse bush to avoid. There was no longer any of the snow remaining that had been present when Mark and I had done the trip a fortnight before. We headed down Stony Bay Road towards Akaroa for a short distance and met the four wheel drive Misty Peaks Track. It was easy walking and we were soon at a saddle to the right of Flag Peak where we stopped for lunch. Marcus decided to head up Flag Peak and was on the top within 10 minutes. From there we had a number of options:

head back and go down Stony Peak Road, head back further and take the track that goes in front of Stony Bay Peak before retracing our steps back down to Purple Peak Road, continue on the four wheel drive track which drops quite low down from the saddle, or head off-track round to Mt Brasenose and along the ridge until it meets Lighthouse Road. We chose to go to Mt Brasenose and headed off keeping to the left side of the fence-line away from the thick pine forest. There is gorse for a couple of hundred metres that Honora and Frank have cut a track through. Mark and I had trimmed a bit of regrowth and so it was easy to find a route through. We were soon enjoying views from Brasenose before heading further along the ridgeline and going to the town side of one large rocky outcrop. We joined the four wheel drive track for a short distance before heading up the ridge further, until we met Lighthouse Road. We were joined by a young Swiss woman for this last section as she had come to the end of the four wheel drive track and was didn't know how to get to the road. As there are steep bluffs on the right where the road heads back to Akaroa you do need to stay on the ridge almost to the telegraph poles until meeting the road. Then we had a walk back down the road, which is quite steep in places but has a nice wide grass verge, to Akaroa and then along the waterfront to our cars. We had been over 6 hours and cafes were closing in Akaroa so we stopped at the Hilltop for good coffee and cake.

🏠 Sue Piercey



Stony Bay Peak

Lake Daniells. 27-28 June 2015.

Five keen trampers drove toward Lewis Pass, Saturday morning. This was the weekend after heavy snowfalls. A week before Lewis Pass was closed with snow and a week of black ice on Canterbury roads resulted. So the views of snow on the mountains through the pass were stunning. We passed an upturned 4WD that had spun off the road and saw ambulances passing for another accident. Graeme knew to drive very carefully after losing traction on his way to pick up his passengers. He said there'd been snow in the Sheffield area all week.

We arrived at the Marble Hill rest area, late morning, and headed off towards Lake Daniells with the DoC sign predicting a 3 hour walk to the hut. It was a stunning stroll—over the deep blue water at the Sluice Box, through beautiful beech forest, and moss-covered land. The path was so nice. It was great to be able to look at the bush, the stream, and waterfall views, instead of our feet.

We found a cosy lunch spot, and we weren't worried about the group of young people following behind us, as the hut has over 20 beds—very luxurious.

Arriving at the hut in under 3hr gave us extra time to start the fire from the damp wood in the wood (and coal) shed. We got it going well enough for the lower part of the chimney to glow a dull red, and shared a yummy few cuppas, and delicious whiskey-flavoured mud-cake, made by Jane. This was a lovely peaceful time in the hut.

When the youngsters arrived we made them responsible for the fire, and walked to the end of the lake where we were able to look back to see the hut 1¾ km away.



The view from Manson Nicholls Memorial Hut



The troupe by the Alfred River